

NEWTON in the ISLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton in the Isle Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Hall on Monday 7th March 2016 commenced at 7.00.

1. Present

Cllrs D Fullbrook (Chairman), D Gibbs, (Vice Chairman), D Smith, J Kooreman, J Hoyles , A Sloan, Cllr Chris Seaton (FDC), P Wilkinson (Clerk). Residents attending Mr and Mrs Peasey and Mrs J Simpson and Ms C Ross and Mr G Wilkinson. Chair welcomed the residents

2. Apologies

Cllrs S. Clark, Cllr M Humphrey and Cllr S King

3. Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly 2015 were signed as a true record.

Residents queries.

Mr and Mrs Peasey expressed their concerns regarding the backup of foul water which caused some flooding from their manhole cover in the garden. They had contacted Anglia Water, Circle O/ Roddons and FDC, no satisfactory answers had been received. A blockage along the system seemed to create the problem although no feedback had been given to the residents. Cllr Seaton would try and obtain a map of the drainage system for the Parish Council. The Parish Council would investigate.

Potholes were also a problem, it was explained that these were monitored on a regular bases and reported to highways and repaired however it was an ongoing problem.

4. Village Plan

Mr Wilkinson reported back on the Village Plan responses from the residents. Over 500 boxes within the survey and 300 responses had been received from residents. With roads, pavements and pot holes caused concern. Although the Parish Council had applied with a bid for a footpath improvement this was not successful. A number of issues had a balanced for and against response among them speed limits. Village Development resulted in 151 for Growth and Limited Growth and 188 to remain a Small Village, although the survey result showed 136 encouraged more housing. Environment encouraged wildlife areas. High responses were received for change of village name to Newton in the Isle which has already been taken on board by the Parish Council with success. Obtaining a defibrillator, received 228 responses in favour. A number of residents were unaware that allotments existed in the village while others thought there was a long waiting list. Confirmation of only one resident waiting for an allotment. A number also wanted more notice boards within the village which again was being considered by the Parish Council. Results of the survey would be circulated to the Parish Council when the document had been printed.

Mr Wilkinson was thanked for his feedback. Residents were thanked for attending and invited to stay for the Parish Council meeting.

Parish Assembly closed at 7.35