

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council meeting held in the village hall on Monday 8th July 2013 at 7.pm

Present

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook, N Johnson, R Scott, D Wright (Vice Chair), M Youngs, S Clark and P Wilkinson (Clerk). Cllr C Seaton also attended along with Mr Tony Welland Design Partnership and Ms Gemma Lawrence

Apologies

Cllr Alan Lay and PCSO Russ

Low Cost Housing

Plans of the new site in Colville Road were circulated by Ms Lawrence, Mr Welland explained 12 houses some 2 bed and some 3 bed were planned with parking spaces for two cars per house plus another 5 parking spaces for existing residents. Local residents had been informed by letter. The Low Cost housing was being built with grant funding which expired in 2015. Cllr Hoyles stated that we had not been informed before the meeting that the planning had got to the present stage. The Cllrs' were concerned that the land was very low lying and there was already a problem with the water table. Cllr Hoyles suggested there may be more suitable sites, had any other sites been considered? Cllr Hoyles declared an interest in the High Road site (another site previously offered for consideration). After further discussion the Clerk arranged to email through a plan of sites previously offered, to Mr Welland who would discuss the matter with his client for further consideration

Local Letting Policy - Housing Option 1, allocated to families connected to village for 3 years followed by 3 year link through work or charity connection within village, if houses were not then fully allocated the nearest village would be assigned houses, followed by villages further afield. Section 106 attached to planning application, validating properties to be rented for perpetuity. Querying the old school site, applying for a CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order) would take considerable time and be outside the time frame set for a grant. Cllr Hoyles thanks Mr Welland and Ms Lawrence for attending the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting previously circulated were signed as a true record following correction to Any other Business – Local Street Pride had not require banner or donation as stated

Matters arising

Base of Newton in the Isle sign investigated and is sound.

Cllr Lay contacted Clerk to inform Cllrs, Crime and Police Commissioner Sir Grahame Bright had advised speeding along B1101 was being monitored. Speed limits are dealt with by local police. The local PCSO could arrange with volunteers to monitor speed in the area and provide the speeding equipment

Action Review

Previously circulated

Write to Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to sewerage problem (Church Lane/Goodens Lane). **Ongoing**

Speeding on Little Ramper/High Road bend – arrange on-site meeting with CCC Highways.

Cllr Lay **Ongoing**

Continue as PC focal point and liaise with relevant parties concerning formation of Community Led Plan Steering Committee. **Ongoing**

Arrange repair of roadside safety barrier at High Road/Little Ramper junction, **ongoing**

NVHMC permanent advertising sign at Little Ramper/High Road no change necessary **completed**
Review and advice concerning quotation for replacement of street lamp FPC5, Church Lane Cllr Seaton investigating. **Ongoing**

Present Newton bid for footpaths to committee responsible for Minor Road Improvement Scheme.
Approved Cllr Fullbrook to meet Sophie Parson. **Completed**

Take urgent action to arrange repair of roadside safety barrier on Sutton Road, opposite junction with Little Ramper. **Completed** but Cllr Fullbrook to ask for adjustment of safety barrier

Newton Village Playing Field Project – Jubilee Extension. Manage the implementation and completion of the planned improvements. **Completed**

PCSO Russ Request formal (traffic division) vehicle speed checks in Newton. **Ongoing**

JH/Cllr Lay Write to Cambridgeshire P&CC requesting extension of PCSO powers. **Ongoing**

Cllr Lay/Cllr Seaton Consult respective Councils and propose way ahead for compulsory purchase of land at Newton old school site, or a possibility of action through Section 215 of Local Government Act. **Ongoing**

Investigate inclusion of Newton in Cambridgeshire street light improvements. Applies to CCC street lighting which is refurbished every 5 years. Newton streetlights belong to NPC. **Completed**

Request urgent action by CCC Highways to repair and resurface Catlings Lane (from Sutton Road to Catlings farmhouse). National Grid to complete Catlings Lane from River to Catlings Farmhouse. Cllr Fullbrook to contact CCC regarding remainder of road from Catling Farmhouse to Sutton Road **Ongoing**

Highways

Covered in Action Review.

Allotments

Cllr Scott reported all in order. Reply received from Mrs Sands, Cllr Fullbrook investigated remaining debris was removed. New allotment agreements to be sent out in August.

Finance

Savings account stands at £1024.44. £450 transferred to the Playing Field a/c for a temporary payment to cover VAT

Playing Field/account stands at £6.48 with one outstanding RoSPA invoice applied for part of remaining grant to cover cost. All invoices should be paid by our next meeting. Grants paid to us so far amount to £21,692.08.

Current account Income - Concurrent Grant of £960 Rebate of vat £249.64

Payments

ABC Club £50

Acre for payroll setup and charges £29.64

Removal of rubbish £20

Clerk salary and expenses total £530.95 approved

Account stands at £770.31

Local Highways Improvements approved cost £1100 towards scheme. Cllrs confirmed agreement to scheme paying over three years. Clerk to send letter confirming payment method

Clerk to query costs of Grounds maintenance and to obtain quote from Country Grounds Maintenance Ltd, for next meeting.

New play equipment to be added onto the insurance

Planning

Cllr Hoyles has received a planning application for Mr Allen of Kinder Lodge for a two story extension and first floor to garage reapplication. Concerns over the high water table. Cllrs notified by email of planning applications

Village hall

Activities include Quiz Night and Craft Fair both successful, took part in village fete. Newsletter circulated to all residents. Hall improvements include a new percolator and 60 new chairs. Application to be submitted to Lottery for funding for a new fence between car park and Bowls Club and extend railing to secure boundary. Suggestion box also installed in hall for feedback on service provided.

Playing field

All play equipment installed and inspected. Mole infestation in field to be investigated at a later date. Cllr Fullbrook to permanently site display board also to donate a piece of stone for plaque.

He will also collect bearing for roundabout. Payback team to fill in dip in field where sand pit was situated. A notice to be installed for the slide stating 'suitable for children 6 years to 11 years'.

Correspondence

Update on preparation of site allocations detailed policies for Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan
CAB Creation of Rural Cambs CAB invited to be members

Query from Charlotte Graham-Cameron Constituency Assistant to Steve Barclay MP information regarding number of allotments owned by PC. Clerk sent information
Email with two concerns 1, notice to be erected advising suitable age range on slide.
Path along Colvile Road overgrown, Payback team to be asked to clear it. Clerk to respond to Mr Norman
Fields in Trust QE2 Plaque to be replaced with new improved model.
Transport toolkit re bus routes
Leaflets received:
Don't give burglars easy access to your home
Street furniture brochure
Play equipment brochure

Police report

No Crimes, No reported incidents, Speedwatch undertaken on 28th May from 12. – 12.30
32 vehicles monitored no vehicles recorded exceeding the speed limit.
Continued monitoring parking in Goodens Lane, no re occurrence of problem
New Horizon Outreach Bus will be in Newton on 23rd July between 11.00 And 12.00.

Any other business

Resident in Goodens Lane had problems with water flooding garden. Letters to be sent to residents asking them to keep the dyke clear of any garden refuse. Dyke to be cleared.
Friends of Church asked for use of field on September 15th for Car Boot and Table Top Sale agreed.
Cllr Fullbrook to survey trees which need attention Westfield Road, St James Close and cemetery, work to be undertaken next year.

Date of next meeting Monday 9th Sept at 7pm