

# NEWTON in the ISLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton in the Isle Parish Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 commenced at 7.00pm.

## **Present**

Cllr's D Fullbrook (Chairman), D Gibbs, (Vice Chairman), D Smith, S.Clark, J Kooreman, J Hoyles, Cllr C Seaton FDC, Cllr A Lay (CCC),Cllr S King P Wilkinson (Clerk)  
Also present were Mrs S Sands and Mr and Mrs Hepworth village residents

## **1. Apologies** Cllr A Sloan

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## **2. Declaration of Interests with regard to terms of the Agenda**

No declaration of interest.

**3. Public Forum** An infestation of rabbits on a High Road allotment is causing considerable damage, the allotment holder wished to arrange for a pest controller to eradicate the problem . Cllr Fullbrook would discuss the problem with the neighbouring allotment holder.

## **4. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record

### a. Matters arising

Cllr Hoyles queried outcome of the Footpaths Wisbech Wide Project, no report on the outcome had been received by the Parish Council, Cllr Gibbs to investigate

Two points with a more in-depth explanation as discussed at the May Parish council meeting

- Goodens Lane Sewerage Problem - Anglian Water had cleared drain Circle Housing were responsible for the system maintenance. Contact details would be given to resident and advised to notified Circle Housing direct with any further issues..
- Councillors personal indemnity query as regards to undertaking weekly inspections of the play equipment . Zurich Insurance clarified that our policy included officials indemnity of 12 million and cover in event of 3<sup>rd</sup> party suffering a financial loss from error omission or negligence by a council member. In the event of an accident due to negligence the council would be covered on their Public Liability which is against £12 million.

## **5. Action Review**

Training programme for Speedwatch required a village representative to lead programme.

Work in the playing field to restore ditch to proceed in August with the help of Cllr Kooreman  
Play equipment roundabout to be monitored until maintenance undertaken

Emergency Planning, Cllr Clark and Gibbs to prepare data for risk assessment..

Cllr Fullbrook to head project and act as keyholder for the village hall in an emergency, contact support from Cllr Kooreman, Cllrs Gibbs and Clark. Additional data to be collated on service providers and coordinators with specific skills. Emergency Planning to be added as an agenda item September meeting

Proposed wildflower area in the playing field to be closed .Cllr Clark stated that Street Pride had acquired a barrel top planter including the two additional planters . Street Pride to be .asked if they wish to take on any further projects.

Cllr Gibbs to prepare draft contract of employment for post of Clerk for September meeting.

Further street lighting quotes received Cllr Fullbrook and clerk to continue with programme

## 6. Allotments/Rights of Way update

New allotment contract to be held over until 2017.

Cllr Sloan to benchmark allotment rents from other villages for comparison to discuss a rent review in Oct 2017 at September meeting

## 7. Finance

More beneficial for the PC to pay clerks salary every quarter, saving £135.18 per annum . an additional cost of £11 per annum for 2 additional payslips

- *Resolved to approve payments clerks salary quarterly Councillors agreed*

Clerk to contact the payroll provider to change payment dates. to quarterly Sept 30<sup>th</sup> / Dec 31<sup>st</sup>/ March 31<sup>st</sup>/June 30<sup>th</sup>

£121 PAYE deducted from salary and ( Employee NIC of £24.03 payable by PC)

**Cheque for HMS Revenue £145.03.. cheque no 100539 /July 11th**

Clerks salary £729.17 .including admin costs Jan to June £30.92 **Cheque £760.09 / cheque no 100540 /July 11th**

Supply & installation of new village signs,

**Cheque for Cambs County Council £1310.70 cheque no 100538 /July 11<sup>th</sup>**

- *Resolved to approve payments of above three invoices Councillors agreed*

Quote received for eradication of mole infestation in playing field and churchyard.

- *Resolved to approve payment of £155, when work completed as quoted Councillors approved*

Quotes received for final five Cat 2 street lights

- **Income** ½ year Concurrent Grant £640
- £543 Grant for laptop and printer from CAPALC (Transparency Code Funding)
- Defibrillator Appeal has raised £1551 towards the £1945 leaving £394.to find , a further £290 was received at the meeting.
- Community a/c £8190.22 following deduction of £2094 for the Defibrillator Appeal and Transparency Grant
- Savings a/c £1692 ,89 including 21p interest

Draft copies of budget review circulated

## 8. Planning moved to final agenda item

## 9. Highways

All potholes requiring attention completed.

LHI Bid has now been approved with Cambs County Council. Parish Council contribution £1500

Cllr Clark had reported .grass verges in need of attention.

## 10. Village Hall Report

Report circulated

No fund raising events at present, with fewer bookings, coffee and afternoon teas supplement lettings income. Soup & sandwich lunches start in September. Post Office official was leaving,

awaiting confirmation of new appointment for the village. Caretaker settling in Diary beginning to fill up with Christmas activities.

### **11. Playing field**

- a) Play equipment inspections to be carried out weekly by clerk until the next council meeting in September. Oak tree to be replaced
- b). Mole control see agenda item 7 Finance

### **12. Village Plan**

Village Plan responses circulated to councillors - considerations discussed

Dog Fouling - new dog bins required for footpaths Church Croft , Franks Lane and Ferry Lane near Station House, when funding available.

Street Lighting - To opt to turn off street lighting would save very little no action to be taken at present.

Neighbourhood Watch - Cllr Fullbrook to investigate how many coordinators in the village.

Environment - this to be discussed at a later date.

Development - house building and further development in village, Local Plan details

Spruce up -Old School site, Cllr Clark in contact with owner and would monitor the site, give a report back September meeting.

Defibrillator Appeal - target reached, training to be arranged. Defibrillator to be sited at Cllr Kooremans home, High Road.

Parish Council – report with council information to be circulated with newsletter.

New noticeboard , Cllr Kooreman to investigate sponsorship. To be sited at High Road, Fen Road junction near seat when funding available

### **13. Correspondence**

Cambridgeshire County Council newsletter

A number of Public Sector Executive Online Information documents

Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire new draft recommendations

Rural Services Network News documents

Cambs ACRE news

Transforming Lives

Public Sector Executive on line news

New Horizon vehicle

South Lincolnshire Local Plan Consultation

Letters from resident living on Sutton Road had concern at continuing speeding traffic

Barclays Bank again notified change of name for account sent correspondence to main banking sector

### **14. Any other Business**

Cllr Hoyles queried if any councillors wished to visit the North Level Drainage Board Open Day. Councillors' to be notified when invitation received.

Legislations now allowed councils to distribute agendas, minutes and other papers electronically to members of council. Cllrs Gibbs, Fullbrook, Kooreman and Smith were happy to receive emailed documentation.

Electronic Ordinance survey maps now show Newton in the Isle, and the Post Office would officially notify residents of village name change.

### **15. Date and time of next meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**