

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Annual Parish Council meeting held in the village hall on Monday 13th May 2013 commenced at 7.00.

Present

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook, N Johnson, R Scott, S. Clark, D Wright (Vice Chair), M Youngs and P Wilkinson (Clerk). Also attending Cllr C Seaton (Fenland District Council), Cllr Alan Lay Cambs County Council and PSCO Dave Russ. Two residents also attended.

Election of Chair

A nomination proposed by Cllr Wright that Cllr Hoyles be re elected as Chair., seconded by Cllr Youngs and agreed by Cllrs.

Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Wright was proposed by Cllr Youngs, seconded by Cllr Fullbrook and agreed by Cllrs.

Apologies

Cllr M Humphrey

Minutes of last meeting previously circulated were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

None

Action Review

Anglian Water sewerage problem (Church Lane/Goodens Lane decision expected Dec 2013

Continue monitoring

Speeding on Little Ramper/High Road bend – arrange on-site meeting with CCC Highways.

Cllr Seaton and Cllr Lay to investigate **Ongoing**

Community Led Plan no further action as yet **Ongoing**

Arrange repair of roadside safety barrier at High Road/Little Ramper junction

awaiting action by CCC Highways. **Ongoing**

Seek NVHMC input concerning requirement/design for permanent advertising sign at Little Ramper/High Road junction. **Ongoing**

Check insurance cover for Newton Fete on Playing Field. **Completed**

Gaymers Sign on Sutton Road. Send letter of thanks to Proctors. **Completed**

Arrange permanent sign on Parish notice giving contact details for residents requiring allotments. **Completed**

Review quotation for decommission of street lamp FPC5, Church Lane. check responsibility for maintenance, FDC or CCC or Newton Parish Council **Ongoing**

In consultation with JH/PW, design and procure information sign for placement on playing field together with QEII Field Plaque. **Completed**

Present Newton bid for footpaths to committee responsible for Minor Road Improvement Scheme. **Awaiting decision**

Take urgent action Cllr Seaton/Cllr Lay to arrange repair of roadside safety barrier on Sutton Road, opposite junction with Little Ramper. **Ongoing**

Newton Village Playing Field Project – Jubilee Extension. Manage the implementation and completion of the planned improvements. **Ongoing**

Allotments

Correspondence received from Mrs Sands regarding debris left following path clearance.

Letter of apology to be sent

Mr Webster concerns regarding increase of 50% allotment rent likely annually. Cllrs would try their best to keep further increases to a minimum. Clerk to contact Mr Webster

Finance

Copies of end of year Finances 2012/2013 were circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk read through the document as there were no queries the accounts were approved by the Councillors' and signed by the Chairman.

Playing Field A/c stands at £276.76. Claims for the Playing Field Grants are to be submitted shortly.

Savings A/c £1545.23

Current A/c Since April 1st

Received Precept £2750

Allotment rents £126

Total in bank £3185.51

Cheques approved Aon Insurance £1626.40

New street light replacement £1377.85

Total cost of £3004.25 leaving £181.26 in account

As we have been advised that FC5 Street light at Church Road/ Goodens Lane junction needs replacing at £1039.64 or for decommission cost of £800. Cllr Seaton to investigate.

Clerk also to contact company for quote for decommission. Street lighting is taking a large portion of Parish council budget.

Planning

No planning applications received. No information received regarding Social Housing.

Highways

Cllr Hoyles stated that a number of roads needed some repair, pot holes were prevalent in Catlings Lane and various roads in the village. Cllr Lay will look into this. The school site was in a bad state and Cllr Hoyles asked if a compulsory purchase order was possible both Cllr Seaton and Cllr Lay would investigate further.

Village Hall

The clerk had received a report stating that the village hall had held a successful year, fund raising had increased. The small card tables were to be replaced. A dedicated committee had now increased with Steve Tierney joining the committee but they were always on the look out for new members. The committee was working hard to improve the quality of the existing programme of events with plans for a light hearted Crufts at the village fete and the Sheringham Shantymen performing on October 12th at the Tydd St Giles village hall.

Playing Field

Cllr Fulbrook explained the grant included new fencing around the play equipment to commence on 20 May. the inclusion of two new cradle swings, a seesaw, basketball goal, a slide and resurfacing the play area, along with a new bearing for the roundabout and a display board and plaque explaining the Jubilee Project and the QE11 Status. Work should take about two weeks to complete, followed by a ROSPA inspection.

Correspondence

Introduction of electronic consultation all planning related correspondence to be sent by email a web link will be provided.

New Bobby Scheme to work with Parish Councils to ensure residents in our area feel safe local charity

Email from Mrs C Hunns regarding proposed Wind Farm Treading Bank asking for the Council to support the appeal. However we had no prior information to enable us to submit a response we sent a letter stating this to Inspectorate of Planning.

Copy of Village Hall Management accounts for our records.

Recommendation from the Conduct Committee when considering complaints.

Letter from Area Commander Fenland Police Mike Winters explain reduction in crime figures and how this has been achieved.

Fenland Community Grant Scheme explaining it is to end their discretionary funding allocation due to financial pressures within the council

Leaflet Clerks and Councils Direct

ABC Pre School request for a donation. This was discussed and agreed to make a donation of £50.

Cllr Young s had correspondence from Mr Rex Mallet Tydd St Giles asking for the council to consider agreeing to a bin placed along the riverbank and to contribute to the cost of a new dog bin. Cllr Hoyles explained this was private land . No agreement reached. Cllr Hoyles to explain to Mr Mallett if requested.

Police report

Crimes

Shed burglary in Chapel Lane, theft from motor vehicle Brewers Lane, theft of Trailer containing logs in Newton

Number of thefts of satellite equipment from tractors in Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.

Speed Watch 17th April ,25 vehicles monitored non exceeding speed limit

PCSO Russ explained that in order to enforce speeding pressure needed to be applied to give PCSO's more powers. Cllr Lay to write to Crime and Police Commissioner. Cllr Hoyles would also write to Crime and Police Commissioner on behalf of the Parish Council.

New Horizon Outreach vehicle in Newton May 15th 11.00 – 13.00

AOB

Mr Foster stated that the base of Newton in the Isle sign was crumbling and needed some attention, this would be dealt with.

Cllr Clark stated that a litter pick was to take place on June 8th concentrating on the High Road/Fen Road areas. Our local Street Pride wished to have a banner for the Fete to raise their profile and asked for a donation, Cllr Hoyles to give a personnel donation. Later in the year Street Pride are hoping to receive a grant and buy some planters for the village

Date of next meeting Monday 8th July at 7pm in the Village Hall.