



# NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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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 28 February 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Councillors:**

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** James Fisher - approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman welcomed members and the public. There were no announcements.
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 24 January 2018:** It was agreed to remove the reference to £3000 from item 7- Play Area. Subject to this, the minutes were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Clerk's report on Matters arising from the minutes:** **M5** The full skip has been removed off site. **M5** Although the rock salt has been delivered, the grit bins are not in place – clerk to follow up. **M6** RBC planners have been asked to deal with the land drainage problem as an enforcement issue. **M8** Chairs have been ordered. **M9a)** Laptop purchase being progressed. **M13** Applications have been submitted to the Supporting Local Communities fund for two sets of traffic calming lights. RBC Enforcement Officer is writing to the hangar occupiers to stress that no heavy vehicles gain access via Wellington Avenue. Trent Barton has removed the broken glass at the notice board at the bus shelter.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**  
*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.45pm*  
A resident expressed great concern regarding vandalism by youths visiting from a neighbouring village and the lack of proper security. Excessive speeding in Wellington Avenue has just been experienced involving an employee from one of the Hangars. It was agreed that the clerk write to each of the hangar occupiers to ask for staff to be briefed on exercising care in the village. Cllr Neil Clarke undertook to mention the speeding problem to the site owner  
*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.58pm*
7. **Newton Streetfest:** Cllr Izzy Shouler supported by resident Yvonne Stephenson provided a progress report on preparations for the June Community Event, open to Newton residents only. Cllr Neil Clarke undertook to contact the police about traffic signage for the day and to consider making a small contribution to pay for a specific item in 2018/19 financial year.
8. **Play Area:** The provisional Opening Day of Sunday 6 May 2018 was unable to be confirmed as the play equipment suppliers could not guarantee a completion date before 27 May 2018. Some members were concerned about this being a bank holiday week-end with many people away. The clerk undertook to contact the suppliers to see whether the 20<sup>th</sup> May Opening was achievable. Meanwhile, Kenneth Clarke, MP and County Councillor Kay Cutts have confirmed that they are free to attend on 27 May.
9. **Community Hall provision:** This continues to be on hold. Cllr Clarke confirmed that he will speak to Mr Waterfield immediately after the outstanding 106 Agreement has been signed - in order to speed up the process of agreeing a way forward to convert the existing Guardhouse
10. **Finance:**
  - a) **Payments Authorised:**  
The following payments were noted and approved:

P M Winter – Play Insp. – Dec 2017 - £30.00  
 Alpha Furnishing – 25 chairs deposit - £425.63  
 Office expenses - £135.90  
 Clerk's pay – Feb 2018

- b) **Statement of Activities 2017/18** - approved
- c) **2017/18 Budget progress** - noted

# 11. Planning applications: None

## 12. Recent Borough Council decisions:

17/02987/FUL – Mr Spencer Orridge – 2 Chipmunk Way – Grant Permission – PC decision: Do Not Object

- 13. **Newton Pathway** – The chairman reported on the number of appreciative comments posted by parishioners on social media for the work completed. Thanks were expressed to the NCC Rights of Way team. Following a discussion to have the balance of the pathway done up to the stile, it was agreed by majority decision to proceed with this as soon as possible, involving the Rights of Way team, based on the estimated cost of about £2K. The vote was 4 for, 3 against, 1 abstention. It was agreed to seek a quotation to similarly do the stretch up to its junction with Main Street

- 14. **Lorries and Speeding in Wellington Avenue and Main Street:** This matter was discussed under item 6 – Open Session. It was confirmed that funding applications have been submitted for two sets of traffic calming lights. The clerk is to write to each of the hangar occupiers to ask for staff to be briefed about exercising care in the village, particularly to observe the 30mph speed limit. Cllr Neil Clarke undertook to mention the speeding problem to the site owner

- 15. **Battle Close – land excavation and flood problem:** Cllr Sarah Shaw informed the meeting that following a conversation with Meadfleet, David Wilson Homes and Bellway will be asked to explore the problem.

- 16. **Lamp Post Poppies:** It was agreed to buy enough poppies to display on the lampposts in Main Street and Wellington Avenue

- 17. **Newsletter:** The proposed disclaimer was discussed. Cllr David Simms agreed to produce a wording for circulation before the next meeting

- 18. **Council communications:** No report.

- 19. **Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Nigel Lawrence informed the meeting that he has decided to stand down as a Borough Councillor from May 2019. A successor will be sought.  
 Cllr Neil Clarke advised that the Borough Council meeting today decided to increase the Council Tax for 2018/19 by 4.99%, the increase to include 3% for social care budget.

## 20. Reports from Outside Organisations

a) **Meadfleet:** Cllr Sarah Shaw summarised the excellent relationship she and Yvonne Stephenson have developed with Meadfleet resulting in agreeing a phased replacement tree programme and commitment from David Wilson Homes and Bellway to solve the waterlogging problem at the Open Space – particularly where the site huts and compounds were located. Some compensation for drowned trees is expected. 50 birdboxes are being provided and it was noted that the daffodils are now showing. Cllr Shaw was asked to enquire whether Meadfleet would agree to soft planting to be done near the new play area. The chairman thanked Cllr Sarah and Yvonne for their involvement.

b) **Newsletter:** Yvonne Stephenson reviewed the excellent progress made in its first 12 months and thanked the Council for the continuation of financial support in next year's budget. She commented on the good and varied content in the Newsletters and will seek adverts for future productions. The circulation will be greater as Phase 2 housing develops, and e-mail addresses are sought to reduce printing costs. The chairman thanked Yvonne for the excellent work done to date.

- 21. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 28 March 2018 at The Security Building, Newton

The meeting closed at 9.38pm

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