

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2013 commenced at 7.30 following on from Parish Assembly.

Present

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook, N Johnson, R Scott, D Wright (Vice Chair), M Youngs. Cllr Tierney (County Council) and P Wilkinson (Clerk). Also present were Miss Sam Clark, Mr D Parrin, Mrs S Sands, Mr M Thulborn and Mrs M Horspool

Apologies

Cllr M Humphrey, Cllr C Seaton (Fenland District Council) and PC Russ

Presentation by Interested Parties

Cllr Hoyles welcomed the candidates each candidate gave a short presentation carried out in alphabetical order commencing with Miss Sam Clark followed by Mr Dave Parrin, Mrs Stephanie Sands and Mr Martin Thulborn.

Following the presentation the Councillors voted. The Clerk counted the votes and Miss Sam Clark was declared the new Councillor. The other candidates were thanked by Cllr Hoyles Miss Sam Clark then signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

Minutes of Last Meeting previously circulated were signed as a true record with one amendment, allotment rents increasing to 50% not 10% as stated.

Matters Arising

Clerk to contact PC Russ again regarding the parking in Goodens Lane.

The bird scarer was still in evidence, the Clerk had information on the regulations relating to Bird Scarers.

Councillors were agreeable for the Village Fete to be held on the field providing field was returned in the same condition.

Action Review

- 1/Jan 2012 RS Review/revise Newton allotment agreement, **Completed**.
- 1/Mar 2012 JH/DF Check all footpaths and, depending on usage and purpose, JH had sent off completed form including photos of areas of concern, **Awaiting decision**.
- 1/May 2012 Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to sewerage problem, Anglian Water have advised that a decision on our application would be made in December 2013. However if the application was accepted any work on our scheme would not commence until 2015 at the earliest, **Monitoring**.
- 3/Sep 2012 DF Cllr Seaton sent Clerk contact details to arrange meeting re Speeding on Little Ramper/High Road bend – arrange meeting with CCC Highways, **Ongoing**
- 2/Nov 2012 DF/PW Nov 2012 Playing Field Project first annual maintenance inspection of play equipment, **Completed**
- 3/Nov 2012 DF Mar 2013 Arrange repair of roadside safety barrier at High Road/Little Ramper, **Ongoing**

Arrange repair of roadside safety barrier to include high viz reflectors at Sutton Road/Little Ramper junction. Gaymer Cider sign re instated at junction of Little Ramper/ Sutton Road. Clerk to write and thank Mr Proctor for his generosity.

Village Hall to provide new notice board at end of Little Ramper for display of events. Parish Council may consider help with funding.

Community Led Plan is underway, a brief summary of events was circulated to the Councillors this is being implemented by Mr Wilkinson and Mr Gibbs they proposed that the Parish Council hold any grant funds raised to finance the Plan avoiding opening a separate account this was agreed.

Allotments.

Mr Richard Page interested in an allotment. Clerk to place contact details on Parish Noticeboard for any enquiries. Allotment agreement completed and approved.

Finance

Savings a/c loan of £700 for Playing Field Grant leaving a/c £1545

Playing Field a/c Payment, Grant Landfill £1203.29
Leaving £276.76 (£200) earmarked

Current a/c

Receipt of £779.65 insurance claim for street light

Payments

Fenland Leisure Play Equip inspection £120

Street light repair £903.65

Cheques to be approved

Photocopying charges £7.68

Land Register charges for QE2 status £80 both approved, cheques signed.

Current a/c standing at £ 636.01

Invoice for replacement light FPC 1 near Chartwell House at a cost of £1431.60 from 2010/11 held over end of last year part of this cost will have to be met from next year's grant allocation.

Light repairs just received, Colville Rd FPC 1, £216.60.

To replace street light FPC5 cost £1039.60 to be held over until next financial year.

Concurrent Grant 2013/2014 of £1920, 2 instalments of £960 July and January 2014 same as last year

Precept for 2013/2014. A replacement form received in February to approve Precept, £5500 was approved in November 2012, form completed and returned.

Village Hall

Marketing hall for different events also looking at new ideas next Quiz Night April 13th and Craft Fair arranged for the beginning of June. Letting fees kept at same level for the year.

Planning

Cllr Hoyles had received plans for extensions to houses, Airles Ferry Lane, Alley House High Road, revised plans for Chestnut House Mill Lane and 3 Biomass boilers to be installed at the Nursery Fen Road all approved.

Playing Field

Cllr Fullbrook reported that Grants have been assessed with officers recommendation for full funding. Completion by end of June. QE2 Status plaque received possible opening through Fete committee.

Correspondence

Letters of thanks received for donations from East Anglian Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice Bureau and Victim Support

ACRE Membership Certificate received.

Brochure from Clerk and Councils Direct.

Other correspondence dealt with through Action review.

Police Report

Crimes, pipe cut and 200 litres oil stolen in Chapel Lane.

Theft of a yellow and blue childs quad bike from rear garden, Colville Road.

Theft of Industrial rubbish bin High Road.

Speedwatch undertaken on March 1st, 32 vehicles monitored no vehicles recorder exceeding speed limit.

Rural area now covered by PCSO Andy Bush and PC Dave Russ

Any Other Business

Highways Verge marking and gully completed in Church Road.

Include Highways as agenda item at next meeting.

Date and time of next meeting

AGM, Monday 13th May at 7pm in the Village Hall.