

**Minutes of the meeting of Newton Parish Council held at Shelford Village Hall on Thursday
March 24, 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Lucas Morgan (chairman)

John Fearn (A)

Margaret Goulder (v/chairman)

David Simms

Janet Dobson

Alex Carlyle

Isobel Shouler

Michelle Topping

Tony Forward

Also present; Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Mrs Kay Cutts (Notts County Council) Nigel Lawrence (Rushcliffe Borough Council and 28 members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES Coun. John Fearn,

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Couns. Simms and Topping in respect of Planning Application 16/00598/Ful.

3] MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2016 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4] APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CLERK

The meeting approved the appointment of Euan Temple as Interim Clerk of the council. The chairman said it was planned the job would be advertised in June when a permanent appointment would be made.

The chairman said he intended to bring Item 12 forward so that members and the public could receive a report of the Play Area committee, which was presented by its chairman Coun. Isabel Shouler. She told the meeting there had been a successful first meeting of her committee and that detailed discussion had been undertaken by her members. The committee had discussed various possible scheme for provision of additional play equipment and would-be suppliers were drawing up suggested schemes.

Coun. Mrs Shouler said members had to be aware play equipment was very expensive to purchase. They were currently looking at possible expenditure of £50,000 and they would be investigating the question of funding from grants, in particular from Landfill companies as well as Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

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

The council approved the establishment of a Working Party, to involve the existing Play Area committee and local residents. Six names were put forward and Coun. Shouler was given the contact details of them so they could be advised of when a meeting was to be held.

5] PUBLIC SESSION, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

At 7.55pm Standing Orders were suspended to allow public participation.

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. A number of residents expressed a view they had been misled when purchasing their properties in that play areas were promised.

6] ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING ORDERS

The council accepted the Standing Orders that had been previously circulated by the clerk and approved unanimously they should be implemented.

7] 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

There were none

The clerk was asked to write to Notts County Council to express support for the comments submitted by the Shelford Against Gravel Extraction (SAGE) group in respect of proposals for an extraction scheme in Shelford.

8] CLERKS REPORT

The clerk was to pass on to Rushcliffe Borough Council dog warden contact details for Coun. Simms so a site meeting could be organised.

9] CORRESPONDENCE

Came and Company Insurance. Account was due May 25. Currently the council insure annually and the charge for the next year is £290 32. It was agreed to take the insurance for a 12-month period.

The clerk outlined a possible problem with HM Inland Revenue over the council's PAYE scheme. After 10 months a payment book was eventually received but at the same time a letter was also received saying one could not be issued because of lack of information.

Contact details for Mrs Jo Lynn who had written to the council in regard to play area facilities was to be forwarded to the play area chairman.

10] ENVIRONMENT

Coun. Simms would organise the dog warden meeting and would welcome attendance by members of the public.

11] COUNCIL WEBSITE

Members agreed that the website was up to date and looking good. Coun. Fearn was thanked for his input.

13] FINANCE

CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

The current clerk confirmed his office would complete the work on the end of year accounts.

14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

a] CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN The chairman expressed disappointment at the lack of numbers for the event, both from the council and members of the public but thanked those who did take part.

b] OWNERSHIP/ACCOUNTABILITY OF ACTION POINTS The chairman said he felt it was important that members were closely involved in the work of the council and undertook actions when agreed on them.

15] ITEMS FOR THE FUTURE MEETING AND CONFIRMATION OF DATE FOR IT. 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 hall at Car Colston is available at £20 after payment of a £50 returnable deposit. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27.

The May meeting will be the annual meeting of the council (election of officers) and the annual parish meeting. Currently it is scheduled for the normal Wednesday, May 25.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.