

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council held on Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.25 pm in the village hall. Following the Annual Assembly.

Present

Cllr's D Gibbs (Chairman), J Hoyles, S Clark (Vice Chairman), R Moore , C Seaton (FDC) , S King and P Wilkinson (Clerk) also present Mr Peter Terry PJ Developments. See also residents list.

52/18. Apologies

Cllr's D Smith, R Sloan, J Kooreman, Cllr M Humphrey (FDC) and PCSO Helen Norton-Smith

53/18 The Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements due to the Parish Assembly. The Chair welcomed the residents and explained that they were there as observers only. Any concerns they may have regarding agenda item 54/18 should be discussed with Mr Terry at the meeting on Saturday 17th March.

54/18 Presentation by Peter Terry, P J Developments Ltd re Colvile School site

Mr Terry put forward a proposal of 36 sheltered retirement apartments with 16 parking places, landscaping and a community shop if required. The apartments comprised of 15 one bed and 21 two bed apartments. He circulated artists impressions of the proposed development. A meeting had been arranged for resident on Sat 17th March from 1 to 4pm in the village hall to inspect the site plans and to discuss any issues arising from the proposed development. Notices of the meeting would be distributed throughout the village to all residents. Councillors were concerned that there may be issues raised by the Planning Department regarding Flood Zone, however there were already houses adjacent to the proposed site on two sides. At this time no further information was available. The Chairman thanked Mr Terry who then left the meeting at 7.40pm A number of residents also left.

55/18 a Minutes of the previous meeting –

Were approved and signed as a true record.

Minutes from the Planning meeting 31st January were also accepted as a true record and signed.

b) No matters arising.

56/18. County and District Councillors Reports

Councillor Chris Seaton stated FDC had approved a rise of 1.98% in the Council Tax. With a 4.6% rise overall, FDC had kept their increase to a minimum due to rises in other areas. He again stated that he was always willing to assist with any queries the council may have.

Councillor King stated that an additional amount in Social Care increased the tax as a need to maintain the service. Highways Infrastructure were considering ways of reducing serious road accident figures of 44% since 2015. The decision on the LHI Bid would be available the following day March 13th. He explained that due to the huge cost of resurfacing roads Highways Infrastructure were looking at different ways to carry out repairs. A query was raised regarding top dressing the High Road this may be included in the Highways Capital Programme for 2019/20. Cllr King was also prepared to take any queries back to CCC. Cllr King then gave his apologies as he had another meeting and left at 7.55pm

57/18 Police Reports

These were previously circulated to the Cllrs, January report - two burglaries

February report - Theft from motor vehicle and criminal damage.

The Chair was concerned that these reports were not very explicit and other crimes that had taken place were not included in the reports

The clerk had invited PCSO Helen Norton Smith who has sent her apologies as she was working. The clerk had arranged to send on dates of the years meetings.

Cllr Clark stated the PCSO had visited Kinderley School to talk to the children about Road Awareness and Anti-Social Behaviour.

5818 Reports for information previously circulated

a) Highways/ LHI Bid.

The total cost of the LHI Bid for 2017/18 for the footway from Newton Hall to Common Cottages cost more than was expected, total Parish Council cost of £1500. This was previously thought to cost £1300. The LHI Bid for 2018/19 should be decided on March 13th.

Potholes continued to be monitored and reported. Fly tipping still causing concerns with a further number of tyres deposited and other refuse discarded in Mill Lane.

b) Village Hall

Sunday lunches had raised £1250 resulting in committee being nominated for Pride of Fenland Award. The number of watercolour classes had been reduced. It was hoped to run another course later. The boiler had now been repaired taking 32 days.

c) Rights of Way

Report stated serious issues of dog fouling both in the playing field and on a number of pathway through the village. FDC were to commence a new campaign on dog fouling.

d) Correspondence/ Lighting/Finance

A number of emails forwarded to Cllr's (see correspondence report).

Street lighting- Update on tender document for future street lighting repairs and maintenance. R&M and energy costs with proposed service details shared with Parishes by 27 April, with Parish Councils response by 18th May 2018, Agenda item May for discussion.

e) Planning Sub-Committee

F/YR18/0026/0 – Erection of dwelling (Outline applications with all matters reserves) land East of 15a Goodens Lane. Newton in the Isle'

F/YR18/0039/F- Erection of 3x2 storey dwellings comprising of 2x2-beds and 1x3 bed and change of use of land a vegetable garden Plot 1 at Land East of Chartwell House School Goodens Lane Newton in the Isle.

F/YR18/0085/O - Erection of up to 4 x dwellings involving the formation of 3 x accesses (Outline application with matters committed in respect of access) Land North of Tewinbury House Mill Lane Newton-In-The-Isle Cambridgeshire

Ref; F/YR17/1196/0. An application for the erection of up to 3 x dwellings involving the formation of a new access (Outline with matters committed in respect of access) at Land East of Fra Jen Fitton End Road Newton-In-The-Isle Cambridgeshire.

59/18 Finance

a) Approval of payments/ account status

Two invoices received- Cambs County Council £1500 for LHI Bid 2017/18 – cheque number 100590 Village Hall rent of £30 including £20 for Council meeting and £10 for planning meeting. - Cheque number 100591 Councillors approved both payments

Rospa Playsafe quote received for annual playground checks £66.50 plus vat any additional items £3.50 each. Cllrs agreed. this would be carried out in April or May.

i. Resolved to approve payment of two invoices, cheque no 100590 for £1500 to Cambridgeshire County Council for LHI Bid, and cheque no 100591 to Village Hall for £30 All Cllrs approved payment

Community Account following payment of two cheques account stands at £7959.87

Reserve account £5196.81 including £2.59 interest, £3500 earmarked for lighting, leaving £1696.81 unallocated.

b) Budget 2018

Copies of the present year's budget and a draft of the budget for 2018/19 were circulated.

Expected £7959.87 carry forward to 2018/19

c) Reserve Account -Stands at £1696.81 plus the earmarked £3500. By transferring £4303.19 from the Community account into the Reserves account to comply with the Reserve Statement. The account would then stand at £9500. Including the earmarked £3500 for street lighting upgrades. Leaving an expected carry forward in the Community Account of £3656.68.

ii. Resolved to approve a transfer of £4303.19 into the Reserve Account from the Community Account to achieve the Reserve Statement of £6000.00 leaving an expected carry forward in the Community Account of £3656.68 for the 2018/19 budget. All Councillors approved the transfer

60/18 Items for Decision

a Ribbon of Poppies

Chairman stated that to mark the centenary of the First World War the council had been invited to participate in the commemoration by planting poppies in an area of the Playing field. It was suggested that the children from school would be asked to participate in the planting. The ground would need preparing. A planter could be installed around the village sign and further poppies planted, and a bulk order of poppy seeds would be purchased. It was agreed, a total budget of £100.

iii. Resolved to approve a budget of £100 towards the planting of poppies in commemoration of the First World War. All councillors approved the scheme.

b Allotment Vacancies

Cllr Sloan was absent from the meeting; Draft copies of the new agreement were circulated to Cllrs ready to discuss as an agenda item at the May meeting. Clerk to email copies to absent Cllrs.

c. Playing Field Inspections

Cllr Moore completed inspection, Small amount of graffiti in shelter. Small branches due to bad weather. needed removing from field. Cllr Gibbs to contact the Community Payback Team to remove debris.

d. Playing Field Checks

Cllr Gibbs to complete checks for March/April

61/18 Adopt Governance and Risk Assessment Register.

Copies were circulated prior to the meeting; the document was discussed and no amendment were considered necessary.

iv. Resolved to re adopt Governance and Risk Assessment Register. Councillors all agreed no changes were necessary. And agreed to readopt the document.

62/18 Any other Business

- a. Kinderley Headteacher had sent her verbal thanks for the donation toward books for the school library
- b. Concerns expressed at the amount of rubbish in the dyke at Roman Bank. Cllrs were to consider writing a letter expressing their concerns to the land owner. Cllr Gibbs to investigate ownership.

63/18 Dates of next meetings

Day of meeting rearranged to a second Tuesday in the month

Tuesday 8th May - AGM

Tuesday 10th July

Tuesday 11th September.

Tuesday 13th November

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Tuesday 8th January

Tuesday 12th March - Parish Assembly

Meeting closed at 8.40pm, Followed by Planning meeting. Cllr Clark left at this point.