

The council discussed a report from the clerk in regard to the budget and precept for the coming year which said it was anticipated the council would have a balance in hand of £29,600 at the start of the new financial year. Members agreed on a 7-2 vote to impose a precept for 2016-7 showing a 1.5 per cent increase on the current precept of £12,390.

[No. 12]

**Minutes of the meeting of Newton Parish Council held at Shelford Village Hall on Thursday  
January 28, 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Lucas Morgan (chairman)

John Fearn	Alex Carlyle
Margaret Goulder (v/chairman)	Isobel Shouler
David Simms	Michelle Topping
Janet Dobson	Tony Forward

Also present; Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Mrs Kay Cutts (Notts County Council) Nigel Lawrence (Rushcliffe Borough Council and three members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES There were none

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Goulder in regard to the discussion on the play area and land.

3] MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 26, 2015 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman after comments in regard to the timing of distribution and some of the comments including why the report given by the vice chairman on her meeting with Rushcliffe Borough Council planners had been included.

4] PUBLIC SESSION, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

Several points were raised including the condition of various roads in the parish, with particular mention being made of Wellington Avenue. The meeting was told that Wellington Avenue was an adopted road. The need for speed signs was also discussed in detail. A resident provided an email from Bellway Homes after he had approach them in respect of the adoption of roads serving the new Bellway and Wilson homes. They said they were awaiting signature of an agreement with the adjacent land owner which was preventing them from currently making progress.

A request had been made to the Highways section of Notts County Council in regard to a flashing speed sign but no decision had been made as yet. But the clerk was asked to follow up the initial request. It was pointed out that if the County did agree on provision of a sign in the parish there would only be one funded for an agreed site.

The question of the planned provision of a Community Building was also raised as was a problem of car parking in parts of the parish.

5] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

There were none

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

There were none

The meeting was told there was still no decision taken 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 did object to the application.

6] CASUAL VACANCY

The council had received one written letter seeking to take the vacancy. It was from Mr Tony Forward, of 15 Anson Road. The meeting unanimously approved his co-option and after signing the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office form he was welcomed by the chairman as a new

member.

7] CLERKS REPORT

The clerk commented further on 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. and said the Borough had confirmed to him earlier in the day no progress had been made in relation to a decision.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday April 21 beacons and bonfire events were being suggested to all councils. The clerk was to contact Mr James Fisher at Newton in regard to the possibility of him being able to provide a site for a bonfire.

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The clerk reminded the meeting the council had already take a decision to support the Clean for the Queen litter pick backed by Keep Britain Tidy and Rushcliffe Borough Council. and chose the date for this as March 5. It was agreed that collected sacks of rubbish would be stored outside the Old Guard House ready for collection by the Borough Council.

Public Sector Audit Appointments advised of the appointment of Grant Thornton as the auditor for the council for 2015-6 and 2016-17, Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing wrote in regard to the possibility of a survey for affordable homes in the parish but admitted he was not sure such a project would be useful taking into account all the new homes being provided. The council felt it could not support a survey.

9] ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING DOG FOULING AND DOG BINS

Rubbish bins are available from about £65 upwards. They double up now as dog bins which Rushcliffe Borough Council no longer operate separately. The clerk was asked to organise a site visit from the dog warden to meet a councillor and carry out a survey of where bins would be usefully placed.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Streetwise have told the council they will ensure the waste bin at Wellington Avenue is inspected / emptied every Thursday and Monday. It was reported that the red dog bin on Wellington Avenue was damaged and needed repairing or replacing. The clerk was to advise Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Discussion took place on what was stated to be the deteriorating of the area of the Bellway estate and the clerk was asked to write to the Company to point out the strong concerns being expressed by both members of the council and the public. The lack of maintenance was a concern to the council and they were looking for an improvement.

The chairman said another strong concern was the delay in the adoption of the roads and this point was also to be raised with Bellway.

10] COUNCIL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Members discussed both the councils website and the new facebook service. Some concerns were expressed that the facebook service was operating without the full backing of the council. It was agreed more photographs would be an asset to the website. The chairman reminded the meeting that no single member could act on behalf of the council. It was also agreed to adopt the stance of the parish council at Castle Donington in regard to not responding to comments received via the website until they had been submitted to a meeting.

The clerk was asked to ensure the two items were on the agenda for the next meeting.

11] PLAY AREA. AND LAND

David Wilson Homes informed the council they have no further interest in the site at Newton

and will not be involved in any future development there.

A working party was agreed to be established to look at the general situation concerning land and the proposed play area provision. The latest Rushcliffe Borough Council Streetwise playground inspection was received.

12] FINANCE

CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2016-7

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Coun. Carlyle gave a report on the visit by members to Normanton on Soar village hall. A comment was made that the red litter bin on Wellington Avenue was broken and the clerk was asked to report this to Rushcliffe Borough Council. The condition of Wellington Avenue was again discussed as a concern. Coun. Mrs Cutts said she had raised the matter with Highways.

14] ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING , FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. Nothing was put forward.