

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council meeting held in the village hall on Monday 11th November 2013 at 7.pm

Present

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook, M Youngs, S Clark and P Wilkinson (Clerk). Cllr C Seaton and Cllr A Lay along with Mr J Korreman, Mr D Gibbs, Mrs A Sloan and Mrs S Sands

Apologies

Cllr M Humphrey and PCSO David Russ

Nomination of Vice Chairman

All the Cllrs agreed to elect Cllr Fullbrook as Vice Chair.

Co option of Councillor

Cllr Hoyles explained to the four candidates that following the resignation of Cllr Wright two further resignations had been received from Cllr Richard Scott and Cllr Neville Johnson. One councillor would be co opted that evening, and following the specified procedures given for the further vacancies, if no election was required two further candidates could be co opted. Cllr Hoyles hoped that they would all consider standing again if they were not successful on this occasion.

Mr Roger Horspool withdrew prior to the meeting, the remaining four candidates introduced themselves with a brief summary. Following this the Cllr's voted. Mr Dave Gibbs was co opted as a new Cllr.

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

Matters arising

Cllr Fullbrook to contact Mr Tony Welland regarding the possible location of recycling bins within the new low cost housing site. Holly tree had been cut back. A further holly tree needs attention opposite the church

Action review

Cllr Hoyles had received a letter from Anglian Water stating that only one property was experiencing problems so no further action was required. Anyone affected by the decision was entitled to appeal to the Environment Agency under subsection (7) of Section 101A. The letter would be copied to Steve Barclays. MP, Cllr Seaton and Cllr Lay

Speeding on Little Ramper/High Road bend – arrange on-site meeting with CCC Highways. **Ongoing**
Present Newton bid for footpaths to committee responsible for Minor Road Improvement Scheme. Work agreed completed and satisfactory. Noted opportunity will arise to bid for further funding next year to complete work not included in this phase **Completed**

Repair of roadside safety barrier on Sutton Road, opposite junction with Little Ramper **Completed**.
Newton Village Playing Field Project. Following erection of Information & Acknowledgement Notices completion expected May 2014 **Ongoing**

Request formal (traffic division) vehicle speed checks in Newton. PCSO Russ sent in a report which was read to the Cllr's. PCSO Russ to be invited to the next council meeting in January to discuss Speedwatch as full agenda item

Newton old school site – initiate action under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972. Site not in a condition to warrant a Section 215 notice. Cllr Seaton stated that there was no further funding available, due to the number of high profile projects already on the list. **Ongoing**

Grass cutting – Clerk to meet a contractor Trevor Blackamore in January for a quote **Ongoing**

Cllr Fullbrook had obtained estimates for control of moles on Playing Field £85, St James' Church and Cemetery £50 and village Hall £35. This to be dealt with next year. **Ongoing**

Cllr Fullbrook Conduct tree survey to identify high risk specimens in need of surgery, and obtain quotation for hire of 'cherry picker' expected completion Jan 2014 **Ongoing**

Colville Road – arrange cutting hedge and clearance of moss/weeds from adjacent footway.

Completed

Compulsory purchase of land at Newton old school site, monitoring and survey to be conducted. Place as a full agenda item at Jan 2014 meeting **Ongoing**

**Allotment in High Road –. Clerk to send a further reminder to allotment tenant for completion of contract and outstanding rent .Ongoing*

Highways

Footpath completed grass sown at edge of path from Village Hall to Mudcroft Farm

New surface gully installed at High Road/Brewer Lane junction. Blocked gully near Clifton House High Road cleared. Blocked gullies nr church, Church Lane in hand. Verge markers installed at Brewers Lane/High Road junction and alongside path improvements.

Action planned to top dress Catlings Lane from Sutton Road to Catlings Farmhouse and Fitton End/Goredyke. Highways scheduled cutting back hedge on Roman Bank (nr Fitton End junction).

Road improvements – over 100 submissions for all Cambridgeshire, Fen Road submission low priority.

Allotments

*See item in Action Review **

Finance

Playing Field A/C Cllr's agreed closure. Authorised letter to be signed and sent to Barclays to confirm closure

Funds moved to *Business Saver A/c* which stands at £1690.57

Community A/c

Expenses

Audit Commission £120

Groomfields £1322.16

CAPALC annual subscription £241.32

Cheque for payment of 1st of 3 annual Instalment for Highways Grant £366.68

Income

Allotment rents received £196.

