

## NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 commenced at 7.20 pm.

### **Present**

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

Residents attending Mr Hutton and Mr M Ford

### **Apologies**

Cllr M Humphrey Cllr A Sloan and PCSO Russ

**Minutes of the previous meeting** were signed as a true record.

### **Matters arising**

Speedwatch training to take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, with a number of residents interested.

### **Action Review**

Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to sewerage problem (Church Lane/Goodens Lane). *Continue monitoring.*

Newton Village Playing Field project – jubilee extension.. Cllr Fullbrook to install information sign shortly. *Ongoing*

Consult respective Councils and propose way ahead compulsory purchase of land at Newton old school site. FDC and PC have written to owner regarding site no response received so far. *Monitoring will be ongoing*

Newton old school site – initiate action under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972. *Continue monitoring*

Grass cutting –. Quote from T Blackamore agreed for grounds maintenance for year 2014/2015 *Completed*

Eradication of moles on playing field, and in St James Churchyard. Mr Wyles to complete shortly.

Tree survey and identify high risk specimens as in need of surgery. *Action completed.*  
Parochial Church Council have been notified that some tree surgery is required to tops of high trees in church yard. This work is outside the reach area of work carried out by Parish Councillors.

Newton old school site - design and conduct survey of Newton residents to determine preferred usage. *Ongoing*

Allotment Newton High Road, see agenda item allotments

Request CCC Highways action to move speed restriction signs at East end of High Road. Open meeting held and further investigation underway. *Ongoing*

Cllr Hoyles stated a Meeting with Steve Barclay had been arranged for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm regarding calming measures on High Road.

## **Finance**

Savings a/c stands at £1,690.98 including 21p interest.

### ***Income***

Insurance company returned overcharge £5

Annual Peppercorn rent village hall £1

### ***Payments***

Cheque of £84.30 annual fee for administration of salary and tax return to Acre approved  
£100 Village hall donation not shown on statement

Community a/c stands at £1,439.61

Refund of £266.36 for VAT

Outstanding invoices for a streetlight repair of £216.60 also to existing light FC5 Church Lane at a cost of £1,039.65. However it was approved to decommission this light at a cost of £204.60.

North Level Drainage £40

Eradication of Moles £135

Groomfield were also given approval for a further cut to be completed at £119 extra last year end of Oct we have received no invoice so far

Estimated expenditure due before the end of year amounts to a further £700 leaving an estimated Cfwd of just over £900

## **Allotments**

Clerk contacted the legal dept of CPALC Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils for advice, the tenant was subsequently contacted regarding termination of agreement if no response received by Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2014. Following several reminders no response forthcoming PC agreed a final letter be sent terminating agreement. Following termination the allotment to be reallocated (Mr Cobb interested) Discuss next meeting.

## **Planning**

Planning Exhibition in Village Hall, had been arranged on 24 Feb from 4 pm to 6 pm relating to planning applications for housing West of Bramley House Church Lane, also housing East of Abbey Green Church Lane.

Erection of annexe to The Jays, Goodens Lane

Erection of 4 x 4 bed, 2 storey dwellings with detached garages East of Abbey Green Church Lane, FDC Recommend refusal

Erection of 4 x 2 storey 3 bed dwellings Land west of Bramley House Church Lane ,FDC recommended refusal

Planning officer to be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss refusal of planning applications Cllr Seaton to contact planning officer to arrange meeting.

## **Highways**

Cllr Fullbrook had contacted Neil Band CCC, who will arrange for repair work to be scheduled for pothole repairs particularly in Hogens Lane and Franks Lane.

Blocked gully in Church Lane scheduled for April/May.

Dropped blocked gully opposite J Kooreman's in High Road

Top dressing of Catling Lane during summer

Goodens Lane footways increase kerbing where damaged.

### **Village Hall**

Successful year £1000 profit, bookings continue. Taking part with a dog show in Village Fete.

### **Playing Field**

Drainage work continues with assistance from Community Payback Team it is hoped to locate end of pipe in field drain shortly.

Willow trees will need pruning in the Autumn

### **Correspondence**

Thanks for donations received from

Citizens Advice Bureau and East Anglian Air Ambulance

Correspondence from Magpas requesting support

Also a Kinderley School visit, Cllrs' unable to support the request on this occasion. Clerk to write on behalf of the PC.

Invitation to 'History of Wisbech Town Council' on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at Wisbech Council Chambers

### **Police Report**

Circulated prior to meeting

Four crimes including Burglary, also criminal damage to a vehicle, and vehicle nuisance in Fen Road

### **Any Other Business**

- Cllr Gibbs stated the village community website could also encompass the Parish Council, providing information. Councillors approved that Cllr Gibbs set it in motion.
- Parish Plan Cllr Gibbs stated that to commence the plan would need some funding an Awards for All lottery application could start the process. Agenda item in May
- Defibrillator for the village use. Central situation with power and easy access required cost possible covered by grant Cllr Clark to investigate further.
- Cllr Fullbrook Neighbourhood Watch needs more Co ordinators
- Cllr Fullbrook investigating sites for a paper bank to bring in more revenue.
- Chair disappointed no news for Newton was included in the March issue of The Bridge. Clerk to contact the editor on behalf of the PC.

**Date of Next Meeting** – AGM Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm