

# NEWTON IN THE ISLE

## PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

All members are reminded that they will need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest and reason before an item discussed at this meeting under the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576.

The full council meeting convened at 7.50pm following the Parish Assembly

### **Present**

Cllr's D Gibbs, R Moore, J Hoyles G Wilkinson, D Smith, S Clark and Cllr S King

### **Apologies**

Cllr C Seaton.

### **130/19 Chairman's Announcements.**

Chairman had attended some a number of meetings. Metal detectors had been used on the playing field and advice had been given that this was not permissible on Parish Council land. A pollution incident was being investigated by the Environment Agency. The hedge surrounding the BT exchange on the High Road had been cut.

### **131/19 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- a) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16<sup>h</sup> January 2019 were approved as a true record and signed.
- b) No matters arising
- c) Minutes of the Planning meeting held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved and signed as a true record.

Planning applications submitted for the old school site had been rejected.

### **132/19 County and District Councillors Report**

Cllr King was to investigate the repair to the damaged Black Dyke bridge He also stated that the LHI Bid for the Speed monitor had been approved. however the delivery could be a while.

### **133/19 Police Matters**

No crimes shown on the monthly police report for Newton. However a large number of snowdrops had been stolen from premises in the village. A Councillor queried if the villages would benefit from the 12% increase in policing. Chairman would contact the Police Commissioner by email to query what extra support the villages would receive.

### **134/19. Reports**

#### **a. Highways**

Cllr Clark continued to monitor and report potholes, these were being dealt with within a few days. Some concerns regarding the fencing near Thulborns on Roman Bank, Cllr Gibbs would contact the Highways Department, gravel also seems to be spreading onto the highway and causing problems.

The pavement near Chartwell House may need attention following completion of the new builds. Cllr Gibbs would contact Highways Department..Clerk reported what appeared to be asbestos sheeting on track off Fen Road. Also a number of tyres had again be dumped at Fitton End.

#### **b) Village Hall**

The report circulated prior to meeting .The fish and chip van may be relocated every Wednesday to the High Road during the Summer. Mr Smith was to discuss his site as an alternative with the owner of the Fish and Chip van.

The Sunday lunches had proved very successful and had made a profit of £2,188. over the six meals. The Village Hall Management Committee had highlighted that the Village Hall kitchen needed updating. A grant of £4,000 had been awarded to Newton Village Hall by the Grange Windfarm Trust towards the kitchen refurbishment. A Spring quiz had also raised £150 with talks planned during the year.

### **c) Correspondence**

Members Services- Enforcement Officers appointed on a 2yr contract

Rural Services Network News

Rural Bulletin

CAPALC Bulletins

Town and Country Newsletter

Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Team Monthly Reviews for Jan/Feb.

Town and Parish Council Planning meeting date change 11 March

Cambridgeshire County Council views on facilities for older people

RoSPA playground annual visit- date April

One Stop Shop to move to Boat House Wisbech

Chairman Invitation to Civic Service 10<sup>th</sup> March

Election Poster for interested persons in becoming a Cllr, meeting March 28<sup>th</sup> at

Fenland Hall March

Internal Auditor by Dianne Holland expected visit April 29<sup>th</sup>

### **135/19 Finance Report**

a) Business / Reserve a/c – £13014.73

Community a/c £8627.74

Invoice paid to Turner Roofing Contractor for Village Hall roof repair £547 as approved at Council meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 agenda item Village Hall123/b, £656.40 including £109.40 VAT. paid on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> cheque no 100616

To approve payment of Village Hall rent for March Council meeting £20, cheque number Cheque number 100617

To approve payment of LGS Services Payroll for year at £33.00 including £5.50 vat.

Cheque number100618.

Total expenditure since January .£709.40

No income had been received since the January meeting.

Community account now stands at £7918.34 (all invoices taken into account)

*i) Resolved to approve payment of three invoices totalling £709.40 Cllrs agreed to payments*

b) Budget for 2019/20 circulated, with an expected carry forward of £5,016.00 at the end of this financial year, and with the addition of £1,000 from Reserve account if approved.

#### **c) Reserve Account**

£6000 set aside to comply with Reserve Statement for any unforeseen expenses plus an additional £1200 lighting costs unknown.

£1000 set aside for LHI bid for 2018/19 no longer required if agreeable to transfer to Community budget 2019/20

Street lighting allocation £4800 to remain in Reserve Budget to accrue interest until required when it will be transferred to Community Budget (see included in 2019 budget Lighting upgrade).At present the Reserve Account stands at £12014.73 not including the £1000 if approved to be transferred. Cllrs agreed transfer of £1000

*ii) Resolved to approve transferred to Community Budget from Reserve account the sum of £1,000 Cllrs all approved.*

*iii) Resolved to approve transferred to Community Budget from Reserve account the sum of £4800 when required for street lighting, Cllrs all approved*

### **136/19 Items for Decisions**

#### a) Handyman Update.

Following the interview of one applicant it was agreed following approval of the Council to appoint Mr Robinson as a self employed Handyman two hours per fortnight. Duties to include the maintenance of the grass areas opposite Boars Farm on the High Road and the area opposite the junction of Fen Road and High Road. During the winter months other maintenance would apply.

*iv) Resolved to approve the appointment of Mr Robinson as a self employed Handyman for one year initially at four hours per month approved by all Cllrs.*

#### b) Playing Field Update

Cllr Gibbs suggested a concrete bench for the field on completion of playing field work.

Following receipt of grant. This was agreed when funding was available.

Also it was suggested that some outdoor gym equipment be considered. Cllr Gibbs would approach Fenland for a grant from their Healthy Fenland Fund.

A letter would be sent to the residents of properties that backed onto the field to inform them that some work may eventually be undertaken regarding the drain, but they would be kept informed of any progress.

#### c) Play Equipment Inspection Report

Cllr Wilkinson stated that the Roundabout had been greased by Mr Webb and was now working well. All other equipment was in order.

d) Cllr Wilkinson agreed to continue to check play equipment for March / April.

#### e) Re adopt Governance and Management Risk Assessment Register.

This document was circulated prior to the meeting. It was discussed and no changes were considered necessary, it was therefore re adopted.

*v) Resolved to readopt the the Governance And Management Risk Assessment Register. All Cllrs approved.*

### **137/19 Dates of meetings for 2019/20**

2019

Tuesday 14th May AGM

Tuesday 9th July

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 12th November

2020

Tuesday 14th January

Tuesday 10th March Parish Assembly

The Chairman thanked Cllr D Smith for all his assistance during his time in office, and expressed best wishes in his move to Leverington.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm