

Minutes of the meeting of Newton Parish Council held at Car Colston Village Hall on Thursday April 27, 2016 at 7.30pm.

Lucas Morgan (chairman)

Margaret Goulder (v/chairman)

Isobel Shouler

Michelle Topping

Janet Dobson

David Simms

Alex Carlyle

Tony Forward

John Fearn

Also present; Mrs Kay Cutts (Notts County Council) Nigel Lawrence (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and several members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES none

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

TAT this point Mr Griffin of Neighbourhood Watch was invited to address the meeting .  
Recorded at item 4.

3] MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD March 24 , 2016 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman 2ith the amendment of

“parish council agreed to allocate up to £20,000 of its funds towards the play equipment scheme” .

4] PUBLIC SESSION, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

At 7.45pm Standing Orders were suspended to allow public participation.

A. To discuss matters relating to policing and to Neighbourhood Watch. Presentation by Mr Griffin of Neighbourhood Watch which proved an interesting outline of what the system was all about.

B. Varying views were put forward on what residents were seeking in regard to play area provision for the parish and the council were made aware of strong concerns there were on a delay in provision of improved play area facilities. Some present had been unaware of the issue on the play area and noted that the Hodgson Elkington letter had been helpful in bringing it to their attention, though discussion later indicated that aspects of the letter had probably been slightly misleading in inferences. Some people considered that there may have been an element of rail-roading on the proposed play area. There have been notices publicly posted on the notice boards of two past meetings (in advance of those meetings) to discuss the location of a possible new play area and minutes of those meetings. No decision has been made yet by the play area subcommittee for recommendation up to the full Parish

Council AND NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE by the Parish Council, which would be only after consultation with residents.

5] PLANNING INCLUDING LOCAL MINERALS PLAN AND DRAFT GREENBELT REVIEW

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

16/00598/FUL. Mr Mrs Ket Vara, 34 Dakota Road. Single storey side and rear extension. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

Permission granted

6] CLERKS REPORT

The clerk reported that he had not been able yet to obtain the paperwork and files from Mr Elliott, despite attempts to do so.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Temple reported on a letter received from Mr Skelton about a defective street light. Mr Temple was asked to reply to him which he did as follows:-

1. Yes, of course Parish Councils try to do what they can, but power on statutory functions does not always lie with Parish Councils. There are various different statutory authorities who do have that power within narrow parameters.
2. I have been told by the previous clerk that a report was made to the County about this but as it is on private land, there is nothing the County Authority is willing to do or can do. I will raise this at the next parish council meeting.
3. I am new to the area and have not yet seen who owns what land but will raise it at the next parish council meeting.
4. I am sorry that you found my answer unhelpful about old buildings etc but it certainly is no function of the parish council to obtain at public expense planning permission for demolition of privately owned buildings and go on to private land at ratepayers expense to demolish privately owned buildings. Concerning a school in the village, with Government proposals to make all schools academies outside County Council control, any funds for building and maintaining and running a school would have to be found from private sources. Not out of the village rates. I will raise this at the next parish council meeting.

8] FINANCE

The clerk reported that he had received no cheque books nor bank statements. Invoices for Alan Langshaw, and for Hall hire could not be paid at present. £12400 precept money had been received into the bank account and it was believed there was now about 41,605 already in the bank account. No cheques had been drawn since Mr Elliott resigned.

The Came and Co invoice for insurances has already been paid.

The Chairman undertook to write to Natwest Bank in Bingham notifying the bank that all future statements had to be sent to the clerk at 8 Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent, NG12 2FH,

that Mr Elliott had resigned and been replaced. Mr Temple did not wish to become a signatory.

Mr Elliott had confirmed his office would complete the work on the end of year accounts but none had been received by Mr Temple.

9] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

None

10] ITEMS FOR THE FUTURE MEETING AND CONFIRMATION OF DATE FOR IT.

Bookings had been made for Car Colston Village Hall and it was agreed that a £60 cheque be paid for the next 3 months when the cheque book is posit is required. It was agreed that the future meetings of the council and its committee be held at Car Colston village hall. The council meetings would be on the fourth Wednesday of each month and committee meetings as required. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25.

The May meeting will be the annual meeting of the council (election of officers) and the Chairman will decide whether to have an annual parish meeting at the same time

An item on the parish hall would be included on the next agenda.

11] Crime and Disorder Act 1998

The Clerk reported on the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

S.17 Duty to consider crime and disorder implications.

(1)Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

The Clerk reported that in his view there was nothing that was decided at this meeting that would be likely to have an adverse effect on prevention of crime and disorder in the Parish

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

Signed . L Morgan ..... Chairman

Date.....