



# ***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 26 April 2017 at 7.30pm**

**Councillors:**

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

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner, Borough Councillor Nigel Lawrence, and five members of the public, including the leader of the Borough Council, Neil Clarke.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor Kay Cutts - approved
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and said that there were no announcements to be made at this time.
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 22 March 2017:** these were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Clerk's report on Matters arising from the minutes:** The clerk confirmed to members that:
  - the long-awaited Newton Lane and Main Street signs have been erected by the Borough Council.
  - the Annual Precept has been received today and paid by credit transfer into the Council's NatWest bank account.
  - NatWest Bank at Bingham is closing and we are told that our account is to move to West Bridgford. Meantime, we have been notified that the mandate forms completed last year have now been actioned so all members can sign cheques other than councillors Carlyle and Topping
  - An appointment with HSBC business manager is to be made so that an account can be opened on a business internet banking basis to replace the NatWest arrangement
  - We have received for display from Nottinghamshire County Council:  
Councillor Notice of Poll for the Election of a County Councillor for Bingham West Division – Thursday 4 May.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**  
*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm*  
A parishioner suggested that a residents group be formed so amongst other things a better relationship can be forged with Meadfleet. It was agreed that an appropriate item be added to the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.  
*Standing orders were reinstated at 7.45pm*
7. **Community Hall provision:** Cllr Forward informed the meeting that no further progress has been possible as the Council is awaiting sight of the proposed lease. A response from the owner concerning his proposed plans for the guardhouse are also awaited.
8. **Play Area:** Cllr Simms proposed that the modest amendment to the precise area for site Location B be accepted by Council as it removed the play area further away from the nearest house and used the treeline as the buffer. This was approved by a vote of 7 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions

There was a discussion about the ownership of the Open Space and it was agreed unanimously for the clerk to ask the Borough Council to request the transfer of the land to the ownership of the Parish Council.

#### 9. Finance:

- a) The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

Cheque	Payee	For	Amount
90	Came & Co	Insurance renewal – due 25 May 2017	£289.47
91	Streetwise	March playground inspection	£ 66.00
92	Car Colston Village Hall	April room booking	£ 20.00
93	D A Dixon	Internal Audit Fee	£ 45.00

Income received: Rushcliffe Borough Council – annual precept £13,852.00

- b) It was agreed this year not to accept the insurance renewal offer of a 3-year long term agreement that would have reduced the annual premium to £275
- c) Year-end Annual Return –2016/17 - a copy is attached to these minutes
- i) Section 1 – Annual governance statement was considered, approved and signed by the chairman and clerk
- ii) Section 2 – Accounting statements was considered, approved and signed by the chairman and clerk
- d) Biennial review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders – These were reviewed and approved unanimously.

#### 10. Planning applications: A subsequently received application was considered:

17/00761/FUL – The Crown Estate – Renewal of extant permission to flood management works to Car Dyke – Parish Council Decision: Do not object

#### 11. Recent Borough Council decisions: None

**12. Defibrillator:** The clerk informed members that despite reminders nothing has been heard from Squadron Leader David Francis based at RAF Wittering. He is the officer responsible for 1936 (Newton) Squadron ATC. The clerk will escalate the enquiry with the MOD. Meantime, the clerk will seek permission for the use of the Security Building, involving consumption of trickle electricity for light and anti-frost heat in the winter.

**13. Newton Bridleway:** The revised route has not yet been cleared for access even though the sheep have been moved. The NCC rights of way team will be asked to contact the farmer to get the electric fencing removed. Use by motorcyclists has been observed in the bridleway, alarming dog walkers and horses. The NCC rights of way team will be asked for advice on how to deal with this

#### 14. Council Communications:

- a) Newsletter. It was agreed that the proposed Residents Association should consider this as a project.
- b) The Annual Parishioners meeting was confirmed to be on Weds 17 May and Cllrs Topping and Shouler undertook to make arrangements to make the evening attractive for parishioners to attend. A proposal to use The Village Kitchen was approved by a vote of 5 for to 4 against. A budget of up to £250 was approved unanimously

#### 15. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Nigel Lawrence forewarned that the potential offer of the guardhouse for development as community rooms, together with financial support for renovation, may be coupled with a loosening of the S106 agreement obligation for the planned Phase 2 housing development

#### 16. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

#### 17. Date of Next Meeting: **Wednesday 31 May 2017** – to be preceded by the Annual Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.09pm

Signed: Chairman ..... Date .....