

# NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 commenced at 7pm.

## **Present**

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook (Vice Chair), S Clark, M Youngs, D Gibbs and A Sloan, P Wilkinson (Clerk), Cllr C Seaton and Cllr A Lay.

## **Apologies**

PCSO Bush who had another meeting.

## **Minutes of the last meeting**

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

## **Matters Arising**

The purchase of a case for the Jubilee Book was put on hold due to budget restraints.

## **Action Review**

Concerns raised regarding the flooding of water from Church Lane into the front garden at Beech Trees. Chairman to write to Anglian Water regarding the problem. The proposed sewerage solution is still being monitored.

Condition of the old school site - continue monitoring.

Cllr Fullbrook to complete installation in the playing field of QE2 and the Millennium tree plaques and 'No Dogs' sign by May 2015.

Speedwatch - No response for volunteers, action closed, agenda item for next meeting.

Clerk to contact PCSO Bush regarding the inconsiderate parking of minibus in Poppy Close causing large vehicles to mount the kerb also obstructing the refuse collections.

Ambulance Trust Defibrillator; commencement of fund raising campaign extended to May 2015.

Basketball net to be ordered if approved, Cllr Fullbrook to install.

Letter to be sent to James Rigney at Cambridgeshire County Council and a copy to Neil Band regarding the poor condition of the High Road footpath.

### *a) Survey results*

Cllr Clark stated residents wanted action taken on the old school site. Cllr Seaton explained that nothing could be done as it was private property and it was only possible to continue monitoring the site for any deterioration, at which time if nothing was done to rectify the problem, action could be commenced. Cllr Clark to summarise survey for the next meeting.

**Allotments** - Nothing to report.

## **Street Lighting Update**

Councillors agreed to authorise Fenland District Council to arrange replacement of existing street lighting in Category 1 the responsibility of the Parish Council (amounting to two lights). Form signed by the Chairman giving authorisation.

Category 2 consists of 11 street lights in need of maintenance, the expected cost £13200. But subject to further discussion regarding funding FDC may fund £6179 with the Parish funding the remainder over three years. No final decision has been taken.

Cllr Gibbs had queried the responsibility of the two new street lights in Poppy Close. These street lights are the responsibility of Circle Housing Roddons and are run on a metered supply.

## **Finance**

Richard Leighton is unable to take on auditing the accounts. Cllrs approved that the Clerk contact Auditing Solutions Ltd who also audits Parson Drove, Wisbech St Mary and Gorefield, costs for the year's audit are expected to be in the region of £175.

Business Saver A/c £1691.63 including 21p interest.

Community A/c £5457.47 including our second instalment of the Concurrent Grant of £640

Invoices for payment

Acre Membership £54

Clerks salary and admin expenses £516.53

Cllrs agreed to authorise payments.

Quote for Basketball nets for delivery only £22.95 order approved

a) Clerk circulated copies of Forecast Budget for 2015/2016

Estimated costs including 1/3<sup>rd</sup> street lighting Category 2 of £3141.00.

Total, income £11121 including a forecast carry forward of £3000. Expenditure £10367 This gives an estimated income over expenditure at the end of 2015/2016 of £754 This has not taken into account any Highways Speed Reduction Bid repayments (awaiting decision). After discussion it was approved by the Cllrs present that an increase on the Parish Precept of £1000 to £7500 was necessary.

Donations approved

East Anglian Air Ambulance £75, CAB £25, Victim Support £25, Village Hall £100

Following checking if this payment was within the Parish Council's remit it was agreed to donate Kinderley CP School £100 towards new Play equipment for KS1.

b) New Financial Regulations these had been previously circulated with amendments

Following discussion it was agreed to approve the new Regulations.

**Pecuniary Regulations** - No changes

## **Highways**

Copies of Highway Matters were circulated prior to the meeting. These included

Goodens Lane footway to be monitored

Fen Road and Brewers Lane initial work completed. Catlings Lane patching only Resubmit scheme next year. 2 drainage gullies outside St James Church to be repaired. Drainage gullies outside 239 and 217 High Road in need of repair Roman Bank potholes to be repaired. Speed Limit Reduction Bid result expected end of January 2015.

## **Village Hall**

AGM had taken place along with a Children's Christmas Party. Christmas tree and lights had been erected outside the Village Hall along with a successful carol singing and refreshment event. Monthly Coffee mornings and afternoon teas continue. On February 27<sup>th</sup> a talk to be given by John Hoyles on Drainage of the North Level, another Clairvoyant Evening is also planned. New members are being sought on the Management Committee

## **Planning**

Dwellings at Roshamera 326 High Road, FDC received concerns from residents living behind the plot Newton Hall Barns planning application submitted.

## **Playing Field**

Cllr Fullbrook stated trees had been pruned by the Community Payback Team. A large trailer was required for the refuse, Cllr Fullbrook to contact Cllr Kooreman re trailer. Dog Fouling continues to be a real problem.

### **Correspondence**

Emails received and forwarded on to Councillors since our last meeting.

Public Sector leaflets

Rural Services Network

Police & Crime Commissioner Cambs Police Performing Well

And Fenland Community Safety

CAPALC Bulletin

Winter Health sent on to include on Council website

Cambridgeshire ACRE News

Rural Services Public Consultation on Developer Contribution and Community Infrastructure

Fenland Infrastructure Delivery Plan/ and Update

Safeguarding And Mental Capacity Act Document

NHS Consultation on Future model for NHS 111 and GP Out of Hours Service

Sir Graham Surgery 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Peterborough 1.30 – 3.30

FDC Draft Corporate Plan Consultation

Lincolnshire Mineral and Waste Local Plan

New Years Honours nominations 2016

Winter Dog Fouling Campaign series of enforcement patrols

CTS Fault reporting link *Highway and Right Of Way Issues*

Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan

Small Grants for Community Projects- Fete committee interested for Fete WW2 Theme

### **Requests received for donations**

ABC Preschool for donations towards a new Air Conditioning unit

Volunteer Centre

These requests were unsuccessful, clerk to write to ABC PreSchool

### **Police Report**

No Crimes within the village since the last meeting. PCSO Andy Bush replacing PSCO Dave Russ

### **Any Other Business**

Future Transport Meeting 24th Feb 18.00 – 20.00 March Library, Cllr Gibbs to attend.

Cllr Gibbs asked the Parish Council for permission to hold the Village Fete in the Playing Field on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June - approved. The Playing Field entrance causes some concern for vehicles if wet.

Cllr Fullbrook to enquire if Neil Band had any spare hardcore that could be laid in the entrance.

Street Pride would like to undertake improvements within the Bus shelter along with repainting of a bench to try and improve interest within the village, the Cllrs gave their approval. It was also hoped to put planters around benches. Chair stated that Street Pride had vastly improved the look of the village.

North Rural Forum to be held on 11th March at the Village Hall Tydd St Giles at 5.pm

Date and time of next meeting, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm commencing with the Annual Parish Assembly

Meeting closed 8.25