

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 8th September 2014 commenced at 7pm.

Present

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook (Vice Chair), S Clark, M Youngs, J Kooreman, D Gibbs, A Sloan, Cllr C Seaton and P Wilkinson (Clerk).and Nina Burton (Head of Property Marketing Team at Circle Housing Roddons).

Apologies

PCSO Russ and Cllr M Humphrey, Cllr A Lay and Fiona Coulson (Circle Housing Association)

Minutes of the last meeting

These were previously circulated and accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising

Speedwatch, Cllr S Clark will continue as the Speedwatch Coordinator, concerns expressed that only one set of equipment for use in the area. New recruits would need training dates to be arranged. Name of new housing development road to be named Poppy Close.

Action Review

- Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to sewerage problem (Church Lane/Goodens Lane) sewerage plant, no upgrade was planned, Monitoring continues.
- Parish Council and FDC continue to monitor old school site.
- Cllr Clark to continue with survey regarding Newton old school site, results expected at the end of year
- Request CCC Highways Action to move speed restriction signs at east end of High Road. Closed
- Newton Playing Field – complete installation of QE2 and millennium tree plaques. Replace damaged 'No Dogs' sign on play enclosure gate. Ongoing
- Arrange replacement of Mill Lane name sign at junction with Fitton End, waiting installation
- Speedwatch recruit volunteers through adverts and Bridge Magazine ongoing
- Parking on pavement - Request police enforcement of ban, ongoing
- Cllr Gibbs had spoken to the Ambulance Trust and the cost for a Defibrillator would total £1,945 including training, a grant may be possible or local fundraising to be considered asking local residents to contribute. Cllr's Gibbs and Clark to investigate further ongoing
- Letter to thank CCC Highways for improvement to Goodens Lane footpath.
- Cllr Seaton to arrange meeting of Parish Council Chairs to discuss street lighting funding
- Write to Secretary of State Planning Directorate Completed
- Arrange annual maintenance inspection of play equipment ongoing
- Trees in Goodens Lane completed. No further action to be taken regarding the tree in Westfield Road.

Street Lighting

Cllr Seaton explained that the Concurrent Grant was to continue. Cllr Hoyles to arrange date with Cllr Seaton and Parish Councils to discuss the Street Lighting

Local Letting

Nina Burton explained the procedure for applying for the new Goodens Lane housing. The site is subject to the Local Letting Plan which gives priority to applicants with rural connections to Newton. The units should be ready in late October. There have already been a number of applications. The site comprises 12 affordable homes these will be for rent on a five year fixed term. 6 two bedroom houses, 4 two bedroom chalet bungalows and 2 three bedroom houses.

Councillors discussed the possibility of one person occupancy it was agreed with Nina Burton to add an Additional Statement to LLP (Local Letting Plan): *'Under occupation to maximise the opportunity for homes to be offered to local residents, consideration will be given to under occupy the properties by one bedroom, subject to financial assessment. And will only apply to applicants with the rural connection, Nina will arrange the addition to the LLP and forward to Councillors. Nina will also arrange with Fiona Coulson to contact the Councillors for a site visit when the housing is completed.*

The Chair thanked Ms Burton for attending, she left at this point.

Finance

Savings a/c £1691.42 including 23p interest

Current A/c £2765.89

Invoice of £13.50 for Play Equipment sign

Invoices for Street Lighting Energy from April –Sept 2014 £200.33. Clerk queried this account which is on hold.

Street Lighting decommissioning of FPC 5 cost £737.38 again this is on hold with a query Awaiting response.

Highways

Work approved for patch and surface Goredyke Bank.

Goodens Lane footpath completed, Fen Road and Brewers Lane patching completed

Drainage gullies outside the church to be repaired this year, repair also needed to gullies outside 239 and 217 High Road also on Goodens Lane/Colville Road corner

LHI Bid submitted for funding to reduce speeding limit from 40 to 30 and introduce calming measures.

Verge markers to be installed in Chapel Lane at Rectory Road end.

Residents queried the state of the pathway along the High Road

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Planning

Cllr Hoyles had received two planning applications

White House Fitton End Road detached garage single storey extension

Hawthornes Fitton End Road 2 storey side extension conversion garage and kitchen to 1 bed annex

Village Hall

Cllr Gibbs reported the monthly coffee morning thriving, now launching a monthly afternoon tea.

Autumn events include a Clairvoyant Evening on Saturday 4th October, a Garage Sale on Sunday 12th October and a Race Night 24th October. The AGM will be held on Thursday 20th November. VHC (Village Hall Committee) to invest in new furniture and equipment. Always open to new members to join the Management Committee.

Playing Field

Annual maintenance of play equipment to be arranged. Monitoring of the playing field is ongoing still experiencing problems with dog fouling

Police Report

This report was circulated prior to the meeting. Burglary in Church Lane Theft of motor vehicle in Gypsy Lane and theft of diesel from vehicle in Fen Road

Correspondence

A number of emails forwarded to Cllr's

Street name Poppy Close

Changes in Electoral Voting System

Cambs Police & Crime Commissioner burglary satisfaction Cambridgeshire 7th for burglary satisfaction levels

CP & CC Praise for Police
P & CC New measures Stop and Search
NHS and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group AGM 16th Sept at the Malting Ely 6 to 9 pm
Guyhirn North Rural Forum 21 August
CCC Household Recycling Service consultation online questionnaire
Highway Matters Update
Spotlight on older people
Housing posters displayed
Transport meeting Sept 15th Fenland Hall Dave attending.
Acre Invitation 23 Sept Harlton Cambridge
FDC adopted of delivering and protecting high quality environments in Fenland and resources use and renewable energy supplementary planning document (2spds)copy in file

Correspondence at meeting

Mrs Steph Sands concerns responded
Cherry Tree Westfield Rd responded
Member Services Openness of Local Government Bodies regulations 2014, members of the public can now use modern technology and communication tools to take photos films and audio record at public meetings.
North Level Drainage invitation to Councillors on Wed 8th Oct
Polling Station Review, is venue satisfactory? (return form)

Any other Business

Transport

Cllr Gibbs was to attend the meeting regarding the transport review and would report back.
Questionnaires would be available and circulated to residents using the transport.

Fly Tipping

Cllr Clark stated that Fly Tipping was a real concern, a large amount had been dumped in Hogens Lane

Date and time of next meeting Monday 10th November at 7pm in the Village Hall,