

## NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council meeting held in the village hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.pm

### **Present**

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook, N Johnson, R Scott, M Youngs, S Clark and P Wilkinson (Clerk).  
Cllr C Seaton, Cllr Lay also attended

### **Apologies**

Cllr M Humphrey and PCSO Dave Russ

**Minutes of last meeting** previously circulated were signed as correct

### **Matters arising**

Low Cost Housing application, response from Parish Council (PC) stated concerns over extra parking area with a high water table. Space for recycling bins to be queried. Cllr D Wright had resigned her seat from September. Clerk to write thanks for service. Sand pit in field filled by Cllr Fullbrook and Dave Gibbs.

### **Action Review**

Write to Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to sewerage problem (Church Lane/Goodens Lane  
**Ongoing.**

Speeding on Little Ramper/High Road bend – arrange on-site meeting with CCC Highways. Cllr Lay to discuss with DF. **Ongoing**

Formation of Community Led Plan Steering Committee. Held over until new Councillor contact arranged  
Repair of roadside safety barrier at High Road/Little Ramper junction. **Completed**

Review and advise quotation for replacement of street lamp FPC5, Church Lane at a cost of £1039.65. Cllrs agreed to decommission street light at a cost of £204.60. The light has been out of order for some time. Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty. **Completed**

Newton bid for footpaths for Minor Road Improvement Scheme. Approved awaiting action by CCC Highways. **Ongoing**

Roadside safety barrier on Sutton Road, opposite junction with Little Ramper. DF to contact CCC to arrange adjustments. **Ongoing**

Newton Village Playing Field Project – Jubilee extension manage the implementation planned improvements. erection of plaque and display board will complete project

Request formal (traffic division) vehicle speed checks in Newton. **Closed**

Write to Cambridgeshire CP&CC requesting extension of PCSO powers. Letter received stating P&CC to investigate PCSO powers. **Closed**

Consult respective Councils and propose way ahead for compulsory purchase of land at Newton old school site. Alternative initiate action under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972. Cllr Seaton explained this could be some considerable time due to number of sites, some more urgent within Fenland. A survey will be instigated to gain the residents opinion on what to do with the site. **Ongoing.**

Request urgent action by CCC Highways to repair and resurface Catlings Lane (from Sutton Road to Catlings farmhouse). Road repair completed by National Grid from Catlings Farmhouse to the Gas Station. The remainder to be completed by CCC, holes filled ready for top dressing **Ongoing**

Drainage ditch on west boundary of playing field – write to adjacent property owners requesting their cooperation to keep tidy and free of debris. **Completed**

Grass cutting – obtain quotations from other contractors. **Ongoing**

Obtain separate estimates for control of moles on playing field and at St James' Church. **Ongoing for next year's budget**

Conduct tree survey and identify high risk specimens in need of surgery. Also obtain quotation for hire of 'cherry picker'. **Ongoing next year's budget**

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

Playing field recreational equipment – arrange manufacture and fitment of age range warning notice to slide. **Completed**

### **Highways**

Three gullies blocked near the church. New gully to be installed into dyke at High Road, Brewers Lane junction. Schemes for road improvements for Fen Road and Cross Drove by CCC Cllr Fullbrook stated schemes had been submitted. Query raised on the improvement of Mill Lane as a higher priority as it is used more frequently.

### **Allotments**

New allotment agreements sent out. A letter concerning proper usage to be sent to a tenant.

### **Finance**

Groomfields to contact PC first for approval if extra cuts outside contract are required Two extra cuts approved. Each additional visit above contract priced at £119 .Clerk to contact Groomfield to arrange extra cut. Awaiting reply from another company for a quote.

Copies of spreadsheet for Playing Field Grants circulated. An extra payment of £147.62 to cover a shortfall towards the bearing and changes to the display board increasing the cost (see spreadsheet). All invoices paid and VAT reimbursed. £450 transferred back into savings account after temporary transfer for a payment to cover the VAT. Playing Field A/C 83139972 now stands at £145.48. Clerk suggested closing this account and monies moved to savings account this was agreed.

Savings A/C stands at £1545.57 including 15p interest. If £145.48 transferred a/c (£1691.05)

Current Account stands at £770.31

PAYMENTS Aon extra insurance cover for new play equipment £102.43

Audit invoice not yet received

Village clock annual check due

CPALC (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Ass of Local Councils) annual affiliation fee due soon £240.