½ year Precept £2750.

Recycling credit for clothes bank £9.57

Including Highways invoice account stands at **£1575.77**

All Councillors approved that the new Vice Chair, Cllr Doug Fullbrook should become a signatory for Parish Council bank accounts

Query raised as to insurance for Street Pride , would the Parish Council fund the insurance if the cost was delegated to Street Pride teams. This would be discussed if needed

Planning

Land East of Oaklea Mill Lane, application withdrawn

Land West of 1b-17 Colville Road, Low Cost Housing 12 x 2 storey dwellings

Willow Lodge Fitton End Road,application received for erection 2 storey and single side extension agreed

Land West of 3 Swedish Houses, Church Lane erection of 2 x 2 storey 4 bed dwellings

Change of use of agricultural land to extension to churchyard (Cllr Fullbrook dealt with this as Cllr Hoyles declared an interest)

Newton Village Hall Report

The evening with the Sheringham Shantymen was a huge success, with over 170 people attending, raising almost £1,500 for funds. The monthly Coffee Mornings continue to bring together people from all around the village and provide an important social function for those who live alone. In the New Year information sessions to be included, looking at topics such as Crime Prevention and Fire Safety. Annual General Meeting held on Nov 7th celebrating 35 years since the establishment of the Village Hall and the inception of the charity.

Quiz Night on 23rd November, a Christmas Craft Fair on 1st December, a Coffee Morning on 6th December and the Children's Christmas Party on 7th December. A new weekly Keep Fit class commences on Thursday, 14th Nov. Programmable heating controls and a frost thermostat have been installed to ensure that the hall is always ready to receive visitors.

The Village Hall now has a Facebook page, which helps to spread the word about events and activities to users of social networks. The final newsletter of the year to be issued at the end of November and, as always welcome articles from the Parish Council about their work.

Playing Field

Final report submitted and approved following meeting with Hetty Thornton (FDC)

Outlet from ditch along west boundary has been located, action in hand to unblock and remove debris and rubbish as possible.

Correspondence

Emails sent out

Footpath diversion, Nr Croft Farm Newton diverted from across field Nr Lodge Farm to along edge of hedge next to the road. Lodge Farm to Silverwood Farm (see diagram). Any representations need to be made by 14th Nov

CCC Needs help looking for Foster carers

Contingency planning team report on Peterborough & Stamford Hospital (see link to report)

Correspondence

A letter received from PCC regarding unsatisfactory grounds maintenance of churchyard. Clerk contacted FDC and contractors and replied to PCC with contacts for them to discuss the problems.

Notification of Formal Consultation of Protected Areas Bylaws of European Marine Sites

Victim Support donation, carry forward to next meeting

Leaflet Call to Remember, does anyone care about your local war memorial

Clerks & Council brochure

Police report.

Crimes

4/10 Church Lane Theft from vehicle (stolen fuel)

15/10 High Road theft heating oil from tank.

7/11 Fen Road Burglary

Incidents

8/9 Church Lane Vehicle nuisance 2 vehicles revving engines on old school site

On-Going Issues

There have been no recent reports of vehicle nuisance in Church Lane, however regular patrols of the area will be continued.

Emerging Issues

There has been a theft of heating oil in Newton since the last meeting.

Any other Business

Concern raised

Speeding traffic causing concerns to residents who regularly walk along the stretch of High Road with no footpath from the end of bungalows to Rectory Rd. This matter to be investigated contact CCC Highways Dept regarding warning signs of pedestrians, and extension of speed restriction signs to the edge of village near the official village sign.

Following their resignations, letters of thanks and appreciation were sent to Councillor Johnson for over 30 years service and also to Cllr Richard Scott

Height of fence around the front perimeter of a house in Church Lane was causing concern Cllr Seaton to investigate.

Cllrs agreed to the Playing Field being used for the Village Fete on Saturday 28th June 2014

Wisbech & District Neighbourhood Watch meeting to be held at Astral House Lynn Road on 14th November at 7pm. New co coordinators were required.

Next meeting January 6th 2014

Meeting closed at 8.40pm