

Newton in the Isle Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present

Cllr's D Fullbrook (Chairman), D Gibbs (Vice Chairman) S Clark, D Smith, J Kooreman, C Seaton (FDC)
Cllr A Lay (CCC) and P Wilkinson (Clerk).

Also present 14 residents see enclosed

1. Apologies

Cllr J Hoyles, Cllr King and Cllr A Sloan. Cllr Sloan was unable to attend due to training undertaken in Cambridge for work, the exam date being changed to coincide with our latest Parish Council meeting, written confirmation had been received by the clerk. The Councillors approved this explanation and gave dispensation

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

No declarations of interest.

3. Public Forum

Fourteen residents attended the meeting, a letter had previously been received from Mr Hunt on the 22nd October 2016 regarding the condition of the pathway from Goodens Lane along the High Road to Rectory Road which the residents considered dangerous with safety issues. The Parish Council had notified Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Highways Department of the state of the pathway, a Highways advisor had visited the site and considered it a maintenance issue, we had been advised that a section of the pathway would be repaired shortly. If any accident were to occur the Parish Council could not be held responsible and advised the residents that any such matter should be directed to Cambridgeshire County Council.

The issue of extending the pathway to Rectory Road corner at an estimated cost of £50,000 could not be considered at the present time due to financial constraints. However the Local Highways Bid for 2018/2019 would consider improvement to relocate 40 mph speed signs at the east end of the village from 156 High Road in an easterly direction to coincide with the existing village sign at entry of village. Cllr Lay would contact the Highways Department to express the residents' concerns. The Council suggested that a letter from the residents explaining their concerns be compiled and sent to Steve Barclay MP.

At 7.30 the Chair explained that the discussion would have to end. However the Council were very aware of the issues and were trying to reach a positive conclusion, they would keep the residents informed.

The residents thanked the council and left at this point.

4. Old School site

Cllr Clark stated that Mr Palmer was hoping to arrange to discuss the site with the council.

5. Minutes of Previous meeting

The Minutes were accepted and approved as a true record subject to the date of meeting being amended to September 7th and a correction in AOB, Environmental Agency should read Environment Service Team

a) Matters Arising

- Cllr Gibbs was still awaiting report from the Dog Warden
- Allotment holders were dealing with the rabbit issue on their allotments
- Defibrillator to be installed at Cllr Kooremans within the next few days.

6. Action Review

Playing field programme of work to restore ditch along western boundary. Completed
Category 2 street lighting ongoing, work satisfactory by Balfour Beatty still waiting outcome of Old Chapel light. Two further lights remain for completion of CAT 2 Project

Replace roundabout bearing. - May 2017

Contract of Employment for post of Clerk amended.

- *Resolved to approve final draft of the Contract of Employment for post of Clerk
Approved and adopted by Councillors.*

Speedwatch still seeking village representative to lead programme

Dog Bins: Cllr Clark would present a map showing location of existing bins for next meeting to ascertain sites required for any additions. Discussion as agenda item January 2017

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Fullbrook would produce some publicity to be circulated to residents. Cllrs Sloan and Gibbs were to measure dimensions of allotments, expected completion by March 2017 when a review of allotment rents would be discussed, if approved allotment holders would then be given twelve months' notice of any increase

Tree at 347 High Road inspected by Tree Officer; ascertained on private property, not a Council matter

7. Reports all previously circulated, matters arising from reports

a) Highways

LHI bid funding for 2017/18 see agenda item 9 For Discussion.

LHI bid for 2018/19, to be discussed, suggestion included relocation of speed signs to east end of village to coincide with Newton in the Isle sign extending the 40mph into Rectory Road to the existing 30 mph limit, to also include warning signs 'Pedestrians' sited on High Road.

b) Playing Field

Four trailer loads of hedging removed along church boundary; ditch also fully restored and 100 tons of soil removed. Cllr Fullbrook thanked Cllr Kooreman for his assistance in providing a tractor and trailer to remove soil and hedging refuse from site

Following dyke completion Cllr Smith would look into the requirement of any further fencing at site.

c) **Village Hall** now busier, PO new member of staff appointed. Preparations underway for usual Christmas festivities. Chair ask Cllr Gibbs for a copy of the Village Hall Financial Report.

d) **Street Pride** no report, Cllr Clark to present report March 2017

e) Old School site – no report

f) **Correspondence previously circulated see report.**

Secretary of Parochial Church Council inquiry regarding council participation in Remembrance Service - Council agreed to participate next year.

Query from resident in Mill Lane regarding speeding Cllr Clark contacted resident.

g) Police Report

Burglary in Church Lane a fuel line cut and 2 ride on lawn mowers stolen. Dates of meetings to be sent to Inspector Davis who wished to attend a meeting

h) Planning

Retrospective planning application F/YR16/0785/F for detached garage, hobby room above Aries Ferry Lane approved

i) Street Lighting

Email from Balfour Beatty advising contact was to be made redundant. Clerk to contact again for more information and new contact details.

8. Finance

a) Savings Account £1693.10. Community Account £10,442.06

Income Community Account

HM Revenue & Customs Vat refund £1274.17

½ year Precept £3885

Allotment rents £165.50

Expenditure Community Account

P Wyles -disposal of wasp's nest £50, cheque no 100550

Fenland Playground Leisure Products for play equip repair £75.42 including VAT (12.57) cheque no 100551

Materials for dyke repairs -D Fullbrook £134 .53 including VAT (12.95) cheque no100552

Clerks salary £543.55 plus expenses (misc admin £61.69) total £605.24 Cheque no 100553

- *Resolved to approve payment of four cheques amounting to £ 865.19 Approved for payment by Councillors , Councillors approved*
- *Resolved to approve impending payment of invoice for TA Blackamore Ltd for Grounds Maintenance including two additional cuts , invoice £1344.00 (including VAT£ 224.00) Cheque no 100554 Councillors approved payment of this amount.*

b) Draft Budget for 2017 circulated prior to meeting for perusal this will be discussed at next meeting Jan 2017 and the Precept set for the forthcoming year along with discussion of Section 137

Payments for the current year.

9. Items for Decisions

- **Play equipment Inspections** completed by Cllr Clark - roundabout stiff although it is still usable. Netball net had been vandalised, to be replaced Spring 2017. Cllr Smith would complete the checks until January meeting.
- LHI Funding Bid for 2016. Remaining footway to Common Cottages High Road costing £9,500 Parish Council to donate £1000. Notification of the LHI Bid was sent to a disused email address so was not received until queried.
- **Playing Field Funding** Cllr Clark proposed that playground games be marked out on the concrete surface in the field. More information at a later date.
- **Emergency Planning** Cllr Gibbs to compile list of equipment and volunteers, Clerk given as contact for any volunteers. Cllr Clark to compile a list of needy residents with their contact details.

Defibrillator training completed - volunteers very enthusiastic, some interest shown for 1st Aid Basic Responders.

Cllr Gibbs to contact Village Hall insurance company for permission for overnight stays at the hall. Topic to be discussed at March meeting as Agenda item

10. Any Other Business

Street Pride presented with Best Youth Project award, for work carried out with pupils from Kinderley School to brighten up the Bus shelter.

Roddens Housing Association have been notified of a residential problem in Colville Road.

Cllr Clark to arrange removal of seat from the PO

11. Dates of 2017 meetings

Monday Jan 16th at 7pm

Monday 6th March at 7pm Parish Assembly residents welcome

Monday 8th May at 7pm AGM

Monday 10th July at 7pm

Monday 4th September at 7pm

Monday 6th November at 7pm