

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 7th September 2015 commenced at 7.00pm.

A presentation was made by Cllr Fullbrook on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr J Hoyles in appreciation of his long service as Chairman.

1. Present

Cllr D Fullbrook (Chairman), Cllr S. Clark (also FDC), Cllr D Gibbs (Vice Chair), Cllr J Hoyles, Cllr J Kooreman, Cllr A Sloan, Cllr C Seaton FDC, Cllr A Lay CCC and P Wilkinson (Clerk)

2. Apologies

No apologies received

3. Declaration of Interests with regard to terms of the Agenda

No declarations

4. Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

4a. Matters Arising

The Environment Agency were to take action against the property owner regarding water pollution in dyke on the High Road and Rectory Road junction

5. Action Review

Expected completion November 2015 for installation of the Millennium tree plaques.

Cllr Gibbs to contact Brian Robbins with list of Speedwatch volunteers

Sergeant Alan Boughton confirmed the Rural Officers were PCSO Tessa Morrison and Lisa Mann, he advised we maintain contact between meetings to ensure questions or concerns could be addressed sooner rather than waiting for a specific council meeting.

In the Autumn the overgrown hedge at the BT Exchange, High Road and a cherry tree in Goodens Lane/Church Lane would be assessed

Guttering at bus shelter Goodens Lane to be replaced by Cllr Fullbrook

5. Role and Responsibilities of Councillors

Councillors specific roles.

- Cllr D Gibbs - Budget advisor/Speedwatch/Village Hall representative/Village Website
- Cllr S Clark - Highways/Street Pride representative
- Cllr A Sloan - Allotments
- Cllr John Hoyles - Drainage/Planning
- Cllr J Kooreman - Maintenance projects/Planning
- Cllr D Smith - TBA
- Cllr D Fullbrook - Playing Field/Local Highway Initiative Bids/Maintenance Projects/Speedwatch

6. Allotments

Cllr S Clark declared an interest in the inspection of allotments.

Plans of the allotment locations were circulated. Allotment inspections to take place Thursday 24th September at 6pm. Cllrs to meet at the Village Hall at 5.55pm.

7. Playing Field

a) Wild Flower Meadow

Cllr D Gibbs proposed that a wildflower meadow could enhance the playing field and encourage wildlife, and the cost of grass maintenance be reduced. This led to a number of queries, it was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting to gather more information. Cllr Gibbs was to prepare a plan of the proposed area.

b) Tree Planting

Plans of the recommended area to be planted were circulated, the trees ready for transplanting were held in a nursery bed at the home of Cllr Hoyles and included 10 birch, 13 oak, 8 hazel, 7 rowan and 30 mixed hawthorn and blackthorn. Stakes, ties and spirowrap would be purchased. The Community Payback Team would be approached to undertake this task.

c) Maintenance

The vegetation to be cleared in the drainage ditch to expose outlet to main drain, again the Community Payback Team would be contacted. Clerk to contact Grass maintenance team for quote to include spraying dyke area and to establish if any additional costs would be incurred for cutting a new proposed tree area.

8. Planning This was deferred to the planning meeting

9. Village Hall

Garage Sale 19th July was well supported the funds to be used for the children's Christmas party. Afternoon tea with Bowls Club very successful Bowls Club gained five new members. Coffee mornings and afternoon teas continued successfully. On September 26th Baritone, David Martin would present a selection of songs from musicals, tickets £8. AGM to take place 12th November.

10. Finance

Savings Account - £1692.26 including 21p interest

Community Current A/C - £6271.18

Income received since last meeting £100 donation towards the cost of the tree planting and the millennium tree plaque

Expenses

£120 PKF Littlejohn Audit Commission - cheque no 100508

£55 Fen Regis for plaque for Millennium oak tree - cheque no 100509

£1308 Design Partners for printing Village Plan leaflets and questionnaires - cheque no 100510. Previously approved by Village Plan Chairman leaving a grant remainder of £648

Resolved to approve these three cheques retrospectively. approved by Councillors

Audit Commission Report received which stated the urgency of the Governance and Risk Assessment Register. This to be completed and the draft register to be circulated for approval at the next meeting.