### **Planning**

Planning applications received for grain storage barns at Cherry Tree Farm, Ferry Lane along with extension to Newton Hall. Cllr.Hoyles declared an interest in both planning applications. Both sets of plans circulated to councillors prior to meeting, approved by PC .Kinder Lodge planning re submitted for extension approved by FDC

### **Village Hall**

Preparations for a busy autumn programme. The annual Ladies Club Beer & Barbecue Evening was a huge success. Following feedback a regular Coffee Morning arranged, initially monthly. The aim is to provide a venue where individuals and groups can get together over refreshments and have a chat or take part in an activity.

Hall usage increased with 45 bookings already confirmed between now and Christmas, highlights, Quiz Night and Christmas Craft Fair, The Harvest Lunch provided by members of the Church community, a Bowls Club Quiz Night and Bingo Night. The Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November with launch of a new weekly Keep Fit class a week later.

Major fundraiser for the year, Sheringham Shantymen performing on Saturday 12th October at Tydd St Giles Community Centre, event chosen with its larger seating capacity and licensed bar For the first time online ticket sales via the Village Website. Tickets are already selling fast and hope to raise a substantial sum from this event towards ongoing improvement plans.

### **Playing Field**

Cllr Fullbrook (DF) had collected the roundabout bearing, as it requires secure storage, James Hoyles to be approached .New plaque arrived DF to chisel stone for installation along with the display board, completion expected by end of November. Estimated cost of plaque for the Millenium Tree £60.

DF stated Completion Report for the Playing Field Grant had been finalised. Hire of JCB a possibility for next year to clear out drainage ditch. Drainage Board to be approached

### **Correspondence**

Confirmed Parish approval and arranged payment for Highways Improvements Scheme over 3 years at a cost of £330 pa

Resident in Goodens Lane re Dyke query

K & M Street Lighting Company, an independent experienced street lighting company.

Alison Callaby, Planning Performance Manager FDC confirmed petition must have 500 signatures to trigger discussion. Details logged on records to ensure updates

Email from D Gibbs writing summary on the Role of Parish Council with query on public access.

Emails sent to Cllrs prior to meeting

Cambridgeshire Connecting information on website to display on noticeboard.

Residence Cambrian Willow on Fitton End plans for improvement exhibition on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Leverington Village Hall

Invite from North Level Drainage for Cllrs to visit Thorney offices and pumping station on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

E cops regarding SPEEDWATCH TEAMS AT Parson Drove

Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan any comments on draft plan Deadline 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

For Notice Board

Electoral Registration Canvasser information on role

Home Start volunteers

Leaflets

Clerks & Councils Direct, Keep in Touch newsletters circulated.

### **Police Report**

28/7 Burglary, money taken from kitchen table

11/8 Criminal Damage, vehicle reversed into gates and repeated causing damage

23/8 Theft, Cast iron lids stolen from Black Dyke outside BT station. . Metal theft continues to occur across the Fenland Area

23/ & 24/8 Criminal Damage to vehicles, keyed line across car panels.

Incidents, 25/8 Fen Road Newton Rave loud Music Large number of persons and vehicles at empty shed

#### Speedwatch

No Speedwatch undertaken since the last meeting

PCSO keen to set up Community Speedwatch Teams in each of the villages in the Wisbech North Rural Area, and is currently in the process of setting up teams in both Murrow and Tydd St Giles.

#### Other

The Wisbech North Rural Forum took place in Main Road, Parson Drove on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013, representatives from Fenland District Council and the Police were on the New Horizon Outreach Vehicle to discuss concerns and issues relating to the rural community.

As a result of questionnaires completed by members of the Wisbech North Rural Community, set priorities for the next six months. The main priority identified from the questionnaires was speeding in the rural villages. Other issues raised included Dog Fouling and Fly Tipping, details of the locations where this is a concern have been passed to Fenland District Council who will shortly be visiting the locations and taking remedial action.

### **Any Other Business**

Cllr Hoyles reported back on the Rave which took place in Fen Road. The police to be invited to attend our next meeting.

Nomination of a new Vice Chairman to take place at the meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

A holly tree needs some attention in walkway to playing field next to school site.

### **Date and time of next meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm