

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 11th January 2016 commenced at 7.00pm.

Before the commencement of the meeting the Councillors held a minutes silence in remembrance of former Councillor Neville Johnson.

Present

Cllr D Fullbrook (Chairman), Cllr S. Clark (also FDC), Cllr D Gibbs (Vice Chair), Cllr J Hoyles, Cllr J Kooreman, Cllr A Sloan, Cllr C Seaton FDC, Cllr A Lay CCC and P Wilkinson (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr D Smith a prior meeting and will attend later and PCSO Russ

2. Declaration of Interests with regard to terms of the Agenda

No declarations declared

3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

3a Matters Arising – no matters arising

4. Action review

Arrange training programme for Speedwatch volunteers and procurement and placement of Speedwatch warning signs by May 2016.

Cllr Kooreman and Mr Kublik to prune Cherry tree at Church Lane/Goodens Lane Junction with teleporter along with hedge at telephone exchange, High Road/Fen Road junction

Playing Field proposed wildflower area - Cllr Gibbs to produce diagram showing extent of planting together with costed maintenance plan. Sept 2016

Willow tree in Chapel Lane at 'Willowcroft' Cllr Fullbrook to contact owner

Village Plan – design and implement fund raising campaign for defibrillator. Cllrs Clark and Gibbs

Village Plan – Cllr Fullbrook to obtain cost estimates for new Parish notice board.

Village Plan – change of name to 'Newton in the Isle'. Application made, awaiting response

Planning Committee Terms of Reference – amend at Membership (i) to increase members from five to six. To be approved at next planning meeting

Write contingency plan for protection of vulnerable persons during periods of prolonged power outage. Continuing - Cllr Clark

Playing field play equipment. Cycle ramps and slide ground mat awaiting repair also Cllr Fullbrook to seek help as required replace roundabout bearing

5. Allotments – No allotment issues to report. A meeting for Highways Missing Links Project - Rights of Way would be held in the Village hall on Monday 18th January 10am – 12. Cllr D Gibbs and S Clark to attend.

6. Playing field

Dyke in field waterlogged at western boundary. Cllr Kooreman to investigate work to restore ditch. Residents to be notified to remove obstructions across dyke to enable work to be undertaken.

7. Highways

Cllr Gibbs and Clark had monitored and reported potholes that needed attention. Cllr Clark would investigate parking in Rectory Road further and monitor. Abandoned vehicle parked on verge in Chapel Road for four weeks, now removed.

8. Village Hall

Cllr Gibbs explained a Christmas Party for the children was successful along with the Carols and Christmas Lights, a Craft Fair in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance was also held. Soup and Sandwich lunch, 1st Thursday of month and Coffee mornings and Afternoon teas to continue.

9. Planning

Erection of 4x 2 storey, 3 bed dwelling Land East of Roshamar 326 High Road Newton.

Erection of 2-storey 4/5 bedroom dwelling with attached garage with study games room above.

Land East of 250 High Road Newton

Change agricultural building to 2 bed dwelling North of Sandylands Honey Hill (within Newton Parish)

The White House, Fitton End Road, Newton. Erection of a two storey 3-bed dwelling and detached garage involving the demolition of existing dwelling and garage.

10. Finance

a) Business Savers account £1692.47 includes 21p interest

Community A/c Income Concurrent Grant ½ year £640

Total of £10,066.18p in the account

b) Payments made to ACRE for Membership £54 and Payroll Services £36

Approve payment Clerk Salary £592.38 including miscellaneous items leaving a balance of £9473.80

This figure includes the Village Plan Grant of £648

- *Resolved to approve payment of two retrospect invoices for ACRE cheque no's 100515 and 100516 approved by Councillors*
- *Resolved to approve payment of the clerk's salary and miscellaneous expenses amounting to £592.38 cheque no 100517 approved by Councillors*

Donations to EAAA £75, ch no 100519, Village Hall £100, ch no 100518, Kinderley School £50 ch no 100520 and ABC Pre School £50. ch no 100521

- *Resolved to approve payment of the four donations from Section S317A to EAAA £75, Village Hall £100, Kinderley School £50 and ABC Pre School £50. approved by Councillors*

c. Set Precept

The clerk circulated copies of a forecast budget for 2016/2017 showing the income and expenditure for the present year and the effects on the budget for next year with a Precept set at £7500, £8500 and £10000. A 2015/16 carry forward could look considerable; due to the monies already set aside in the present budget for street lighting and other expected invoices After some discussion it was agreed to increase the Parish Precept by a further £1,000 to £8500 to cover the cost of part of the Category Two street lighting amounting to £7400 leaving another £4200 outstanding for street lighting in the 2017/2018 financial year unless any of the further lighting (5) could be implemented sooner.

- *Resolved to approve the Parish Precept increase by £1000 to £8500 Approved by Councillors with one abstention*

The clerk to contact Balfour Beatty with a view to commencing street lighting maintenance for Cat 2 as soon as possible, requesting quotes for the 6 bracket lights. The lighting programme to be dealt with by Cllr D Fullbrook and the clerk.(RFO)

- *Resolved to approve that Cllr D Fullbrook and the RFO should accept the quotes for street lighting up to £7340. Approved by Councillors*

Job description for clerk this to be investigated by Cllr Fullbrook and Gibbs along with advice on salaries. Clerk to contact CAPALC for advice on a payroll provider for a quote to compare with the present ACRE cost

11. Village Plan update

Nearing completion of Village Plan questionnaire results for printing the final leaflet. Cllr Fullbrook asked if Mr Wilkinson VP Chair could be invited to next meeting to give PC feedback and proposals forthcoming from the Plan, this was agreed. Clerk to invite.

12. Correspondence

E cops Reports

Rural Services Network News

Rural Services Network Bulletin

NALC AGM

Uniting Caring Bulletin

Public Sector Executive Online Information

Consultation on Draft Fenland Infrastructure

Local Councils Aware Scheme

Government News

Cambridgeshire Acre News

Emily Gutteridge info on Restorative Justice and Environmental Waste.

Kirsten Bennett Wisbech Missing Links passed to Cllr Sloan

NHS Engagement Uniting Care

North Rural Forum Update

Mineral And Waste Local Plan Draft Site Locations Document In Lincolnshire

CCC News Proposed Savings Needed On Health Budget

CAPALC bulletin

CCG Newsletter

Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act newsletter

FDC Questionnaire On Line Of Draft Business Plan And Draft Budget Consultation

Homeless Health Team Local Authorities To Be Given More Control And Flexibility Over Homeless

Invitation To Mayors Quiz Night 13th Feb Conservative Club

No police report on crimes this month. Clerk to contact Emily Gutteridge Outreach Worker Peterborough and Fenland Office of Cambs Police and Crime Commissioner. With councillors concern.

13. Any other Business

a Playground equipment

Queries raised regarding implementing a visual informal check list for play equipment, advice to be sought as to how we should proceed. Annual checks are in place although 2016 annual play equipment check to be undertaken by ROSPA, and not FPL, awaiting quote. Cllr Fullbrook to arrange and install safety /warning signs, and contact Gorefield and Leverington PC . Clerk to contact insurance company regarding requirement

b Dog Fouling

Cllr Clark contacted Fenland District Council regarding enforcement officer site visit. Cllr Fullbrook suggested introducing a short Public Forum at the commencement of each Council meeting enabling residents the opportunity to discuss any concerns that may arise.

North Rural Forum meeting- 12.30 - 13.30 Newton Church Lane Monday 1st February.

Cllr Fullbrook thanked Cllr Seaton and Lay for attending.

Next meeting will be Parish Assembly held on Monday, March 7th at 7pm