

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th July 2015 commenced at 7.00pm.

1. Election of Chairman

Nominations for Chairman, Cllr D Gibbs proposed Cllr D Fullbrook seconded by Cllr D Smith and approved by Councillors

Cllr D Fullbrook thanked Cllr J Hoyles for his contributions as Chairman and then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman, Cllr D Smith proposed Cllr D Gibbs, seconded by Cllr Clark and approved by all Councillors

2. Present

Cllr D Fullbrook (Chairman), Cllr S Clark (also FDC), Cllr D Gibbs (Vice Chair), Cllr J Hoyles, Cllr D Smith, Cllr A Sloan, and P Wilkinson (Clerk)

3. Apologies

Cllr J Kooreman, Cllr C Seaton FDC, Cllr A Lay CCC and PCSO S Clark

4. Declaration of Interests with regard to terms of the Agenda

Cllr S Clark declared an interest in planning applications and notified her withdrawal from any discussions on planning issues.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

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

Matters arising

No matters arising.

6. Action Review

Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to a sewerage problem (Church Lane/Goodens Lane). *Action closed*

Cllr Fullbrook to complete installation in the QE2 Playing Field of the Millennium tree plaques, awaiting S Tierney. If no response received the matter would be reassessed. *Completion extended to November 2015.*

Speedwatch recruit volunteers and implement programme of regular speed checks. Cllr Clark to contact PCSO D Russ for Speedwatch equipment.

Liaising to continue with CCC Highways Steve Nicholson regarding outstanding tasks (see Highways Matters) for Newton

Further Speedwatch checks required before warning signs would be authorised for use.

No response received to letter sent to Inspector Boughton regarding lack of police presence at council meetings. A letter to be sent to the current Inspector Will Davis

The hedge at the BT Exchange, High Road interfering with streetlight and a cherry tree in Goodens Lane/Church Lane will be assessed in the Autumn

Replacement of guttering at bus shelter Goodens Lane.

Cllr Seaton to provide an update on old school site.

7. Highway Issues

During the recent visit Cllr S Clark had discussed issues with Steve Nicholson from CCC Highways Department. A number of issues had been completed (see Highways Matters). Cllr Clark had received a number of complaints regarding heavy lorries travelling through the village for a 24 hours period following a traffic incident on the main Sutton Road. The Councillors requested that Steve Nicholson provide a Contingency Plan, Cllr Clark awaiting outcome

Two new issues included road flooding at the Mill Lane /Fen Road junction, to be reviewed at a later date due to heavy lorries attending building site.

Pipe barrier repair at junction of Rectory Road along with an information sign at entry of Franks Lane B1165.needed repair

8. Allotments

A date for an allotment inspection for Cllrs was to be arranged in September.

9. Planning

Two planning applications received prior to the meeting, all councillors notified and approved
Conversion of Barn south of 2 Newton Hall Barns Hogens Lane – F/YR15/0506/F
Erection of extension to Churchcroft Cottage Church Lane Newton – F/YR15/044/F

Planning Committee Terms of Reference circulated prior to the meeting, three annual meetings to be arranged following Council meetings. If additional meetings were necessary three clear working days notice would be required, and the Clerk would notify Councillors. Election of Chairman to take place at the first planning meeting following the September Parish Council meeting.

Resolved to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee, proposed by Cllr S Clark and seconded by Cllr A Sloan and approved by Councillors.

10. Village Hall

Clairvoyant Evening successful, Coffee mornings and Afternoon teas continued, including an afternoon tea in conjunction with the Bowls Club to help increase membership. A Garage Sale was to take place on Sunday 19th July.

11. Playing Field

Cllr Fullbrook to contact the Community Payback Team for assistance with clearing the ditch and to fill in dropped area near Karrow Field entrance.

12. Finance

Savings Account - £1692.05 including 23p interest

Community Current A/C Income received since last meeting

Recycling credit for £12.50

½ year Concurrent grant £640.

Community Current A/C now stands at £6897.26 deducting the £1593 Grant earmarked for the Village Plan

Resolve to approve payment of Clerk's salary and sundry expenses for £531.08 cheque no 10050, Councillors approved the payment.

13. Correspondence

Emails forwarded on to Councillors between meetings
A number of Rural Services Network leaflets on various topics
Fenland Sports Facilities consultation information
Active Fenland – re project to get village active
Application for Town Parish Representative for Conduct Committee
Invitation to the opening of the new Kinderley School Memorial Garden
FDC contacted by resident querying grass cutting in Westfield Road. Request completed.
E Cops Reports
Cambs and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group Public Sector Information
Minerals and Waste Local Plan
Rural Housing Network

Correspondence received via post

North Level Internal Drainage Board day visit Oct 14th Wed
East Anglian Children's Hospices
The Pension Regulator automatic enrolment legal duties in place prepared for July 1st 2017

14. Any Other Business

a) *Village Post Office* to close on 29th July 2015. Discussions in process to use the Village Hall for two hours per week if a postal officer was available. PO to provide cost of phone line and equipment. A presentation was suggested on behalf of the village to Mr and Mrs Youngs.

b) *Village Plan*

Distribution of explanation leaflets to be delivered at end of July, followed by hand delivery of questionnaires in August

c) *Pond*

Rectory Road/ High Road pond cleared of undergrowth and found to have a problem with untreated sewerage, this is being investigated by the Drainage Board and Anglian Water. The Environmental Agency may become involved.

Church clock maintenance referred for discussion at the next meeting.

Bus Shelter. Kinderley School participating in a project to enhance the bus shelter in Goodens Lane.

Cllr Fullbrook stated that the Fete was very successful and a letter of thanks should be sent to the Chairman of the committee.

Next meeting confirmed as 7th September at 7pm.