

Newton Parish Council

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Minutes of a Council meeting of Newton Parish Council held in the Car Colston Village Hall, Car Colston, on WEDNESDAY 22 February 2017 at 7.30pm

Councillors:

Alex Carlyle, Janet Dobson, James Fisher,
Tony Forward, Margaret Goulder, Sarah Shaw,
Isabel Shouler, David Simms (Chairman), Michelle Topping

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, County Councillor Kay Cutts, Borough Councillor Nigel Lawrence, and nine members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman confirmed his welcome recovery from illness since the start of the year and informed members that he has just been appointed as a Magistrate
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 25 January 2017:** these were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Clerk's report on Matters arising from the minutes:** Nothing to report other than that progress has been made to have the Main Street and Newton Lane signs reinstated shortly.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm to allow residents to comment on:
 - the timing of this item on the Agenda, with a request for Council to move it to be after the Play Area and Community Hall items
 - inclusion of village volunteers to join project working groups
 - identification of the exact location of the proposed village community hall on the airfield site
 - a view that the low number of responses to the play area questionnaire should have been more influential in the Council decision making
 - a perceived lack of documentary evidence of the chosen site B for the play areaStanding orders were resumed at 7.54pm
7. **Play Area:** Cllr Shouler provided an up-date and confirmed that the WREN funding application was submitted today, being the deadline date, and the result should be known in May. She thanked Lee Sycamore and the clerk for the work done to bring this about. Once the funding outcome is known, each of the play equipment suppliers will be asked to make a formal presentation of their products and options. The 25year land lease is awaited.
The clerk undertook to apply to RBC for a Community Grant to meet the anticipated £8,945 total Council contribution
Adult Equipment Site: It was agreed to postpone this matter to a later meeting
Constitution: A written Constitution was presented to members and duly adopted with 7 votes for and 2 abstentions. Funders often seek confirmation of the existence of a Constitution.
8. **Community Hall provision:** Cllr Topping presented the results of the questionnaires completed by residents and, guided by these, members agreed by a majority vote of 7 for, 2 against and 1 abstention to develop the project by having a specification of work needed drawn up and circulated to all members before tenders are invited. It was agreed

that the working group of Cllrs Topping, Forward, Fisher & Shaw undertake to do this work. To take the project to the next stage, the clerk informed the meeting that inescapable costs may be incurred.

Cllr Fisher suggested that an accompanied group visit be arranged for interested residents to view building 29

9. Finance:

The clerk reviewed the Budget allocations for 2017/18 together with the difficulties in establishing accuracy in view of the two ongoing major projects of the play-area and the village hall. Cllr Carlyle agreed to look at the budget in the light of these exceptional costs.

At 9.05pm Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to express views about the low response to the play area questionnaire and the subsequent Council decision on location B.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 9.14pm

Cheque signatories: As a couple of members still needed to visit the bank with ID so the paperwork can be sent off by the local bank to their HO. Members decided to proceed with the seven signatories held by the bank plus that of the clerk in order to complete matters urgently. Cllr Shouler agreed to visit the bank to advise them to complete the paperwork. A new cheque book is long awaited and Cllr Shouler will ask for this to be supplied urgently. Once this is done, the clerk will proceed to set up internet banking.

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

| Cheque | Payee | For | Amount |
|--------|--------------------------|---|----------|
| 58 | Car Colston Village Hall | February booking | £ 20.00 |
| 59 | W A Banner | Reimbursement of expenses | £ 79.79 |
| 60 | Lee Sycamore | Balance of Consultancy Fee - Playground | £1600.00 |

10. **Play Equipment Inspection:** The quotations from the Contractor P M Winter were considered and accepted as proposed and the clerk was asked to notify both Streetwise and the contractor of the decision.

11. **Planning applications:** None

12. **Recent Borough Council decisions:** None

13. **Telephone kiosk** – Cllr James Fisher presented the invoice for £1000 for payment. It was agreed to delay drawing the cheque until the telephone box glass has been replaced, the kiosk cleaned in and out and repainted.

14. Defibrillator

The clerk confirmed that full funding of £1,100 has been achieved and is available subject to the unit being fixed in a central location in the village. A request has been sent to the 1936 (Newton) Squadron ATC for use of the outside wall of their building, involving use of trickle electricity for light and anti-frost heat in the winter, and a response is awaited from MOD HQ. A cheque for £100 from Radcliffe-on-Trent Lions has been received and Cllr Nigel Lawrence has offered £500 from his RBC members allowance from 01 April 2017. The balance is to be from the Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club. All supporters were thanked by members

The clerk was asked to proceed once a favourable reply is received from the ATC

15. **Newton Bridleway** – Some members believed that the revised route has not yet been cleared for easy access and that some of the bridleway was very difficult to use. Cllr Cutts offered to take this up with the NCC Rights of Way team.

16. **Letterhead logo** – It was agreed unanimously to proceed with the logo as presented and produced by Tim O'Brien including the coloured version for use on the website. The clerk will progress matters.

17. **Council Communications:** De-activation of the Facebook page was considered and approved by a majority of 5 for, 3 against and 1 abstention. Cllr Carlyle was authorised to do this.

Cllr Lawrence offered to contribute to the cost of producing the hall questionnaire and subsequent parishioner communications and has arranged for a payment of £150 from his RBC members allowance to be made this financial year. Members expressed their appreciation.

18. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Kay Cutts confirmed that Notts County Council propose to increase the 2017/18 Council Tax by 4.75%, 3% of which is to fund adult social care.

Cllr Nigel Lawrence informed members that the Borough Council Tax is set to increase by 3.05 %, which is an increase of £4.95 on Band D properties. He also referred to the RBC Local Plan Part 2 proposals, outlining the extra 900 housing requirements in the Borough– none of the extra house are planned to be in Newton.

19. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

20. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 22 March 2017

The meeting closed at 9.31pm

Signed: Chairman Date