

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 7.00 pm in the village hall.

Present

Cllr's D Gibbs (Chairman), J Hoyles, S Clark, R Moore, D Smith, Cllr C Seaton (FDC), Cllr S King (CCC) and P Wilkinson (Clerk). G Wilkinson (was co-opted following agenda item 78/18)

76/18. Apologies

PCSO Helen Norton-Smith

77/18 Public Forum. A number of residents attended

A number of residents had serious concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in Goodens Lane including threats to a house owner which was causing considerable stress. The resident stated that the police had not responded and it was felt that there was a lack of support for residents. Cllrs Gibbs and Clark stated that the matter was being deal with although due to data protection it was not possible to enlarge on the matter. The residents explained that to receive some feedback would help to alleviate the issue, at present there was a total lack of communication. Cllr Clark would contact Social Services regarding the housing problem. Cllr King (CCC) suggested that the residents should write to the Police and Crime Commissioner expressing their dissatisfaction on progress with the issue. Cllrs Gibbs and Clark would also look into the matter further.

Other issues raised by residents

- High grass verges were causing visual hazards at road junctions. Cllr King to look into scheduled cutting dates.
- The dyke along the playing field behind Goodens Lane caused a problem, in sections during heavy rain it filled with water and needed attention before the winter. Cllr Gibbs to investigate further

78/18 The Chairman's Announcements

The chairman stated following the resignation of Cllr R Sloan the co option process had taken place, the chairman proposed that Geoff Wilkinson was co-opted, seconded by Cllr Moore , all in favour. Mr Wilkinson joined the meeting. The chairman has also received Cllr J Kooreman resigned with immediate effect. The clerk would contact the Electoral Department with the details.

A number of incidents had occurred – tyres previously dumped had been set alight in Brewers Lane, and refuse at Fountain Foods Roman Bank had also been set alight which had spread to a nearby wheat field.

79/18 Minutes of meetings –

- a) Minutes of meeting 8th May were approved and signed as a true record.
- b) Minutes from the Planning meeting 8th May were also accepted as a true record and signed
- c) Minutes of Street Lighting meeting 12th June also signed as a true record

b) Matters arising

FDC had notified councils that the Street lighting proposal agreement had been delayed until 1st August

80/18. County and District Councillors Reports

Cllr Seaton (FDC) reported that the Wisbech Access Study had commenced. The Twenty Two Vison had received a grant of £50,000 to develop an economic plan . Cllr Seaton would also speak to Carrion Housing regarding the concern raised during the public forum and report back.

Cllr King (CCC) reported on budget cuts of 50% although front line services were still protected. He would look into bringing forward the grass cutting scheduled. Policing should prioritise as funding was available along with the funding from the Precept. Reported Potholes had been dealt with. The traffic sign on Rectory Road had been reinstated. Cllr King would forward name of tree surgeon to clerk.

81/18 Police Reports

No police reports received for May and June.

Cllr Gibbs circulated copies of the Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Team monthly review.(see attached)

82/18 Reports for information previously circulated

a) Highways/ LHI Bid.

An overhanging hedge in Black Dyke still to be cut back, the owner had been notified

Mr Hunt had queried the drainage problems experienced at properties on the High Road, this was the property owner's responsibility. The Chairman would contact Mr Hunt to explain and give him details of drainage contractors.

LHI Bid

The Project for 2018 had been approved, however the cost had escalated due to drainage issues it was now likely to cost in excess of £30,000 which would inhibit the continuation of the project. Cllr King would investigate further.

