

Newton in the Isle Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.05pm in the Village Hall.

Present

Cllr's D Fullbrook (Chairman), D Gibbs (Vice Chairman), J Hoyles, S Clark, D Smith, A Sloan, C Seaton (FDC) , S King and P Wilkinson (Clerk).also present Inspector Will Davis (Cambridgeshire Police), Mrs Elaine Fisher and Mr Martin Hale-Smith (Tydd St Giles Councillor)

1.Apologies

Cllr A Lay, Cllr M Humphrey and Cllr J Kooreman will be late as he has a previous meeting.

2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Were signed as a true record

a) Matters arising

Owner of attacked dog to be notified of outcome, Dog Warden Service was no longer available, incidents were now dealt with by the police following information and proof of incident.

A resident in Hogens Lane had concerns with speeding, CCC Highways would not consider this area for a speed sign. Cllr Clark to contact resident to suggest erecting a caution slow sign Hedge in Hogens Lane to be cut at appropriate time due to restrictions during summer months

Cllr King explained that street lighting upgrading was on hold due to contractors completing a national contract. He apologised and was monitoring the situation.

HGV Covenant adapted a document for Parishes to use to agree certain conditions with local haulage firms. This does not affect us at present.

A Cllr expressed concern that dogs were not being kept on leads on the Foul Anchor to Tydd St Giles footpath, which could endanger livestock in area

Police Report (Agenda item 5e brought forward)

Inspector Davis explained that five teams of officers dealt with criminal offences in Fenland. Together with a team responsible for dealing with hare coursing. Regular crime reports would be sent through to the Parish Council. Speeding was a problem and community involvement to monitor speeding was helpful. Chair stated that, although we had tried we did not have an active Speedwatch in the village. The Inspector was thanked for attending and he left at 7.40pm

4. Action Review

Circulated prior to meeting.

Speedwatch warning signs would be sited subject to a recommencement of the Speedwatch campaign. No response for a village coordinator for Speedwatch , item closed.

Neighbourhood Watch publicity for recruitment of co coordinators circulated.

Sponsorship for additional noticeboard ongoing.

Tree maintenance in playing field behind 2 Goodens Lane completed.

List of TPOs to be given to Cllr Smith and copy to clerk.

Play enclosure damaged signs replaced.

5. Reports

a) Highways

Meeting held with James Rigley and Steve Nicholson to discuss footway on High Road. Cllr Clark to arrange meeting to include Mr Hunt concerning the issue. Concerns were raised as to if the PC took responsibility for financing the maintenance work on the High Road any future maintenance of the footway may become the responsibility of the PC. Cllr Gibbs would obtain information regarding loans.

Damage to road surface in Franks Lane had been reported to CCC..

Builders to reinstate footway outside new builds on High Road.

Outcome of LHI Bid 2107/18 due shortly

Cllr Clark stated that Mill Lane was to be resurfaced. Query on passing places with pot holes these were not included as part of the highway. This is to be queried.

b) Village Hall Report

Circulated prior to meeting. The decision on the future of the village hall was totally dependent on the support of village organisations and the community. There may be a financial shortfall but it was too early to predict. Some maintenance improvements were planned for the year. The Chair suggested a Business Plan may help to determine the level of support which the council may be able to offer at a future date.

c) Old School site

A developer had shown an interest, if the site were to be proposed for residential building work it would need the total support of the Parish Council. Cllr Gibbs would obtain a plan of the village flood zone.

d) Correspondence

All correspondence sent through to Cllrs prior to meeting. UK Power have circulated emergency numbers for electricity cuts.

e) Police Report was dealt with by Inspector Davis

f) Planning

Charity Farmhouse Goredike Bank F/YR17/0097/F, a 2 storey 5 bed dwelling with integral garage and a 1.2m high fence with 1.5m gate posts to front boundary. A new access and demolition of existing outbuildings. Also, siting of temporary mobile home during construction. Grid Ref: E541862, N 312883.

The Councillors studied the plans and agreed to approve the application

g) Street lighting Street lights still to be completed. Balfour Beatty unable to extend Old Chapel light bracket due to age of building. Owner to be notified. Street lights reported for repair.

6. Finance

a) Approval of payments/ account status

Cheque no 100563 Balfour Beatty street light £481.96 including £80.33 vat

Cheque no 100564 for hire of Hall for Defibrillator Training £20.

Cheque no 100565 for Boston Crop Sprayers for replacement signs £32.40p including £5.40 vat.

- Resolved to approve payment of the three cheques no's 100563 for £481.96, 100564 for £20 and 100565 for £32.40. Agreed and approved by Councillors

End of year Vat return submitted for £638.94 rebate due shortly

Savings/Reserve Account £1693.31

Community Account stands at £7285.65 after deducting outstanding payments.

Clerk suggested that £3500 was transferred into Savings/Reserve account for the payment of two outstanding street lights quoted at a cost of £3500, the work is yet to be completed.

Outstanding payment £1500 for the LHI Bid (invoice not yet received) taking this into account it would leave an estimated £2892 carry forward, including the vat rebate of £638.94.

A £300 donation from S137 for Fete committee also remained outstanding depending on an event being organised

- *Resolved to approve transfer of £3500 to Savings/ Reserve Account for payment of street lighting. Approved and agreed by Councillors.*

Playing field maintenance quote for 2017 work, £1120 (16 cuts at £70 plus spraying perimeter spring and autumn, cost as last year.

- *Resolved to approve Maintenance quote of £1120. Approved and agreed by Councillors.*
Internal Auditor visit was arranged for April 24th to complete internal audit

b) Governance and Risk Assessment Register Reviewed

Governance and Risk Assessment Register circulated prior to meeting. It was not thought necessary to make any changes to the register.

- *Resolved to approve the Governance and Risk Assessment Register. Approved and agreed by Councillors.*

c) Transparency Code

A new framework was now set out for Parish Councils with an annual turnover of less than £25,000. All information to be made available to the general public, which included expenditure over £100, end of year accounts, internal audit report, annual governance statement, a list of councillors and responsibilities, details of land and assets, along with Council minutes, agendas and meeting papers. To make this process easier it was agreed to set a three week timetable prior to a meeting to collate all the paperwork, ready to download onto the website along with information posted on the noticeboard.

7. Items for Decisions

a) Street Pride a number of volunteers helped with litter picks, washing road signs and tidying up areas of village. Planters to be sited at a later date. Proceedings were in hand to prosecute over fly tipping in Franks Lane. FDC Street Scene have removed all the refuse.

b) Allotments and rents Cllr Sloan to coordinate the allotment sizes ready for assessment of rents. Purchase dates of existing allotments to be researched for records. Allotments to discuss as agenda item at next meeting

c) Dog bin location, no decision made, possible siting at Ferry Station and High Road to cover area from Rectory Road to Goodens Lane.

d) Play equipment Inspection

Cllr Clark stated that goal post was in need of attention. Roundabout bearing was to be replaced shortly with help. Netball net to be replaced shortly.

e) Play equipment inspections

Cllr Sloan to check play equipment until next meeting.

8. Emergency Planning.

Held over until the next meeting as an Agenda item

9. Any other Business

No further business. Meeting closed at 9pm

Date and time of next meeting – Annual General meeting May 8th at 7pm

Followed by Planning meeting.