

# NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 commenced at 7pm.

## Present

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook (Vice Chair), S Clark, M Youngs, J Kooreman, D Gibbs, A Sloan and P Wilkinson (Clerk). Also attending a number of Newton residents

## Apologies

PCSO Russ and Cllr Chris Seaton (FDC)

## Residents

Cllr Hoyles welcomed residents to the meeting who queried if anything was to be done about the old School site in Goodens Lane. Cllr Hoyles explained that the owner had tidied the site following letters sent from Fenland District Council and the Parish Council, this was private property, and apart from the Parish Council continuing to monitor the site there was no further action that could be taken.

## Minutes of the previous meeting

These were approved and signed as a true record.

## Matters Arising

Speedwatch, Cllr Clark could no longer continue as a member of the Speedwatch Team due to her Fenland District Council commitments. Cllr Fullbrook stated that two or three more Speedwatch volunteers were still required, a poster would be circulated.

Cllr Clark to contact the Ambulance Trust regarding the Defibrillator.

## Action Review

- Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to sewerage problem (Church Lane/Goodens Lane) sewerage plant, no upgrade was planned, Cllr Hoyles to contact Steve Barclay MP, Monitoring continues
- Parish Council and FDC continue to monitor old school site.
- Cllr Clark to continue with survey regarding Newton old school site, results expected at the end of year
- Request CCC Highways Action to move speed restriction signs at East end of High Road. No further information, monitoring
- Newton Playing Field – complete installation of QE2 and millennium tree plaques. Replace damaged 'No Dogs' sign on play enclosure gate. Both ongoing
- Arrange replacement of Mill Lane name sign at junction with Fitton End. Highways notified, ongoing
- Mole control 21 Goodens Lane resident contacted by letter. Completed
- Allotment Agreement Review, no changes necessary. Completed

Grass cutting of the churchyard was causing some concern. The grounds maintenance was undertaken by Fenland District Council. The churchyard remains the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council.

## Highways

Query regarding the state of the footpath on High Road, Cllr Clark to investigate further.

Footway maintenance in Goodens Lane taking place including extension of kerbing.

Speed limit reduction to 30 was discussed but it was thought that the Speedwatch Campaign may also help to reduce speed within the village.

## **Finance**

Completed Audit Return received from Audit Commission, copies of the external report circulated to Cllrs. Precept of £5.500 included £701 Council Tax Support Grant The CTSG was a new part of the Precept and 2013/14 was the first year it had been separated from the Precept and paid as a Grant.

Invoices for payment

Audit Commission £240

Acre for payroll charges £6.84

Clerk Salary £475 plus admin expenses of £38.36 = £513.36

Cllrs approved payments.

Receipts

Concurrent Grant for ½ year £640 reduced by 1/3<sup>rd</sup> as expected

Recycling credit 41p

Community Account stands at £2765. 89

Savings a/c stands at £1691.19 including 21p interest.

Copies of a projected budget for year were circulated; Clerk explained no contingency has been added. Additional Parish maintenance for street lighting costs were expected to be considerable following the street lighting audit undertaken by Balfour Beatty. The audit indicated a number of street lights would need updating over the next three years. No details at present. No Highway Improvements had been included in the projected figures.

## **Allotments**

See Action review

## **Planning**

Plans submitted include:

Courtyard style dwellings 4x2 East of Roshamera 326 High Road

Rectory Cottage, Rectory Road, extension triple garage

Land East 350 High Road erection dwelling and demolition garage

432 ground mounted photovoltaic panels land South 307 High Road D Smith

200 photovoltaic panels, The Nursery Fen Road, R Horspool

Appeal: Planning for dwellings West of Conkers Fen Road, Councillors agreed unanimously that this application should be refused, a letter would be sent to the Secretary of State Planning Directorate

## **Village Hall**

Recent events include Songs from the Shows, and a Dog Show as part of the Village Fete both successful.

Forthcoming events include Clairvoyant Evening on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Race Night 24<sup>th</sup> October and a possible garage Sale

Next newsletter mid August

## **Playing Field**

Dog Fouling continued to be a problem. If no solution were forthcoming further steps including fines may have to be considered.

Moles have returned in the field. It was agreed that an annual treatment to eradicate the problem in both the field and churchyard be put in place for the next two years commencing this autumn.

## **Police Report**

Circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting

Burglary at Cross Drove, entry into caravan

No other incidents.

Parking on pavements in Goodens Lane, police to be informed

### **Correspondence**

Westfield Road cherry tree needed attention.

Tree obscuring street light Goodens Lane. Cllr Fullbrook and Cllr Kooreman will look at tree pruning in the autumn.

Promotional support for Safe and Well Service, clerk to contact for leaflets.

An invitation regarding street lighting/ concurrent grant was attended by Cllr Hoyles, a follow up meeting to be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July again Cllr Hoyles to attend.

Adoption Statement Community Involvement

Consultation on Transport in Cambridgeshire

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2014

Statement of Adoption of Fenland Local Plan and Inspectors Report

Emails sent to Cllrs include;

Street Trading Policy from Jane Webb

Rural Service Network - Views on Rural Housing

Correspondence from Cambridgeshire Police Commissioner (CPC)

Commission to lobby Minister over private hire plans.

CPC Report on a year of Challenge and Progress

CPC Funding will Help Neighbourhood Watch Support Victims

### **Any other Business**

Street Name, Councillors decided that *Church Croft* would be a suitable street name for the new housing, development. Clerk to notify FDC

Cllr Fullbrook wished to thank Fete Committee and suggested a letter of thanks be sent to the Chairman, Geoff Wilkinson for his help.

**Next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.pm**