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**Minutes of a Council meeting of Newton Parish Council
held in Car Colston Village Hall, Car Colston
on WEDNESDAY 26 July 2017 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, eight members of the public, County Cllr Neil Clarke and Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence (L)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman advised members of the contents of a letter received from Highways England to say that the A52 Nottingham Road Junction work was complete, but the work at A52 Cropwell Road junction will continue until the end of August, including 15 nights when the A52 will be closed between 8pm and 6am for overnight work. He also reported that Grant Thornton have written to confirm a satisfactory audit for the year ended March 2017 and an appropriate notice will be posted on the website and notice boards giving residents the opportunity to inspect the Accounts and the Auditor's Certificate and Report
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 28 June 2017:** these were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Clerk's report on Matters arising from the minutes:** None.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.34pm
A member of the public outlined the arrangements for the Community Party to be held on 16 June 2018 and as Cllr Shouler was to address this matter under Councillors Reports it was agreed to close the Open Session and re-open later in the meeting after her presentation
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.41pm
7. **Community Hall provision:** Cllr Simms reported on a meeting held in Newton earlier in the week with Mr Simon Waterfield of Newton Nottingham LLP at which the offer was made to convert the former guardhouse into a Community Building in lieu of the Section 106 commitment for Phase 2. A confirmation e-mail received today from Mr Waterfield was read out to enable members to consider the written proposition.
As the building is ex-MOD, it is very substantial with foundations capable of having a second floor at some time in the future if deemed necessary and with room for expansion. Adequate car parking was also to be provided. It was stated that the footprint of the former guardhouse is greater than the proposed Section 106 build and its location was more central. The reinstatement of the historic gates was also confirmed by Cllr Simms.
At this point Cllr Shouler joined the meeting
Initially, the building refurbishment will be on a leasehold basis, with the agreement to transfer the freehold to the Parish Council without cost once the site working is complete.
After discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the offer be accepted in principle, with inclusion of surrounding land to accommodate parking and gardens so preserving the TPOs, together with a request for the allocation of a plot of freehold land nearer to the proposed playing fields to be transferred to the Parish Council to accommodate the build of a future pavilion/sports building. The clerk was asked to confirm this to Mr Waterfield and keep RBC planning officers informed.
The working group will meet shortly to discuss our requirements to be included in the specification so that the project can proceed by engaging an architect and/or a structural surveyor.

- 8. Council Meetings:** The location of future meetings was discussed and it was agreed by a majority of 6 for and 3 abstentions to accept the offer to hold future monthly meetings at the Security Building in Newton, starting in September. A total of six tables and thirty chairs need to be sourced. The clerk will thank Newton Nottingham LLP and make appropriate arrangements.
- 9. Play Area:** The awaited draft lease for the land has now been received from Freeths solicitors, acting for Newton Nottingham plc. Members considered the details and approved the amendments proposed by the clerk. A degree of urgency is needed so that the WREN funding application date of mid-August can be achieved. Freeths have indicated a fee of £2000 plus disbursements. The clerk will request a review of this quotation.

9a) Councillor Reports: This item was brought forward on the Agenda so that Cllr Shouler could inform members of the progress being made to book retailers for the 16 June 2018 Community Party to be held at the farm of Cllr James Fisher and asked the Parish Council to provide a loan of £1000 so deposits can be paid. It is expected that income will exceed costs so the loan will be refunded. Members unanimously approve a loan of £1000. Cllr Shouler also thanked members of the public for their involvement with the recent Sports Day and confirmed that arrangements were in hand for the May 2018 Sports Day.

9b) Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:

Standing Orders were suspended at 9.04pm

A member of the public supported and thanked Cllr Shouler for her work on the arrangements for the 2018 Community Party. A resident informed the meeting that work was needed by Bellway/Wilson Homes in Chipmunk Way – fencing work, gaps in plantings and tree cut-backs (particularly the eucalyptus)

Standing Orders were reinstated at 9.06pm

10. Finance:

a) The following payments were approved:

	Cheque Payee	For	Amount
001(HSBC)	Car Colston Village Hall	July meeting	£ 20.00
098 (Nat West)	Newton Parish Council	To close Nat West Account	£31,448.70
BIB	P M Winter	Mowing & Play Equip inspection – June 2017	£ 169.20

The June play equipment report highlighted a 75% wear of a D-ring and the clerk was asked to arrange for it to be replaced

b) The first quarter budget was reviewed. Excluding capital items, the total percentage spend is 24%, having paid the annual insurance premium and NALC subscription in full

11. Planning applications: 17/01601/FUL – Mr C Holden – 902 Trenchard Close – two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, porch extension – Do Not Object

12. Recent Borough Council decisions: 17/01226/FUL – Mr David Coulman – The Barn, Main Street – Garden shed – Grant Permission

13. Defibrillator: The defibrillator and its metal container have been ordered. Delivery and fixing is expected to be done shortly.

14. Council communications: Members expressed appreciation about high quality and content of the initial edition and thanked Yvonne Stephenson (in her absence) and sent their congratulations on a first-class job. It was agreed that the newsletter should be posted onto the Parish Council website.

For each future edition, it was proposed that there is a Councillor profile, including our County and Borough representatives

15. Councillors' Reports: Cllr Nigel Lawrence outlined the new arrangements permitting public speaking at RBC planning meetings and also said that the Green Belt review consultation has been completed.

Cllr Neil Clarke commented on the roadwork markings at the RSPCA junction with the A52 at Radcliffe-on-Trent that slow down the queue of vehicles leaving Radcliffe going to Nottingham and said he has taken up the matter with Highways England.

16. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 27 September 2017 at The Security Building, Newton

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

The Chairman informed the meeting that a private session would now take place and proposed that the press and public be excluded from the meeting. Cllr James Fisher seconded this proposal and members agreed unanimously.

Signed: Chairman Date