



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 24 January 2018 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Sarah Shaw - approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman welcomed members and the public and wished all a Happy & Successful New Year and looked forward to completing village improvement projects this year.
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 22 November 2017:**
The minutes were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Clerk's report on Matters arising from the minutes: M4.** The clerk confirmed that he had contacted Mr Bill Hughes to ask whether the full skip could be removed off site – members advised that the skip was still there, so the clerk will remind Mr Hughes. **M8.** The SLC/LIS funding application has been submitted. **M9a)** Streetwise have been instructed to empty the bin on a regular basis. The grit bins have been delivered, and are in place, filled with rock salt
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.37pm
Speeding in Wellington Avenue and in Main Road was raised and comments noted – to be discussed under Agenda item 13. The land drainage problem was raised by a resident (Agenda item 14) and it was agreed the resident would continue to refer the matter to Meedfleet as they should take it up with Bellway. The clerk undertook to notify the problem to RBC Planners as it is planning enforcement issue. "Soft" planting was requested around the new play area.
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.58pm
7. **Play Area:** Cllr Izzy Shouler reviewed the considerations of the Play Working Group's decision to recommend the appointment of Hags. Their specification covered the following key points: British made; sustainable wood (Swedish grown); extended guarantees secured; value for money; covers all target age ranges; constructed on site by own installation team; welfare of staff professionally planned; low maintenance costs; it is what the children voted for on 03 December 2017; good aftercare service; support with the Opening Event; unanimous approval vote from all members of the Working Group. She said that the plan does all that the Working Group set out to achieve some 2 years ago.
Council members approved the recommendation unanimously and confirmed the appointment of Hags.
Cllrs Shouler and Simms agreed to see the Hags representative as soon as possible to agree appropriate colours and discuss logistics. Provisional arrangements for a Grand Opening Day on Sunday 6 May 2018 will be made. A proposal to set a budget to meet the event costs was suggested. The Open Day arrangements will be made by the Working Group.
Cllr Shouler was thanked for her efforts.
8. **Community Hall provision:** Cllr James Fisher told members that there has been no further progress with Mr Simon Waterfield of Newton Nottingham LLP and was unlikely to be until the Section 106 footbridge agreement has been signed off. County Cllr Neil Clarke hoped that the agreement will be signed soon and immediately after it is, he undertook to speak to Mr Simon Waterfield to press for an agreement about funding the upgrading of the guardhouse. The clerk confirmed that an application for LIS support of £50K has been submitted and receipt acknowledged
The opportunity to buy some chairs for future use was discussed, as County Cllr Neil Clarke would make funds available to

support the purchase before 31 March 2018. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk orders 25 chairs (Ref AR2BW from Alpha Furnishing) at a cost of £1373.75 + VAT to be stored in the Security Building. The blue colour was selected.

9. Finance:

a) Payments Authorised

The following payments were noted and approved:

A J Forward – Print Ink – £41.76

Parish Magazine printing – Newsletter - £79.40

VIA – Grit bins – £588.00

Clerk pay – December 2017 & Jan 2018

FCC Environment – WREN third party funding - £4945.00 – Recovered from RBC

b) Transparency Grant

Members noted that NALC funding of £1275.60 has been received to reimburse the Council's internet set-up costs, monthly costs of internet and website provision from August 2015 to 31 March 2018 plus funds for the purchase of a computer and scanner. Members agreed that an appropriate computer and printer/scanner, including colour print facility, be purchased for the clerk's use to hold all Newton Parish Council records.

Cllr Simms and the clerk will progress the purchase and transfer of records

c) Budget and Precept 2018/19

Members noted the new tax base of 301.2 produces a precept of £15,470

10. Planning applications:

17/02987/FUL – Mr Spencer Orridge – 2 Chipmunk Way – Single storey front extension including removal of existing bay window. Single storey front extension to garage, including pitched roof over existing porch – Do Not Object

11. Recent Borough Council decisions: None

12. Newton Pathway – Cllr James Fisher advised that NCC Rights of Way team will do the work on 04 February.

13. Speeding in Wellington Avenue and Main Street – After discussion, members agreed that traffic calming lights should be installed, and the clerk was asked to apply to LIS for financial support to achieve this. Two separate applications for £9000 each for a pair of lights will be prepared, on the understanding that each light will cost £2900 plus installation costs by NCC.

Cllr James Fisher suggested that the Newton Newsletter be used to remind residents of the 30pmh speed limit.

Heavy lorries are still using Wellington Avenue and the clerk was asked to consult RBC planners as permission for commercial use of the five hangars was subject to no heavy vehicle access via Wellington Avenue

It was reported that the Trent Barton timetable notice at the bus stop in Wellington Avenue has been vandalised and the clerk was asked to report this to Trent Barton for repair

14. Battle Close – land excavation and flood problem

This was discussed earlier at the public session and apparently the excavation of the flood problem area has improved the situation. The clerk will refer the waterlogging problem to RBC planners for them to take up with the developers

15. Council communications: No report.

16. Councillors' Reports: Cllr Neil Clarke had nothing to add to comments made during the meeting.

Cllr Nigel Lawrence similarly had nothing to add, other than to confirm the RBC has made available £50,000 over the next 3 years to provide more trees in Rushcliffe – all parties are invited to apply for funding to cover both the purchase and planting of the shrubs/trees. A suggestion was made to plant shrubs in the frequent stopover area used by the travellers

17. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

18. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 28 February 2018 at The Security Building, Newton

The meeting closed at 9.06pm

Signed: Chairman Date