

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Assembly held on Monday 12th March 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr's D Gibbs (Chairman), J Hoyles, S Clark (Vice Chairman), R Moore, C Seaton (FDC), S King (CCC) and P Wilkinson (Clerk). Also present Mr Peter Terry, PJ Developments.

2. Apologies

Cllr's D Smith, R Sloan, J Kooreman, Cllr M Humphrey (FDC) and PCSO Helen Norton-Smith. Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

3. Minutes from the previous Parish Assembly

Held on Monday 6th March 2017 there were no queries raised from this meeting, the minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by Chair.

The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting and explained a number of issues the Council dealt with during the year, potholes were monitored and reported regularly along with fly tipping which was becoming quite a problem with a number of incidents occurring in the Parish. Trees and street lighting were also regularly monitored. The Parish street lights were in the process of being upgraded and were now awaiting a new contractor to be appointed by FDC (Fenland District Council) to continue the process. The Parish Council were in touch on a regular basis with CCC (Cambridgeshire County Council), FDC, the police and CCC Highways who dealt with queries raised in the Parish.

Residents could contact the Council via the Newton website with any queries or observations that they may have. A Public Forum (ten minutes) for raising concerns was also available at the commencement of each Parish Council meeting.

The Annual Report would be produced in the summer and circulated to residents.

There were a number of projects in which residents could participate, Street Pride, Speedwatch and the Winter Road Watch, for further information contact the Chairman.

4. Residents queries.

A number of questions were put forward.

Q. Are records kept on Fly tipping etc?

A. No separate records were retained, although the Council was aware of incidents and they were reported to the appropriate department at Fenland. Fly tipping had been a considerable problem recently with 150 car tyres being deposited within the village.

Q. Church Road was in need of repair due to pot holes etc when was the road likely to be resurfaced?

A. Patching was likely but no road improvements were scheduled in the near future. A new more efficient machine to repair potholes was now being used.

Q. If more building developments were to take place the roads would be further damaged by heavy builders traffic, what precautions would be made?

A. This would need to be taken into account by the contractors.

Q. Was there any emergency fund available to keep lorries out of secondary roads?

A. Replacement signage had been ordered to prevent lorries using Chapel Lane. Alternative routes were very difficult and often not viable due to additional distance, i.e. via Sutton Bridge. Cllr Gibbs was to discuss the problem with the new Police Inspector in a few days' time.

Q. A resident queried a statement in the minutes of March 2017 council meeting which stated *that work on a tree in the Playing Field had been completed*. The resident proclaimed that the statement was incorrect and untrue, that further work had recently taken place.

A. The Chair explained that statements made during meetings were recorded as an accurate record of what had been said during that meeting. The minutes stated that the work had been completed and during the meeting at which the statement was made the recorded statement was correct.

Q. Was it possible to investigate internet coverage to give a stronger signal by using a high point such as the water tower or church?

A. The Council would investigate further.

5. No Further Business

Meeting closed at 7.24pm. All residents were invited to attend the full meeting.