11. Correspondence

Emails forwarded on to Councillors.

A number of Rural Services Network leaflets on various topics

Public Sector information leaflets

Local Government News

Police Update eCops - Boat and trailer stolen 3rd August, Fitton End Road

Leaflet theft prevention - hanging baskets

Fenland Community Safety newsletter

Planning Training dates postponed awaiting new dates

Cambs ACRE AGM 21st September 3.30 - 5.30 at Mepal Outdoor Centre

Speak Out Council meeting at Ely Community Centre 15th Sept 10.30 am- 2.30pm

Rural Opportunity Leaflet

Consultation on future model for non Emergency Patient Transport Services. Public consultation meetings Wed 16th Sept 10.30 - 11.30 March Library

Street lighting meeting date from Ruth Hufton Chairman Doddington

PCSO Dave Russ - Wisbech North Level Forum visit to Newton on 15th Sept outside Village Hall 15.00 - 16.00 hrs (3pm - 4 pm)

North Rural Forum New Horizon Bus Newton Village Hall 12 noon - 4.45pm 18th Sept

PCSO Sue Clarke seconded to Princes Trust until 21st Dec

Local Highways Improvement Initiative Grant - closing date for application 2nd November

Energy Switch Scheme launched 1st Sept

Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document to provide guidance on flood risks, consultation runs from 4th Sept - 16 Oct 4.30 pm.

12. Any Other Business

a) Village Post Office - Relocation plans on schedule, Parson Drove Post Office to attend 2 hours every Thursday morning at the Village Hall hopefully commencing in October. Village Hall needed an asbestos survey completed before walls could be drilled for wiring.

b) Village Plan - leaflets explaining details of the Village Plan had been circulated, 330 questionnaires to be delivered shortly. Data compilation expected for the next Parish Council meeting.

c) Church Clock - to be deferred until the next meeting

d) Street Lighting - Cat 1 completed. Grant from FDC towards Cat 2 lighting for 11 identified lights may be less than expected FDC providing a grant of £1662 towards the total expected outlay of £13,200 over three years.

A number of concerns had been brought to the Parish Council's attention regarding the state of the pavements, Highways bid to be considered

Complaint regarding the parking of cars at a store near the junction of Rectory Road/High Road, Councillors agreed to send a letter to the company who rent the unit. Cllr Clark to investigate

Cllr Seaton to send Clerk update on the old School site.

Cllr Gibbs suggested that Lauren Bremner be invited to talk about Sport England and sport participation, Cllrs agreed, Cllr Gibbs to invite Ms Bremner to the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting - Monday 9th November at 7pm. Newton Village Hall.

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Parish Council Planning Meeting

Held on Monday 7th September 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Present

Cllr D Fullbrook, Cllr D Gibbs, Cllr J Hoyles, Cllr J Kooreman, Cllr A Sloan, and P Wilkinson (Clerk)

Cllr Clark withdrew from the Planning Committee declaring an interest due to her role on the FDC Planning Committee

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr Fullbrook proposed Cllr Hoyles as Chairman, seconded by Cllr J Kooreman and approved by Councillors present

Cllr Fullbrook nominated Cllr J Kooreman as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hoyles approved by Councillors present.

3. Planning Application

One planning application received, change of use of agricultural land to equestrian for private use involving the erection of stables, tack room and hay store with hard standing and formation of new vehicular access.

Land south of The Mount, Mill Lane Newton.

Application F/YR15/0729/F

Resolved to approve the application, approved by all councillors present.

4 Any other Issues

No other issues for discussion.

Next meeting January 2016 unless required sooner due to planning applications.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.