

# NEWTON IN THE ISLE

## PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

### **Present**

Cllr's D Gibbs, J Hoyles, R Moore , R Sloan, S Clarke ), Cllr S King(CCC), C Seaton (FDC) and P Wilkinson (Clerk). Also attending Cllr R Mallett ( Chairman Tydd St Giles PC)

**31/17 Apologies** - Cllr D Smith

**32/17 Public Forum** – No questions raised

### **33/17 Chairman's Announcement**

The Chair welcomed Cllr R Mallett to the meeting. Chair to attend Remembrance Service at the church at 9am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November and invited all Councillors to participate. He also reminded Cllrs of the ACRE Conference taking place at Burges Hall St Ives on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 00 am. Including a number of interesting workshops

**34/17 Minutes of the previous meeting** - Were approved and signed as a true reflection. Two planning meetings were also held on 27<sup>th</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> October these minutes were also accepted as a true record and signed.

**34a.Matters arising** – no matters arising

### **35/17 Police matters**

Hare coursing had been reported in the area and fly tipping with over 80 tyres dumped in Fen Road. The Chair suggested that we may have more interest in gaining volunteers for Speed Watch if the members could participate by exchanging roles with a neighbouring village, however we still required a Coordinator. An alternative speed monitoring device was now available tracking speed, the data then downloaded and sent to the police, however the cost was £2,500. signage would also be required notifying the public of the scheme This may be considered at a future date as part of an LHI Bid.

### **36./17 Reports from District and County Councillors concerning the Parish**

Cllr Seaton (FDC) stated that the FDC budget for 2018/19 was due to be set shortly. He or his officers could be contacted to assist with any issues.

Cllr King (CCC) asked that the Wisbech Access Strategy Consultation be circulated 'Have your say on Wisbech Transport Schemes', three consultation events were open to members of the public with more information about the Wisbech Access Strategy. The events would be held on:

- Monday, November 6, Walsoken Village Hall, 10.30am to 1pm and 3pm to 7pm.
- Friday, November 17, Wisbech Market Place, 9am to 12noon.
- Friday, November 17, Tesco Extra (Cromwell Road, 3pm to 7pm).

Following accidents on the Sutton Road residents were to hold a meeting in Leverington Village hall.

### 37/17 Reports

- a) *Highways* – Cllr Clark stated that the LHI Bid was completed and submitted, discussion of our scheme was expected between November and January 2018, more details at the next meeting. £1200 was suggested as the council's contribution towards the LHI Bid. Land relating to LHI Bid was proved not to be registered to the adjoining property following Land Registry search for verification. North Level Drainage had given permission and would complete required work.
- i) *Resolved to approve the contribution of £1200 towards the LHI Bid for 2018. All Councillors approved payment if bid successful*

Fly tipping has created a problem in Fen Road with eighty three tyres being discarded in the dykes. FDC would remove the tyres when extracted from the dykes. Some repairs had been completed along the High Road, Highways were satisfied with criteria intervention. Stating that any further work would have to be undertaken at a cost to the Parish Council. Catlings Lane repaired and hedge at junction Fen Road/Mill Lane still unresolved.

Following an accident on the Sutton Road traffic had been diverted along Chapel Lane. The Council would write to the Police Commissioner as this road was not suitable for heavy vehicles and some damage was caused. Diversions should be made via Little Ramper. New signage was also required to replace a damaged 'No heavy vehicle access' sign.

b) *Old School site*- nothing further to report. A full community consultation would take place before any decisions were confirmed.

c) *Village Hall* – Report circulated (enclosed). Cllr Gibbs stated nineteen events booked, the Sunday lunch was successful, with fifty-two booked for a Christmas lunch. AGM on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Help had been offered as booking secretary, this was to be confirmed.

d) *Rights of Way* – Cllr Moore visited a number of paths in the parish and hoped to visit the remainder within the near future. There had been no issues raised.

e) *Playing Field - Roundabout* was now in full working order, letters of appreciation had been sent to Doug Fullbrook and Kevin Welbourn for replacing the bearing.

f) *Correspondence*- clerk previously circulated a number of emails (see report). Letters also received from two allotment holders wishing to relinquish their allotments from October 1st 2018. Allotments to be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

CCC Highways had received a concern from a resident requesting the installation of a footpath from the 156 High Road to corner of Rectory Road. Cllr Clark would contact a local landowner this would be discussed further following outcome.

g) *Residents Issues*- A resident expressed concerns of foul water drainage backing up in their garden. The council would contact Roddens for further investigation.

h.) *Planning* - Two applications

Ref: F/YR17/0872/F - Erection of 2-storey 3-bed dwelling with detached garage/store and siting of a temporary caravan during construction at Land East of Charity Farmhouse Goredike Bank Gorefield Cambridgeshire PE13 4NH

Ref: (F/YR17/0932/F - Land West of Brereton House Fitton End Road Newton-In-The-Isle Cambridgeshire) Planning Application for erection of up to 2no. dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access only) involving demolition of existing outbuildings at Land West

### **38/17 Finance**

#### *a) Approval of accounts for payment*

FDC Dog Bins £510 already paid approved at Planning meeting cheque no 100578

Village Hall hire PC meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September £20, cheque number 100579

LGS Services Payroll Services £33.00+ vat £6.60 Total £39.60 April to September, cheque number 100580

T A Blackamore - Grounds Maintenance £1190 + vat £238 Total £1428.00, cheque number 100582

Clerks salary and admin expenses including printing annual financial report

Total of £634.39, cheque number 100583

Donation of £25 Royal British Legion wreath cheque number 100584

Land registry search, £19. Cheque number 100585

Total expenses £2675.99

ii) *Resolved to approve seven cheques total amounting to £2675.99 . All councillors approved payments.*

### **Income**

Allotments £224.64

½ year Precept – £5250.00

½ year CTSG – £243.50 Total £5718.14

*Community account* £9691.12 after payments

*Business Saver or Reserve account* £5193.31 including the £3500 for the remaining Cat 2 lighting1.

### **39/17. Discuss items for decisions**

#### *a) Draft budget for 2018/19*

Copies of a draft budget at the present level for 2018/19 were circulate, carry forward to 2018 was expected to be around £3000 including a transfer of £1000 into the Reserve account

Further expenses next year would include increased lighting costs for maintenance and a reduction in CTSG (Council Tax Support Grant) from £487 to £243.

Concurrent Grant expected to remain the same next year at £1280, to be confirmed.

The Precept and budget would be discussed and finalised at the January meeting as an agenda item.

b) *Play Equipment inspection* – Cllr Gibbs reported graffiti on equipment, during the holiday period, this had been removed. the matting at edge of roundabout needed attention. Play equipment company to be approached.

c) *Monitor play equipment* - Cllr R Sloan agreed to monitor play equipment for November/ December.

d) *Allotments* to be discussed as an agenda item in January 2018

e) *Emergency Plan* - Cllr Moore to work with Cllr Gibbs to continue with Plan, there may be some financial impact. A gritter for pathways along with grit and safety equipment was available, Cllr Moore recommended we take up the offer, Cllr Gibbs and Moore to pursue offer and report back at next meeting.

f) *Woadman Arms* - Chairman stated that the Landlady Wendy Johnson would not be able to continue due to ill-health. It is hoped that a way would be found to keep the public house open, a letter had been sent to the company requesting information on future plans, Closure may be a possibility at the end of November. It is hoped to have further information for the next meeting. Some form of appreciation for the length of time Wendy and her family have been tenants would also be discussed at that time

**40/17. Date and time of next meeting** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018