

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th November at 7 pm in the village hall.

Present

Cllr's D Gibbs (Chairman), R Moore, G Wilkinson, Cllr C Seaton (FDC), P Wilkinson (Clerk) and two residents. Mr and Mrs Robb attended as observers

97/18. Apologies

Cllrs, J Hoyles, S Clark, D Smith Cllr S King (CCC) and PCSO unable to attend.

98/18 Public Forum

No queries.

99/18 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had attended the Annual Parish & Town Council Round Table Event and the ACRE AGM along with the first meeting of Planning Training, he encouraged the Cllrs to try and attend the further meetings which would relate to different planning subjects.

100/18 Minutes of meetings

a) Minutes of meeting 11th September were approved and signed as a true record

Matters Arising.

The new noticeboard had been purchased, Cllr Gibbs and Wilkinson would position it next to the seat on the High Road, Fen Road junction. The hedge in Chapel Road was still under investigation. Patching of High Road and Mill Lane had been completed. Cheque for £25 sent to CAPALC for subscription to the General Data Protection Membership Scheme.

b) Minutes from the Planning meeting 22nd October were also accepted and signed as a true record

Matters Arising

The application for the erection of 4 dwellings on land north of Tewinbury House Mill Lane had not received full support but was considered that it may set a precedence for future development in Mill Lane. The clerk would submit the Cllrs observations.

101/18 Police Report

Copy of the monthly review received no reported crimes within the village. The police advised to be aware of a number of stolen motorbikes within the Wisbech area. Reports of a van selling fish and over inflating the price when using a card reader and departing before customers were aware of the extra charges.

102/18. County and District Councillors Reports

Cllr Seaton updated the Councillors stating that Cambridgeshire County Council had received 6 ½ million pounds towards repairing potholes which should speed up repairs. Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner was to host a panel to discuss a number of local concerns, Cllr David Oliver to represent this area. The Garden Town Proposal was to be discussed on December 3rd. The Concurrent Grant to remain for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Seaton left the meeting at 8.05 to attend a prior engagement.

103/18 Reports

a) Highways/ LHI Bid.

Patching had taken place on the High Road and Mill Lane with the surface treatment expected to commence in the New Year. A further two Dragon Patcher vehicles had been purchased by Cambridge Highways to enable repairs to be completed more efficiently.

Cllr Gibbs to attend the meeting on 22nd November to present the LHI Bid for 2019.

b) Village Hall

Two Sunday lunches had already taken place both very successful. Management Committee were to explore the feasibility of a commercial kitchen. The AGM would be held on Tuesday 27th November at 7.30pm. In the New Year the Management Committee would work towards a Hallmark Accreditation

c) Playing Field

Report circulated prior to meeting. Cllrs agreed to approve retaining the poppy meadow and to enlarge the area to include a wildflower meadow. Total cost of work to enhance the playing field £2,000, grants to be pursued to cover the cost. Clerk to write to the Parochial Church Council regarding placing bird and bat boxes in trees in the churchyard also to Mr Kublik to convey the Councillors thanks for his assistance in preparing the site.

d) Trees

Work completed on Cherry tree in Westfield Road and the removal of an overhanging branch on the High Road. Parish Council would continue to monitor the condition of the trees. Further funding to be considered in the budget next year.

e) Emergency Planning

Eight residents had agreed to training and registration forms had been submitted, two grit bins to be acquired along with the gritting equipment from CCC Highways Department. Placement of the two gritting bins to be discussed further. Two farmers had also agreed the use of their tractors if required, separate insurance for this use would not be necessary. Emergency Planning funding to be determined at the next meeting.

f) Correspondence

Circulated prior to meeting via email

Members Services- railway update / PAS Press release

Rural Services Network News

Rural Bulletin

CAPALC Bulletin

Lighting agreement

Green Dog Walking Scheme

Training Events for planning

Town and Country Oct Newsletter

Gritting Scheme information

Strategy Transport Team meeting

Clerks written correspondence

Audit Commission response attached stating no report necessary as council exempt.

Review Polling Places – Feedback form completed for Village Hall as the local polling place

Parish Election costs notification received for next May election, £883 contested or £247 for uncontested election

104/18 Finance

a) External Audit Commission

No External Audit Commission report received as the council was exempt this year with our income and expenditure not exceeding £25,000. See minutes May 8th 2018 minutes item 72/18e Certificate of Exemption. Councillors approving this decision

b) Street Lighting Agreement

Revised Lighting Agreement circulated prior to meeting. This was approved and two copies were signed and would be sent to FDC.

i) Resolved to approve and signed the Street Lighting Agreement. Councillors approved, Chairman signed two copies.

c) Budget Update

Business / Reserve a/c – £13008.79 including transfer of £3,500 for Lighting Project and LHI Bid 2018. Community a/c expenditure

Village Hall rent for planning meeting and Nov Council meeting £30 cheque number 100608

Clerk Salary £544.32 deduction tax refund to Parish Council of £41.20 cheque number.100609

Grounds Maintenance £1382.40, cheque number 100607

D Large. Tree maintenance £450.00 cheque number 100610

Earth Anchors Noticeboard £598.80 cheque number 100606

British Legion wreath donation £30 cheque number 100611

A cheque for £25 to CAPALC for General Data Protection membership, cheque number 100612.

Total invoices amounted to £3060.52

ii) Resolved to approve payment of above seven invoices amounting to £3060.52. Cllrs agreed and approved payments.

Income- Precept ½ year and CTSG 6621.50 + allotment rent 116.64 total income 6738.14

Community account stands at 8450.86

d) Draft budget for 2019/20 circulated and discussed. Due to the delay in the new street lighting contract and the present years LHI Bid allocation to the Reserve account the budget for the forthcoming year would be reassessed for the January meeting to enable the precept to be determined and approved

End of Period report for September 2019 circulated

105/18 Decision Items

a) Allotments. Nothing to report.

b) Play equipment inspection

Cllr Wilkinson stated the roundabout was slightly stiff on occasions, he would arrange to grease the equipment, however a grease gun was required to complete this task.

c) Play equipment inspection for November and December-Cllr Wilkinson would again carry out checks.

106/18 Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 15th January at 7pm 2019.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm