

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th January 2019

All members are reminded that they will need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest and reason before an item discussed at this meeting under the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576.

Present

D Gibbs, R Moore, J Hoyles G Wilkinson, D Smith, C Seaton and S Clark arrived at 7 25pm

107/19 Apologies
Cllr S King.

108/19 Public Forum :No residents attended

109/19 Chairman's Announcements

Chairman stated he had presented the LHI Bid for 2019/20. He had also attended the ACRE Conference, and workshop, The Police Panel meeting with the Crime Commissioner at which a number of concerns were expressed, and the Cambridgeshire Strategy Transport Workshop.

120/19 Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Council meeting 13th November 2018 were accepted as a true record and signed.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

b) Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Thursday 3rd January 2018 were accepted as a true record and signed

121/19 Police Matters

No crimes shown on the monthly report in Newton. Police will no longer attend Council meetings.

122/19 District and County Councillors Reports

Cllr Seaton stated that FDC Budget would be in consultation with. Business Plan on 21st January A number of services including police were expected to increase their budgets. Garden Town 2019 funding consultation continuing. Leisure Centres had a new operator Freedom Leisure Company expected to be in place within six months, this could have an impact on the Indoor Bowls Club. Cllr Hoyles thanked Cllr Seaton for explaining the Hudson Leisure centre changes.

123/19. . Reports

a.Highways

The Highway report was previously circulated, the LHI Bid for 2019/20 had been submitted for a portable speed monitoring sign, cost of £478.65. Cllr Gibbs stated that no funding was available from CCC (Cambridgeshire County Council) to fulfil our LHI Bid for 2018/19, this would now have to be resubmitted at a later date. Damage to the Black Dyke bridge had been reported. Along with faulty street lighting and potholes.

b) Village Hall report circulated prior to meeting

The fish and chip van located every Wednesday at the Village Hall may cause some difficulty parking during the summer months. Cllr Smith would approach Mr Matthew Smith to see if it was

possible to park outside his premises on the High Road. He will report back at the next meeting. The Sunday lunches have proved very successful and it is hoped to make a profit of £2000 at the end of March. However The report also highlights the Village Hall kitchen needed updating. The Village Hall Management Committee asked for approval from the Parish Council to undertake a kitchen refurbishment as the Trustees leased it from the Parish Council to operate it as an amenity for the community although under the terms of the lease the charity was responsible for the ongoing repairs and maintenance of the building. It was minuted that five of the six councillors declared an interest as they were also members of the Village Hall Management Committee. A proposals were put forward by Cllr D Smith a non Village Hall Management member it was discussed and approved the Parish Council agreed to the Village Hall Management Committees proposal to their improvements to the hall kitchen.

i) Resolved that the Parish Council approve to the Village Hall Management Committees proposal that they undertake improvements to refurbish the village hall kitchen. All Councillors agreed

Parish Council also agreed to take financial responsibly for the removal of the leaking roof box at a cost of £547. plus Vat, in the Councils capacity as owners of the building.

ii) Resolved to approve removal of the leaking roof box at a cost of £547. plus vat by Turner Roofing contractors all Cllrs agreed

c) Playing Field

An application of £2000 has been submitted to Grange Wind Farm, outcome expected in early February. If successful the project could proceed in early March. Residents had expressed concerns regarding the condition of the dyke along the field. Discussion has taken place as to infilling the dyke along the western boundary. However after further discussion a number of factors including the financial implications needed to be decided before any work could be undertaken, This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

d) Village Trees

Six trees had been recommended for attention, tree surgeon quote of £1432. was approved work on all the trees to be completed

iii) Resolved to approve the work to be completed on a further 6 trees at a cost of £1432 all agreed by Councillors.

e) Emergency Plan

Grit bins now in place, still awaiting some safety wear Some funding may be required but this will be determined at a later date. On completion of kitchen refurbishment in village hall which may effect the storage facility.

f) Correspondence

Cllr King donation to all his Parish Councils following payment to Councillors.

Members Services- Business Plan & Budget Proposals/Views & Councils Scrutiny Process

Rural Services Network News

Rural Bulletin

CAPALC Bulletin

Views on CCC Business Planning

Town and Country Newsletter November

Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Team Monthly Reviews for November/December.

