

Newton in the Isle Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2016 at 7pm

Present

Cllr's D Gibbs (Vice Chairman) S Clark, J Hoyles, Cllr King and P Wilkinson (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Cllr's D Fullbrook, (Chairman) A Sloan, Seaton (FDC)

Also present a number of residents. including Mrs J Clark, Mrs Hepworth, Mrs D Markham, Mr Lawrence Kilner and Martha (Great Dane).

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

Cllr Clark Allotments and Cllr Clark Planning

3 Public Forum

A number of residents had serious concerns regarding the behaviour of a large unsociable dog in Goodens Lane, which had attacked a Great Dane causing injury which, required veterinary treatment. Although the police were contacted it was considered a civil matter. The dog also appeared to be difficult to control in public. Although not a Parish Council matter Cllr Gibbs would contact the FDC Dog Warden to ascertain the situation. He would report back to the Parish Council.

4 Minutes of Previous meeting

True and accurate account proposed accepted by Cllr Clark seconded by Cllr Hoyles.

a) Matters arising

Cllr Fullbrook would be asked to report back at the next meeting on the rabbit problem

5. Action Review

Ditch work to commence shortly, Cllr Kooreman not available at this point for comment.

Further discussion on a solution regarding the ditch outlet to take place

Play equipment roundabout repair Cllr Gibbs suggested maintenance carried out by a contractor be considered for future projects.

Neighbourhood Watch awaiting more information from Cllr Fullbrook, to discuss at November meeting.

Other issues discussed in individual reports.

Cllr Hoyles congratulated Street Pride on the work they had achieved in the village.

Cllr Kooreman arrived 7.40pm

b) Contract of Employment

Contract of Employment amendments discussed - Cllr Gibbs to prepare approved contract.

- *Resolved to adopt Contract of Employment, nominated by Cllr Clark proposed and seconded by Cllr Kooreman agreed by Cllrs.*

6. Reports

All the reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) **Highways** – Footpath maintenance to commence shortly on the High Road from Common Cottages to Newton Hall. It is hoped to also improve the footpath at east end of High Road (near bungalows).

Highways Open Day Wednesday 20th June (see report) regarding grass cutting arrangements

- b) **Playing Field**
Wasp nest in hedge delayed completion of work in entrance to Playing Field.
Timber and cement for dyke repair ordered cost estimated to be £80. Cllr approved.
- c) **Missing Links Project** document sent via email 30-page document pages 30/31 pertain to Newton, resend to Cllr Hoyles.
- d) **Defibrillator Appeal** – raised £2061, Defibrillator and Training cost £1945 with remaining £116 for installation. Defibrillator had been purchased and is ready for installation Cllr Gibbs arranging training for 17 volunteers.
- e) **Speedwatch**- still seeking village representative to lead programme
- f) **Police Report** – July- Theft of motor vehicle, August-Theft of motor cycle from rear of van and assault on person by unknown male. North Rural Forum 3rd/12th October. seeking a village hall to host the meeting
- g) **Village Hall** – PO operating again with temporary cover. Village Hall required more Trustees to assist in the running of the Hall
- h) **Street Pride**- Barrel needed treating and permission for siting on Priestley Corner.
- i) **Old School Site**-The owner is in contact with FDC Development and Planning Services he would then update the Parish Council for their input with view to developing the site
- j) **Fly Tipping**- Problems in several locations no prosecution undertaken.
- k) **Correspondence** (see report)
- l) **Street lighting** –A further three CAT 2 lights completed costing £1397.62. The Old Chapel bracket, High Road still not completed. Two further lights left for completion of Cat 2 Project.

7. Finance

- a) Savings a/c £1693.10 including 21p interest.
Number of cheques for authorisation

Defibrillator £2334 leaving £116.cheque number 100545
 FPL Playground Inspection £120 cheque number 100542
 CCC Grant for footpath 3/3 £366 cheque no 100546
 Transparency Grant Laptop £532.33 cheque no 100543
 Printer and 3 year guarantee £130.20 cheque no 100544

- o *Resolved to approve payment of five invoices in retrospect amounting to expenditure of £3482.53 Approved by Councillors*

Further invoices for payment

Stationary for Defibrillator Appeal £28.24 cheque no100547
 FPL Playground maintenance (Zip wire cover) £62.40 cheque n8o 100548
 FPL Playground Maintenance bird deterrent, quote £63 approved
 CAT 2 lighting three lights £1397.62 cheque no 100549

- *Resolved to approve payment of six outstanding invoices amounting to expenditure of £1550.26 approved by Councillors*

Business a/c £4949.50 including all above invoices and £12.48 recycling credit

Draft budget on track see report circulated prior to meeting.

b) **Approval of Audit Commission Report**

Previously circulated, comment made on Section 2 boxes 5 and 10 for each year these were left blank, ensure nil balance is completed

- *Resolved to approved Audit Commission Report nominated by Cllr D Gibbs seconded by Cllr Clark and approved by Cllrs*
- c) **Adoption of Standing Orders** –only change name to Newton in the Isle
- *Resolved to approve change of name nominated by Cllr D Gibbs seconded by Cllr Clark and agreed by Cllrs*
- d) **Re adoption of Financial Regulations**
- *Resolved to approve re adoption with no changes nominated Cllr D Gibbs seconded by Cllr Clark and approved by Cllrs*

Notification received from FDC that the Council Support Tax Grant (CSTG) would be reduced next April 2017 to £487.

8. Items for Decision

- a) Allotments this has been deferred Cllr Sloan and Gibbs to complete and review next year
- b) Play equipment inspections – Cllr Clark would complete next 8 weeks.
Bird deterrent to be fixed to swings, and climbing frame fixing
- c) Emergency Planning. – to be discussed at November meeting as Agenda item equipment and man power needs to be determined

9. Any other Business

Complaint received regarding a bonfire burning household waste, the Environmental Service Team had been notified and were monitoring the situation.

Dangerous tree on High Road corner near 347 High Road. Tree officer to investigate. Cllr Gibbs to report back

Hedge behind bus shelter in Goodens Lane /Colvile Road overgrown. the Community Payback Team to be approached for assistance

Cllr Clark meeting Highways to discuss replacing white lines at both ends of Mill Lane.

The pathway along High Road from number 184 to 190 will be repaired

Parish Council to write to Clinical Commission Group with concerns re closure of Minor Incident Unit at Wisbech Hospital.

Cllr King reported on street lighting, Balfour Beatty on temporary contract until next April. Any problems regarding street lighting contact Cllr King.

Cllr Hoyles sends his apologies for absence at next meeting.

Date and time of Next meeting Monday 7th November at 7pm in the village hall