

**Minutes of the meeting of Newton Parish Council held at Shelford Village Hall on  
Thursday November 26, 2015 at 7.30pm.**

Lucas Morgan (chairman)  
John Fearn (A)                      Alex Carlyle  
Margaret Goulder (v/chairman)      Isobel Shouler  
David Simms                      Michelle Topping  
Janet Dobson

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Kay Cutts, Rushcliffe Borough Council member Nigel Lawrence and five members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES Coun. John Fearn

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3] MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 22, 2015 were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman. The clerk was asked to produce minutes of the meeting within seven days.

4] PUBLIC SESSION, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

*During this item Standing Orders are suspended to allow members of the public to take part and make comments on any matter coming under the jurisdiction of the parish council.*

A resident asked for information on the council website to be shown with dates when it was installed. The condition of Wellington Avenue was discussed with concerns being expressed as to the need for improvements. Coun. Mrs Kay Cutts said she would raise the matter at County Hall. The question of any progress in relation to the provision of a community hall was discussed with emphasis on the need for such provision to assist in the holding of community and social events. The question of the Section 106 funding allocated by Rushcliffe Borough Council was discussed.

5] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council are introducing an updated planning system but currently there are problems and the new system is not available to parish councillors or parish councils.

No decision has been taken as yet by Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to the Newton Nottingham LLP application to remove the condition they have to provide a cycle and pedestrian bridge as part of planning application 15 / 01924 / VAR. The parish council had objected.

Coun. Goulder reported on her visit with the clerk to meet planners at the Borough and said the question of the Section 106 funding had been raised. She expressed the feeling that the money that was being held by the developers ought to be in the hands of the Borough council.

The council asked Coun. Lawrence if he could progress the matter of the Section 106 payment in order the necessary thought can be given to the community centre provision.

6] CASUAL VACANCY

The meeting was told three people were expressing an interest in the vacancy. The clerk explained the procedure. Anyone being considered had to be on the electoral roll. Anyone interested was advised to forward to the details of themselves to the clerk for the matter to be dealt with at the January meeting.

7] CLERKS REPORT

The clerk reported the Insurers would accept a monthly check by a responsible person – such as Streetwise who are currently being used – of the council's play area equipment.

Suggested date for Normanton on Soar village hall visit was agreed for Tuesday January 12 at 7-30pm at the hall. A separate date would be organised for Kinoulton.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Nottinghamshire. The review suggests Newton will go into the Bingham seat which they had requested. The clerk had

received details of the Notts County Council Supporting Local Communities Fund and was to circulate it to members.

RCAN Nottinghamshire advised of a new Greenspace Grants scheme currently operating which could be available for numerous purposes such as parks and urban green spaces, play areas, churchyards, nature reserves, allotments and open access sports facilities.

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**9] ENVIRONMENT**

Members discussed the future use of the plot of land within the new area of development and the clerk was asked to write to Belway, Wilson Homes and Simon Waterfield in an attempt to have confirmation in regard to the future of the area concerned.

**10] COUNCIL WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION ARRANGEMENTS.**

A general discussion took place by members in regard to the website and it was confirmed a system be implemented to show dates of when updates are added to the site.

The chairman informed members that he had completed the work on the provision of the council Facebook site it was now operating. It was agreed that Coun. Fearn be asked to combine his work on the website and the Facebook.

Members felt there was need for the website to be looked at in detail with a suggestion the current site needed, at least, some changes.

**11] PLAY AREA.**

Streetwise report. The surrounding ground to all the apparatus was not level and undulating and is therefore a potential trip hazard. Trees need regularly monitoring for damaged and dangerous branches. The seats need cleaning, sanding and repainting. Coun. Mrs Goulder said she was willing to supplement the monthly check on the equipment by inspecting the site on a weekly basis, and was given a vote of thanks for her gesture.

The potential of a new play area being provided was to be an agenda item for the February meeting.

**12] FINANCE**

Cheques for payment were approved as per the circulated list.

The clerk said there was still confusion with Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to the funds held by Shelford parish council and Newton Parish Council but he was content after seeking assistance from the Internal Auditor and being assured the matter would be sorted in December.

**13] SPEEDING TRAFFIC,**

Coun. Kay Cutts said she would raise the matter of an electronic speed sign being provided after members had expressed strong concerns over dangers created by drivers felt to be travelling too quickly within the parish.

**14] FUTURE PLANS FOR THE COUNCIL.**

Coun. Mrs Goulder reported on the meeting of November 9 with the planning officers at Rushcliffe Borough Council to find out the up-to-date information on phase two of the Newton development.

The variation, on the outline planning consent, for the removal of the bridge that runs from Newton Gardens, over the dual carriage way and the old A 46 has yet to be decided. If it has to go before the planning committee it is very doubtful it will happen before the New Year.. As well as the Parish Council objecting to its removal, Highways England, Notts County Council Highways and residents have also objected. The Borough Council had also received letters of support from residents. Copies of all comments received can be viewed on the RBC website.

Details of the outline application granted planning permission in Jan 2014 can be viewed on the RBC website, planning reference 10/02105/OUT. In some of these documents the impression is given that when phase two finally starts the Parish Council will have no say in anything as it will be sorted out by a management company. The Borough Council has assured the parish council that they will work closely with them as the development moves forward to discuss matters relating to long term management of certain aspects of infrastructure including the proposed Community Hall.

The Legal agreement that accompanies the permission requires the formation of a Community Partnership Board (CPB) which will consist of;

1. 1 or 2 representatives of the owner.
2. 1 or 2 members of the Parish Council.
3. A Borough Council planning officer.
4. Notts County Council highways officer.
5. 1 or 2 Rushcliffe Borough Councillors.
6. 1 Notts County Councillor

The terms of reference for the CPB will be drawn up by them to include, but not limited to, reviewing traffic implications. The CPB could therefore discuss issues such as management of public areas e.g. community centre, allotments etc and has to be up and running prior to the occupation of the first dwelling. Money is set aside by the agreement for the provision and support of any work necessary to be undertaken by the terms of reference.

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Newton Nottingham LLP can keep applying for variations on the original outline consent for as long as it wants to. As much as we would like the planners to say "enough is enough just get on with it" that will never happen. Unfortunately this leave us at the mercy of Newton Nottingham LLP as to whether phase two starts in the near future or is many years away.

If Newton Nottingham LLP don't submit any further variations, the issue of the bridge is settled and the land has been sold then we will move onto reserved matters. At this point the planners will go out to consultation again and both the Parish Council and all the residents will be able to have an input. Reserved matters is when very detailed plans are submitted by the builder. This will cover everything from the layout of the roads to the colour of a roof and everything in between. Reserved matters application may be submitted on a phased basis or for the site as a whole.

## **15] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

Following discussions about the parish council website and the potential for improvements, it was agreed that the chairman would ask a local professional to offer their opinions and any suggestions to improve usability.

## **16] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING JANUARY 28, 2016**

Further discussion would take place on land ownership in the parish.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42pm.