

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 9th November 2015 commenced at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllr D Fullbrook (Chairman), Cllr S Clark (also FDC), Cllr D Gibbs (Vice Chair), Cllr J Hoyles, Cllr J Kooreman, Cllr A Sloan, Cllr C Seaton, FDC, Cllr A Lay, CCC and P Wilkinson (Clerk) and Miss Lauren Bremner (Sport England agenda item 3 only).

1. Apologies

Cllr D Smith a prior meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests with regard to terms of the Agenda

No declarations declared

3. Lauren Bremner explained her role with Sport England to promote sport activities within Fenland to specific age range groups. 16-25 year olds, Mid adults with families and over 60's, six different sports at present including Table Tennis, Badminton and Cricket along with Gymnastics, Swimming and Athletics. The aim is to promote these activities through visiting village organisations. It was agreed that following the completion of the Village Plan sport participation would be looked into. The Chairman thanked Lauren for attending.

4. Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

4a Matters Arising

Additions to Councillors specific roles.

Cllr A Sloan - Allotments also to include Rights of Way

Cllr D Smith - Special Projects

The church clock did not require an annual service this year. Cllr Clark explained that Emily Gutteridge Outreach Worker - Peterborough & Fenland wished to visit Parish Councils representing the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner. An invitation would be sent to her with our dates for 2016 Parish Council meetings.

5. Action Review

Newton Playing Field - complete installation of QE2 and millennium tree plaque

Arrange procurement and placement of Speedwatch warning signs at each end of High Road. Ongoing

Cherry tree at Church Lane/Goodens Lane Junction - investigate and advise way ahead to reduce interference with BT lines. Ongoing

Hedge at telephone exchange, High Road/Fen Road junction - arrange pruning later this year or Feb 2016 to reduce interference with street light. Ongoing

Arrange working party to clear ditch and repair subsidence at Karrow Meadow entrance, expected completion end Nov

Goodens Lane bus shelter - replace guttering. Completed

Speedwatch - respond to Brian Robins re: volunteer training and implement a programme of speed checks awaiting police confirmation of training date. Ongoing

Playing Field proposed wildflower area awaiting outcome of Village Plan - Ongoing

Playing Field tree planting - commence end of November

Playing Field - arrange meeting with contractor. Completed.

Playing Field west boundary ditch - weed control. Obtain quotation for spraying with herbicide weedkiller as required per application basis. Contractor to complete

Playing Field project - donation to cost of QE2/ Tree plaques and tree planting. Write letter of thanks to Mrs D Markham. Completed

Category 2 street lighting with brackets. Advise concerning acceptability of upgrading by fitment of new design bracket to existing wooden post. Contact Keir for advice and Category Two maintenance ongoing

Priestley's Corner - vehicle obstruction/verge damage. Ascertain business address and complaints received. Completed

Willow tree in Chapel Lane at 'Willowcroft' - Cllr Fullbrook to contact owner re: need for extensive surgery and arrange accordingly. Ongoing

Old School site - Cllr Seaton explained no further action could be taken while the site was not considered hazardous. He would email the updated status report to the Clerk.

Rural Policing Matters Campaign. Send letter of support to Rural Services Network - Completed

6. Highways

a) Residents concern: no markings at junction of Sutton Road/ Little Ramper. Steve Nicholson contacted and reflector posts to be installed.

Chapel Lane drainage problem repaired. Pot holes at Village Hall repaired. Reflector posts installed at Priestley corner

Top dressing High Road to Little Ramper cats eyes would not be replaced as line markings were considered to be more efficient. It was suggested that cats eyes may still be needed at sharp road bends. Verge markers to be investigated for Franks Lane dyke following accident. Markers indicating passing places in Mill Lane would be beneficial, this may not be possible as passing places are not approved. Cllr Clark to discuss the issue with Steve Nicholson

b) Funding A local Highways bid submitted for £10,000 for a new footpath from High Road Newton Hall to Common Cottages a length of 80 - 90 metres Parish Council funding £1500 to be included within next year's budget.

Maintenance of the footpath from Goodens Lane junction to end of Bungalows, High Road may be included by CCC in scheme for next year. Cllr Clark suggested writing a letter to James Rigney CCC Highways in appreciation of ongoing work in the village

7. Allotments

Inspection completed on 24th September all satisfactory. When allotments became available a reduction in the size by half may be considered. Cllr Sloan stated that she had someone interested in an allotment to be added to list

8. Finance

a) Savings A/c £1692 26 including 21p interest

Current a/c **Payments**

One cheque in retrospect for ACRE Payroll admin of £36.00 cheque no 100511

Two invoices for approval

Grounds maintenance invoice £980 cheque no 100513

Resolved to approve one retrospective cheque for £36.00 no 100511 approved by Councillors

Resolved to approve cheque no 100513 for £980 approved by Councillors

FLP Fenland Leisure Products for Playground Inspections £120 cheque no 100512
Councillors resolved that with their approval this cheque to be paid when completion of Inspection verified

Current account £9064.18 plus VP grant £648

Quote from Grounds maintenance for next year £980.

Resolved by Councillors to approve contract with T A Blackamore for a further year

Income

1/2 year Precept £3750

Allotment rents £252.

b) Draft forecast budget for 2016/2017 were circulated and briefly discussed. Decisions will be finalised with the Precept at the January meeting.

Notification of the Council Tax Support Grant/ Concurrent Grant would be decided following the cabinet meeting on 19th November. Final figures for our Parish Council would be clarified following the FDC meeting Dec 17th

Therefore the Precept could not be set properly until the January meeting 2016. Precept to be approved and returned by Feb 5th 2016

c) Governance and Management Risk Register previously circulated.

The Councillors had no queries regarding the register so it was:

Resolved that the Councillors approved and authorised the Governance and Management Risk Register

9. Playing Field

a) Proposed Wildflower Meadow

This is to be discussed again next year following completion of Village Plan.

b) Tree Planting

Previously circulate copies of tree planting areas. Following discussion it was decided that the Hawthorn/Blackthorn mix proposed along the drain edge would not be planted. This would be left in the nursery bed until a new site could be allocated. The planting was planned for November 21st/22nd weekend. Cllr Smith to help Cllr Fullbrook along with the assistance of the Community Payback Team. Cllr Smith was to provide tree stakes, wraps and ties.

c) Ditch to be cleared along the field edge near Karrow Field entrance. Query regarding the Play Equipment Inspection report which stated a basketball net needs replacing this had been completed along with the repairs to two ramps. Both shown in the report as in need of attention. Cllr Fulbrook to contact FPL to discuss errors in the report before invoice is submitted for payment.

Dog Fouling was still causing concerns it was felt some action should be taken. This to be discussion as an Agenda item January meeting.

At this point Cllr Seaton left the meeting 8.25pm

10. Village Plan

Cllr Gibbs stated that the response was fantastic 186 return questionnaires completed .The committee still has the word answers to questions to formulate. Two strong answers from the Village Plan survey resulted for council consideration so far.

- A defibrillator for the village, fund raising effort would commence to raise the £2000 required along with some possible help from Leverington Feoffees. Meeting 24th November. The Gardening Club had offered a donation of £50.
- The change of the village name to Newton in the Isle. This was agreed and Cllr Gibbs would proceed with this issue

Resolved by Councillors to change the name of the village from Newton to Newton in the Isle. The Councillors all approved the decision to instigate this change
Cllr Lay left the meeting at 8.40pm

11. Planning

a) Change in Terms of Reference see Membership (i) to 'Membership will compromise no more than six members of Parish Council' and not five as stated at present

Resolved by Councillors to approve the change. Terms of Planning committee, Membership (i) from five to six members

No planning applications were submitted

Planning Training for the Council members in March, Cllr Clark to book seven places for 26th November.

12. Village Hall

Village hall continues to thrive with regular meetings from a number of village clubs, and the ever popular coffee mornings and afternoon teas.

Post Office Counter opened on 22nd October with initial teething problems this to be held weekly on Thursday from 11.30 to 1.30. Village Hall AGM to be held Thursday 12 November at 7.30. Christmas Craft Fair, Sunday 29th November organised by Mr And Mrs Arnold, Children's Christmas Party Sunday 6th December. Carols and Christmas Tree, Friday 18th December.

New Year to see the launching of a Soup and Sandwich lunch

13. Correspondence

UK Power Network - Stakeholder Engagement Strategy under R110 ED1 Critical Friend Panel

CAPALC Direct information Service

Rural services Network news

Public Sector Services leaflets

Alerting Town & Parish Councils to consultation launch closing date 26 Oct

Cambridgeshire Police Updates

NHS Care Quality Commission Inspection of Hinchingsbrook NHS

Acre MOVING NEW OFFICES 72 Market Street Ely CB7 4LS (move Oct 5)

CAPALC - AGM 10 Dec Histon/Impington village hall 7pm – 9pm

FENLAND Community Safety Partnership Newsletter

Public sector Healthcare

Speakout Council meeting Dec 10th Thursday at FACET Centre March - Topic Education and Employment

Safeguarding Adults and Mental Health Capacity Newsletter Autumn 2015

Norfolk Minerals Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document

NHS Engagement Consultation re Non Emergency Transport Service closing date 19 November for online survey.

Electoral Consultation Review for Cambridge City

News for Parishes

Email Query re Street lighting on Sutton Road turning very dark

Letter re Churchyard: see Any Other Business

14. Any Other Business

a) Cllr Gibbs to give Councillors email addresses for Parish Council business, Councillors in agreement.

b) Churchyard Grass maintenance has caused a few problems with a complaint regarding the length of the grass. Lack of access seemed to have been the cause. FDC have now appointed a new maintenance contractor 'ISS World'. The Council would contact Mrs Leighton, PCC (Parochial Church Council) Secretary to resolve an issue regarding the responsibility of Newton churchyard, along with the details of the new grass maintenance contractor appointed by FDC to enable the PCC to arrange access.

Parish Council agreed to the Fete Committee using the field for a Dog Show and Car Boot on May 7th and a Village Fete Saturday June 25th.

Cllr Clark queried if a Contingency Plan should be put in place as a precautionary measure to safeguard any vulnerable residents during extended power cuts. Cllr Clark to compile an action report for the next meeting.

15. Date and time of meetings for 2016

11th Jan Monday at 7pm

7th March (Parish Assembly), Monday at 7pm

9th May (AGM), Monday at 7pm

11th July, Monday at 7pm

5th September, Monday at 7pm

7th November. Monday at 7pm

Meeting closed at 9.20pm