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**Minutes of a Council meeting of Newton Parish Council
held in The Security Building, 61 Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA
on WEDNESDAY 25 October 2017 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, four members of the public and Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence (L)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Alex Carlyle and Sarah Shaw – approved. County Councillor Neil Clarke sent his apologies
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Shouler declared an interest in discussions of the 16 June 2018 Newton Party as an organiser
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman informed members that the consultation process for the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2 has been announced – consultation deadline date 27 November 2017. The plans do not affect Newton itself, but there are proposals to allocate new housing sites in East Bridgford (100) and Radcliffe-on-Trent (820). Comments can be made online: <https://rushcliffe-consult.objective.co.uk/portal> or by e-mail: localdevelopment@rushcliffe.gov.uk
4. **Casual vacancy – Co-option:** Two residents expressed an interest in the vacancy, Mr John O'Hare and Mr Neil Phillips and they were invited to introduce themselves to the meeting. Following this, by a majority vote in a private ballot of the members, Mr Neil Phillips was co-opted to the Council and joined the members having signed the acceptance of office/code of conduct declaration.
5. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 27 September 2017:** these were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
6. **Clerk's report on Matters arising from the minutes:** The clerk confirmed that the defibrillator sign has been fixed
7. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.51pm
Resident Yvonne Stephenson referred to the progress being made for the June 2018 event and to the request for the Parish Council to sponsor the costs of hiring the portable toilets. She referred to the newsletter just produced and said she would like to further report under item 16 Council Communications
She also reported a lack of progress in getting Newton Nottingham LLP to do tree maintenance work at the Chipmunk Way borders and the need for the fence to be maintained. It was suggested that Cllr Neil Clarke be asked to raise this when next meeting Mr Simon Waterfield – to be actioned by the Clerk
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.58pm
8. **Play Area:** Cllr Tony Forward confirmed that all the competing suppliers will have presented their quotations shortly to enable comparisons to be made. The WREN funding decision is expected to be made before the end of November. Subject to a positive result from the application, Cllrs Izzy Shouler and Tony Forward will arrange to promote the public meeting in the Security Building on Sunday afternoon, 3rd December so children, parents and carers can express a view on the options.
9. **Community Hall provision:** Cllr James Fisher updated members that there has been a lack progress with Mr Simon Waterfield of Newton Nottingham LLP to estimate the costs involved to convert the former guardhouse. All weather sports facilities are needed close to the guardhouse and the wish was made to lease a piece of land nearby for this purpose
10. **Finance:**
 - a) **Grant Provision**

i) Trent First Responders: Following the CPR and defibrillator training by Trent First Responders earlier in the month, it was agreed unanimously to make a grant of £100.

ii) A request for a grant of £330 + VAT to pay for the provision of portable toilets at the June 2018 village party was considered and this was agreed unanimously. The clerk was asked to make the payment direct to the suppliers when a formal invoice becomes available, nearer to the event.

b) Payments Authorised

The following payments were noted and approved:

DTW Electrical Services – Defib fitting £115.00 - Funded
 Parish Magazine printing – Newsletter £67.75
 P M Winter – Sept mowing and play area inspection £112.80
 Yvonne Stephenson – Contribution to Newsletter printer cartridges £69.48
 W A Banner – July to October expenses £136.61
 Cleggs Solicitors – Land Registry Fee £40.00
 W A Banner – October clerk payment
 Trent First Responders - Grant £100
 BND Music Group - Deposit for band for June 2018 event £100 - Recoverable

c) Budget review: The position as at 30 September was considered and approved. A budget meeting is to be convened before the next monthly meeting to consider the 2018/19 precept requirement

11. Planning applications:

17/02106/REM - Barratt Homes – Land east and west of Chapel Lane, Bingham - 317 dwellings

Object - there is a lack of clarification on the positioning of the bridge and Council requests a large copy of the plan that shows the bridge link to Newton and wish to see the plans that dovetail the two proposed developments of Newton and Bingham

12. Recent Borough Council decisions:

17/02054/FUL – Mr C Holden – 92 Trenchard Close – Grant Permission - PC decision: Do Not Object

13. Defibrillator Training: The defibrillator training was completed successfully, though the number of residents (7) attending was disappointing. Trent First Responders were thanked for organising the event.

14. Pedestrian access and egress from Newton: Cllr Lawrence confirmed that Section 106 money from the 550-house development can be used to provide footpaths, but costs are prohibitive

15. Newton Pathway – Following a re-visit that morning from James Hatchett from NCC Rights of Way team, clearance work and road stone spreading on the muddiest part of the pathway will be done shortly, plus widening the bridleway to the required three metres width.

16. Council communications: Yvonne Stephenson informed the meeting that the production of the first Village Newsletter had gone well with a 250 print-run. Lots of e-mails have been collected for future electronic distribution. Refinement by improving the font size and using a heavier paper weight are being considered. The next quarterly production is timed for mid-December. She made a request for two from the pupils' parliament at East Bridgford school to be able to ask two councillors questions for answers to appear in each production. This was approved. Cllrs David Simms and Janet Dobson volunteered to be the first councillors to be interviewed. The councillors will be given the questions beforehand.

17. Councillors' Reports: Cllr Nigel Lawrence reviewed the impact of Rushcliffe Local Plan 2 on housing at East Bridgford and Bingham

18. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

19. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 22 November 2017 at The Security Building, Newton

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed: Chairman Date