

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 9th March 2015 commenced at 7.10pm.

Present

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook (Vice Chair), S Clark, M Youngs, D Gibbs, A Sloan, J Kooreman and P Wilkinson (Clerk), Cllr C Seaton and Cllr M Humphrey, FDC

Apologies None

Minutes of the last meeting

These were previously circulated and accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

Matters Arising

Two Parish Councillors will not be standing for re-election, Cllr M Youngs who has been a Cllr for over 14 years and Cllr Doug Fullbrook who has served for five years. The Chairman thanked them for their sterling work on behalf of the Parish Council.

Category One street lighting work approved on commencement, two lights will need attention arranged by Fenland District Council. On instigation of Category Two the responsibility will be of the Parish Council, the Parish Council will be notified and given quotes for authorisation before any work is undertaken.

Village Hall Management Committee were looking for more members.

Neil Band (CCC Highways) was unable to assist with any hardcore or advice for the entrance area into the field. Neil Band is now on a one year sabbatical.

Action Review

Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to a sewerage problem (Church Lane /Goodens Lane) Continue to monitor

Concerns raised regarding the flooding of water from Church Lane into the front garden at Beech Trees. Highways to be contacted. Still being monitored.

Condition of the old school site continue monitoring

Cllr Fullbrook to complete installation in the playing field of QE2 and the Millennium tree plaques, these have the approval of Chairman, now awaiting S Tierney to complete the plaques for Cllr Fullbrook to install. The 'No Dogs' sign has also been replaced.

Inconsiderate parking of a minibus in Poppy Close. Completed

Ambulance Trust Defibrillator; this is to be included within the questionnaire for the Village Plan.

Basketball net ordered awaiting delivery.

James Ridgley contacted highlighting poor condition of the High Road footpath Closed

Speedwatch

A number of volunteers on existing list along with interest from G Wilkinson and Cllr D Fullbrook who are all willing to assist. No Speedwatch arranged since June 2014. It is hoped that some arrangements will be forthcoming shortly.

Allotments

Nothing to report

Finance

Business Savings Account £1691.63 including 21p interest

Community Current A/C £6156.97 includes £1593 from Lottery specifically for the Village Plan

£25 cheque for Victim Support donation not showing on bank statement.

Approval agreed for CCC Highway Recharge payment of £366.66. Taking both these items into account leaving £ 4172.31 (not including Lottery Grant)

Audit particulars had arrived, Internal Auditor Adrian Shepherd expected on April 22nd.

Adopt Revised Standing Orders

Revised Standing Orders circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting were discussed approved and adopted.

Planning

The chairman stated a number of planning applications had been made including:

The Gables 486 High Rd, single storey extension

Tudor Lodge Fitton End two storey side extension

The Chestnuts Mill Lane erection of part two storey

Rectory Cottage Rectory Road change of window casements colour.

No queries regarding these applications

Highways

Copies of Highway Matters were circulated prior to the meeting (see enclosed copy)

Cllr Gibbs and Cllr Clark had completed a survey on the number of potholes. Cllr Lay to be sent a copy of the Highway Matters in his absence concerning tasks still outstanding in Newton.

Village Hall

Golden Age Fair had taken place and was very successful. A talk on Drainage of the North Level given by Cllr Hoyles. A number of village organisations continue to use the hall for meetings. New Age Kurling demonstration had taken place. The Spring Newsletter had been well received and more hall bookings secured.

Playing Field

Cllr Fullbrook stated that the deadwood had been removed from the field with help from Ray Kublik and with Cllr Kooremans trailer. Dog fouling still continued to cause a problem.

Correspondence

Emails received and forwarded on to Councillors since our last meeting.

PSE Newsletter

Public Sector leaflets

Rural Services Network leaflets on Rural Housing Rural Transport/ Rural Broadband.

Spotlight on Older People in Rural Areas and weekly news digest

Ways to contact Highways Teams on faults and reporting online

One Highway fault reported through online High Road potholes/trip hazard

Streetlife Community Action - a new local community website for Fenland

Lighting Cat One going ahead.

Change of Monitoring Officer at FDC Carol Pilson taken over from Alan Pain

Emails from Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner on Awards for exemplary volunteering

Also News on Domestic Abuse and a report from volunteer police cadet on his first assignment

Police & Crime Commissioner Surgery in the town of March Thursday 19th March 2-4 on Horizon Bus at March Library CP

Speak Out Council meeting on 12 March Kings Hedge Mount Pleasant House Huntingdon Rd Cambridge 11 am – 3.30 bring own lunch

Briefing Notice for Election on May 7th

Elections dates for potential candidates

NHS Uniting Care Bulletin

Local Government News

Building Communities from Inside Out - Event Wisbech Boathouse 20th March 10 -4pm

Correspondence received

Thank you for donations from Victim Support

East Anglian Air Ambulance

Citizens Advice Bureau

Letters from Cllr Youngs and Cllr Fullbrook stating they will not be standing for nomination at the election in May

Letter re domestic problem. Chairman to reply on behalf of Parish Council

Election Information for Clerk

Internal Audit information received

Police Report

No Police Report received. Details of persons seen around a barn in Fen Road, Clerk to report to the police. The New Horizon Bus will attend Tydd St Giles on 13th March from 1300 – 1800 hours with a meeting at 1700 hours.

Any Other Business

Village Plan is making progress and it is expected that a completed questionnaire will be ready for circulation in early July.

Bus Consultation, feedback from Tydd St Giles and Newton was high, a meeting was expected within a month to finalise proposals. A lunchtime bus route may be cut

Cllr Seaton thanked Cllrs for their support and the Chairman thanked Cllr Seaton for his input at meetings.

Meeting closed at 8.05.pm