

# NEWTON IN THE ISLE

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 commencing at 7pm  
attending via a Video Conferencing link**

*All members are reminded that they will need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest and reason before an item discussed at this meeting under the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576*

### **42/20 1 .Present**

Cllr's D Gibbs, G Wilkinson, S Clark, R Moore, E Jones and Cllr S King (CCC) and P Wilkinson (Clerk). Also attending one resident Mr Knight

### **43/20/ 2. Apologies** Cllr's D Nunn and C Seaton (FDC)

### **44/20 3. Public Forum**

A resident queried any further information regarding the future of the Woadmans Arms Public House. The Chairman explained that we did not have any information at present, but when a planning application was submitted the council would be notified by the Planning Department and it would also be available to view on the FDC Planning website. Correspondence received from a resident concerning the state of the wildflower meadow. would be discussed as agenda item 9a.

### **44/20 Chairmans Announcements**

The Chairman had no report, but stated there appeared to be no cases of the Novid virus within the area.

### **45/20 Minutes of the Previous meeting**

- a) Minutes of Council meeting held on July 14<sup>th</sup> were agreed and accepted as a true record
- b) Matters Arising. -The speed camera was awaiting installation this required some assistance, the. Chair was to purchase a padlock and organise a ladder to complete the task.

### **46/20 County and District Council Reports**

Cllr King reminded the council of the deadline for submitting the LHI Bid for 2021. The Council were resubmitting the LHI Bid from 2019. Cllr King also explained that Black Dyke Bridge was ready for redecking, and it was hoped to continue pedestrian access while the bridge was being repaired.

Major scheme to be undertaken for Freedom Bridge to improve access for pedestrian and cyclists.

### **47/20. Police Matters**

No report received

### **48/20 Reports**

All reports previously circulated

- a) *Highways* – Overgrown hedges were causing an issue . Pot holes continued to be monitored reported and repaired. Fly tipping had again occurred in Brewers Lane this had also been reported
- b) *Village Hall* – Village hall open again and bookings were slowly recommencing. Awaiting quotes for an internal wall to be replastered and for improving the finish to the floor. Afternoon teas and coffee morning were running again
- c) *Playing Field* – a number of issues still awaiting attention The wildflower meadow was causing concern. The copse undergrowth had been cut by a volunteer. Tree work was to be dealt with, however no further action undertaken on cycle ramps. Nest boxes yet to be erected The site of the barn owl box was to be discussed at a later stage.

d) *Streetscape* - Cllr Wilkinson proposed that the tree surgeon investigate a tree causing concern in Westfield Road, Cllr Moore would contact the tree surgeon, a tree stump in Westfield Road would also be investigated. Street Pride to resume their litterpicks on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Two planters on High Road due for some attention. A letter had been received requesting more dog bins on the village outskirts, it was agreed to three more bins, situated at Black Dyke junction with Fitton End, at junction of Mill Lane and Fitton End and at Fen Road left hand junction with byway path. towards Fitton End Road.

d) *Village Handyman* - Handyman has commenced cutting the two areas of grass following lockdown

e) *Allotments and Rights of Way*- No issues to report

f) *Correspondence* – a number of concerns raised would be dealt with as agenda items. A request received from the Bowls Club, to be dealt with in agenda item 10c. Query received on possible improvement of internet within the village this was to be investigated further, however this had previously been looked into sometime ago and was not viable for our size village.

#### **49/20 Finance**

Community Account £16,125.56 with an additional payment from FDC of £9,428.00 for street lighting improvements bringing the total to £25,553.56

Reserve Account £12,046.75

Quotes received for tree work in Playing Field

were £1,140.00 and £300.00. It was agreed to accept the quote for £300.00

i) *Resolved to approve and agree to the acceptance of the quote for £300.00 submitted by R Kublik for tree work in the Playing Field. All agreed*

Quote received for street lighting upgrade for five street lights at a cost of £3,892.42. This quote was approved by council, clerk to confirm work with FDC

ii) *Resolved to approve and agree to the acceptance of the quote for of the upgrades of five street lights at a total cost of £3,892.42 Councillors all agreed and approved.*

Pension Regulator renewal for re-declaration of compliance under Pensions Act 2008 had been completed and confirmation received..

#### **50/20. Items for Decision**

a) *Playing Field (Wildflower meadow)*– the clerk had contacted the Groundmen for advice as to the best way forward and if he would be prepared to maintain the wildflower meadow, he suggested two options

Option one to top cut the meadow and leave grass on top., Option two involved more man power and was to cut and remove all top grass and to rake and burn it. The clerk suggested that they maintain the meadow next year as part of the contract, mowing a narrow path to the picnic bench when cutting the field.

The Councillors agreed to the second option and would look at the meadow in the early spring to confirm the wildflower meadow as part of the contract.

iii) *Resolved to approve and agree to the acceptance of the grounds maintenance dealing with the wildflower meadow. Option two, Councillors all agreed and approved.*

b) *Street Light Survey*.- Dealt with in Finance Agenda item 49/20

c) *Donation* – A letter received from the Bowls Club requesting assistance. It was agreed to a one off payment under S317 of £500. to the club to provide help towards running costs for the winter. All Councillors agreed to the donation.

iv) *Resolved to approve payment of £500 to the Bowls Club on a one off payment. Cllrs all agreed*

Cllr King left the meeting at this point 8.50 pm.

d) *Allotment Agricultural Agreement*- Cllr Clark declared a personnel interest. The clerk previously circulated the draft agreement to the Cllrs with items 4/5 and 7c/d highlighted as not applicable. It was agreed subject to the amendments being put in place. The clerk to amend the agreement.

e) *Volunteer Support* – Appeal circulated in the Village Newsletter but no response had been received.

***Date and time of next meeting*** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7pm 2020

A matter of some concern was expressed regarding the future St James Church and its possible closure. A meeting was in the process of being planned, date not yet known. More information may be available for our next meeting.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.