Gritting Pack available for collection information given to Cllr Gibbs

Donation from Cllr S King

Funding for Bikeable training in schools see attached letter the fun. Cllrs to consider a financial donation if approached

fb Residents Issues

Faulty Street Lights reported - Goodens Lane repair completed

FPC4 Outside St James Close – Resident reported to Clerk that light not working on Dec 29th awaiting repair

Damaged structure

Fault type: Damaged structure (e.g. Bridge) Date reported: 29/12/2018

Location: North Level Drain on Black Dyke between Fen Road and Tydd St Giles

Description of fault: Bridleway bridge over North Level Drain. There is a hole in the bridge where one plank has broken reference number 00307081 for data protection. Place and Economy Cambridgeshire County Council. Reported by resident to CCC and copied to clerk. Cllr Gibbs made temporary repair.

Query- Salt bin required by residents at Elloe Bank as road was not gritted when weather very icy.,bridge area was an isolated area part Gorefield part Newton Parishes, Resident. would be responsible for gritting. Unable to comply due to Highways responsibility for roads. Cllr Gibbs to write and explain situation to resident.

g) Village Handyman

A sum of £500 agreed for appointment panel by Chair, Vice Chair and clerk to interview candidates recommendation to March meeting members to identify tasks.

iv) Resolved to approve appointment of Handyman at a cost of £500 per annum, Cllrs agreed.

124/19 Discuss Items for decisions

Play equipment Inspection

Completed by Cllr Wilkinson. All equipment in order He will purchase grease gun for roundabout early spring.

Cllr Wilkinson agreed to continue to monitor the play equipment for a further two months.

125/19 Finance Report

Previously circulated. Payments approved

Acre annual subscription £57. cheque no

Clerk salary £544.32 cheque no

Village Hall hire charges for planning meeting and January Council meeting £30 cheque no

Total outstanding invoices £631.32 Income received ½ year Concurrent Grant £640

Donation £30 given by Cllr King Peppercorn rent £1. Allotment rent £189.20 total income £860.20

Community account stands at £8624.74 including payments and income.

Reserve account stands at £13,014.73 including £5.94 interest Part of reserve account income is ring fenced for LHI Bid and Street Lighting upgrades and annual agreement costs.

v) Resolved to approve payment of three invoices Acre £57. cheque

Clerk salary £544.32 cheque no Cllrs agreed to approve payment.

Also circulated copies of remaining budget for year ending March 31st 2019 and attached draft budget for 2019/20 .After consideration it was agreed that the as *the*. Street lighting has been delayed due to new contractors.and that the LHI Bid for 2018/19 was unable to proceed that the Precept could remain at the same level

vi)

Resolved to approve Community Precept remains at £13000 for the forthcoming year 2019/20. Approved and agreed by all Cllrs

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126/19 Date of Next meeting- Tuesday 12th March Parish Assembly

1. Purpose of Report

Approval of payment of invoices and update on budget and setting Precept for 2019-2020

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2. Key Issues

Business / Reserve a/c – £13014.73 including £5.94 interest **Community a/c £9256.06**

Outstanding invoices for approval Clerk salary £544.32 to December 2018

Acre annual membership £57.00

Village Hall rent for planning meeting and Jan Council meeting £30

Total outstanding invoices £631.32

Income-1/2 year Concurrent Grant £640. Donation £30 given by Cllr S King

Rent village Hall £1, allotment rent 189.20, total income £860.20

Community account stands at £8624.74 (all invoices and income taken into account)

*Attached Budget for 2018 -Carry forward expected to be around £3545

*Attached Draft Budget for 2019 with Precept at same level £13000
However we still have to consider additional financial implications as discussed in reports (agenda item 8) and may need to reconsider the level of Precept for 2019. Next year we will receive no Council Tax Support Grant CTSG.

*Attached Reserve account Budget

You may decide to use the 2018 lighting reserve - £2500 for another purpose. However, we do have to consider our Lighting Agreement costs due in June and which is at present set aside in the Community account £3000

3. Recommendations

Approve payment of invoices.

Consider Budget and set Precept for 2019/20

***see attachments (3)**