The closing date for the LHI Bid for 2019 was due within the next three weeks, it was considered that movable traffic calming measures be considered. Chair proposed submitting a bid for traffic calming measures for the LHI Bid for 2019 this was seconded by Cllr Moore and approved by council members

i) Resolved to approve submitting a bid for traffic calming measures for the LHI Bid for 2019 approved and agreed by all the councillors

b) Village Hall

The Pub night was not as successful as hoped and Art classes were not proving as popular as expected. A schedule for Sunday lunches has been agreed. Plans were also afoot for Christmas activities including a Craft Fair and Children's Party. A recruitment drive had been circulated in the hope of encouraging more residents to become involved in the village hall committee

c) Ribbons of Poppies

An area of the playing field has been planted with poppy seeds. A planter made by Cllr Wilkinson had been installed around the village sign and planted with poppy seeds and marigolds Other seeds had been scattered throughout the village.

d) Old School Site

Developers were now considering further options for the site. Cllr Gibbs stated it was hoped that further information would be available in the autumn.

e) Correspondence

Rural Services Network News

CAPALC Bulletin

Public Sector Executive -Government under fire for lack of social care funding after £20bn NHS pledge

PCSO Lisa Mann 7362- Monthly update template

Latest Controlling Migration Fund grants awarded to Fenland District Council.

Rural Services news

Public Sector Newsletter

Cambridgeshire Matters newsletter

Member Services

Fenland District Council has re-elected Councillor Kay Mayor as Chairman and Cllr Maureen Davis as the new Vice-Chairman for 2018/19.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preliminary Draft Consultation - 16 May 2018 to 26 June 2018

f) Emergency Plan Update

Volunteers were required for gritting training, this had been advertised in the Village Newsletter. Cllr Moore was continuing to assemble a list of essential items

g) Residents Issues

Both the site and the fence at Fountain Foods in Roman Bank were causing concerns. A letter had been sent to the company regarding these matters, no response had been received. The Environment Agency had visited the site and commenced enforcement proceedings for illegal dumping. The council would ask FDC to consider issuing a notice under Section 215 to secure and improve the site.

A heavy goods vehicle parked at 314 High Road was in breach of Licencing Act. The council would write to the Regional Traffic Commissioner.

A Cherry tree in Westfield Road needed attention, further investigation to be made. Cllrs Smith and Moore to inspect trees and get a quote on cost of pruning for the next meeting.

83/18 Finance

a) Approval of payments and account status

Community account

Invoices for payment

PAYE tax £44.20, cheque no 100601

Clerk salary £551.52 including arrears, cheque no 100602

Hall rent £10 for lighting meeting and £20 for council meeting on July 10th, total £30 cheque no 100603

Following approval of payment of the three invoices total £625.72

Community account stands at £8402.18 (including income)

ii) Resolved to approve payment of the three invoices total £625.72. Councillors agreed and approved payment

Income

1/2 Year Concurrent Grant. £640

Allotment rent £103.68

Reserve account stands at £9504.05 including £4.05 interest paid in June.

b) Standing Orders/ Financial Regulations

Previously circulated the updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were both approved

iii) Resolved to approve updates of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Councillors agreed and approved.

84/18 Items for Decision

a) Allotment

Cllr Clark declared an interest.

The allotment plot at Tydd Gote would become vacant from October 1st 2018. Two residents had shown an interest, Cllr Gibbs would discuss the matter with them. Allotment recommendations as circulated were to be clarified at the September meeting. Clerk to write to clarify allotment regulations with an allotment holder, explaining the process if a sale were to be considered. A letter was also to be sent to allotment holders re use of allotment.

b) Parish Charities

To be included as an agenda item for September meeting for clarification.

c) Playing Field Inspections

Cllr Moore had completed inspections for May and June, also cleaning the shelter of graffiti, he suggested that a team be organised to help to clean up the remaining equipment and field. The cycle bumps to be removed, clerk to contact the Grounds maintenance to clarify if grass humps would create a problem with cutting.

d) Playing Field Checks - Cllr Clark to complete checks for July /August

e) Parish General Handyman

Cllr Moore suggested a handyman be engaged to complete tasks in the village. It was proposed that councillors bring ideas for further discussion at the September meeting.

85/18 AOB

Cllr Wilkinson queried why the additional noticeboard as proposed in the Village Plan had not been forthcoming. Cllr Wilkinson to investigate costs of a noticeboard.

86/18 Dates of next meeting

Next full Parish Council meeting Tuesday 11th September at 7pm

Meeting closed at 9.20pm, Followed by Planning meeting. Cllr Clark left at this point.