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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 22 November 2017 at 7.30pm

# **Councillors:**

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, six members of the public, County Cllr Neil Clarke and Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence

- 1. Apologies for Absence: Alex Carlyle approved.
- 2. Declarations of Interest: None
- 3. Chairman's announcements: The chairman informed members that a letter has been received from Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council to say that following the outcome of the Referendum on 19<sup>th</sup> October, Rushcliffe Borough Council has now formally adopted the R-o-T Neighbourhood Plan. He also read out a letter of thanks from Trent First Responders following their receipt of the £100 grant
- 4. Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 25 October 2017: the number of houses referred to in item 14 was amended to 550. The minutes were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
- 5. Clerk's report on Matters arising from the minutes: The clerk referred to receiving today an e-mail notifying Council of a change in external auditors for 2017/18 financial year PKF Littlejohn LLP Canary Wharf, London
- 6. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business Standing Orders were suspended at 7.34pm Resident Paul Stephenson reported on a constructive meeting he and Cllr Sarah Shaw has had with Meadfleet who have provided bulbs for the bluebell wood. They have agreed to supply 50 bird boxes and to look at tree maintenance and replacement where appropriate. Land drainage is a problem and a Civil Engineer will be sought to advise on a remedy. A resident asked whether the full skip outside the guardroom can be removed. The clerk will ask Bill Hughes At this point, Cllr Izzy Shouler joined the meeting Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.49pm
- 7. Play Area: Cllr Tony Forward was pleased to report that WREN has confirmed £46,000 funding. With the £14,000 grant from Notts County Council Supporting Local Communities Fund, this enables the Council to proceed with the project. Cllrs Izzy Shouler and Tony Forward will promote the public meeting, to include young children, in the Security Building on Sunday afternoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There are 8 suppliers who will provide illustrations of their plans for display. Following this, the working group members will consider the options and chose a supplier with whom to work.
- 8. Community Hall provision: Cllr James Fisher updated members that there has been no further progress with Mr Simon Waterfield of Newton Nottingham LLP. Cllr Neil Clarke was able to say that from his discussions with Mr Waterfield he was optimistic that the matter will be progressed shortly.

A funding opportunity from Notts County Council SLC Fund 2018/21 has been announced and the clerk was asked to make an appropriate application. It was suggested that a SLC funding bid be made to pay for traffic calming lights in the village

9. Finance:

# a) Wellington Avenue - bin emptying

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It was decided to accept the quotation from Streetwise of £3.75 per bin emptying – monthly for 6 months of October to March each year and twice monthly in April to September each year.

#### b) Payments Authorised

The following payments were noted and approved: P M Winter – Oct mowing and play area inspection £166.80 W A Banner – November clerk payment

c) Precept 2018/19 consideration: A proposal to delay a decision until the next meeting in January was made and defeated by a vote of 3 for and 5 against. Members discussed the proposition by Cllr Izzy Shouler to increase the precept by £5 per annum per Band D property to £51.36. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Neil Phillips and approved by a vote of 5 for and 3 against

### 10. Planning applications: None

17/02106/REM - Barratt Homes – Land east and west of Chapel Lane, Bingham - 317 dwellings The RBC response to Council's request for more information on the positioning of the proposed footbridge was received and circulated by e-mail today and its contents were noted

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

**12.** Newton Pathway – Cllr James Fisher confirmed that NCC Rights of Way team will do clearance work and road stone spreading on the muddiest part of the pathway shortly, plus widening the bridleway to the required three metres width.

**13.** Date Protection Bill – Following a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer will also be the Data Protection Officer

### 14. Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Consultation

As a neighbouring Parish, members decided to support Shelford PC in its comments on the Gravel extraction Consultation – the main objection to gravel extraction at Shelford being an increase in heavy traffic accessing the A 6097. It was agreed to offer support to SAGE.

#### 15. Council communications: No report.

#### 16. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Neil Clarke said he had reported the Wellington Avenue potholes to officers at Notts CC and referred to Traveller issues. Cllr Nigel Lawrence informed the meeting that the latest Section 106 Agreement was due to be signed shortly, providing confirmation about the footbridge over A46.

Cllr James Fisher informed the meeting that licenced dog handlers are operating on the Newton Nottingham LLP industrial area.

# 17. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

# 18. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 24 January 2018 at The Security Building, Newton

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

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