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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 March 2018 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Alex Carlyle and County Cllr Neil Clarke

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman announced a Council Casual Vacancy, arising from the resignation of Tony Forward this week and thanked him for his support and work for the Council in the last two years. He commented that holes in Wellington Avenue have been patched, but a proper resurfacing job was needed. A resident has told us that he has Meadfleet permission to use a metal detector in the open space – to include the play area. The Council is pleased to accept contributions from County Councillor Neil Clarke (£1007) towards the cost of chairs for the future community rooms and £500 from Borough Councillor Nigel Lawrence to enable the cost of the defibrillator to be fully funded. In addition, the chairman appealed for more help from members with setting up and putting away the tables and chairs at each meeting.

4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 28 February 2018:** Subject to amending the mistyping of Section 106 in item 9, the minutes were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.

5. **Clerk's report on Matters arising from the minutes:** **M5** It seems that the three grit bins have been delivered, but two are not in the requested locations – clerk to follow up. **M5** RBC planners referred the clerk to Bellways to seek an urgent resolution to the land drainage problem. The clerk has arranged for Bellways to a site visit shortly. **M5** Chairs are being delivered shortly. **M5** Laptop/scanner/printer purchase has been completed. **M6** Letters have been sent to hangar occupiers to ask them to brief their staff not to speed in Wellington Avenue. One reply has been received (UCD Facilities).

6. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.46pm

A resident asked whether a "Road Liable to Icing" sign be obtained for use in Main Street when appropriate. A request was made for the Council to provide a budget to cover the cost of plant screening around the play park to soften the area. Appropriate shrubs and plants would be planted without cost by a small team of residents – thereafter, Meadfleet has agreed to maintain them. The difficulty in enforcing the denial of access of lorries in Wellington Avenue was raised. Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence undertook to speak to the RBC senior planning officer to see what could be done to enforce the planning provision. A large permanent sign saying "No Commercial Lorries" was suggested and the clerk was asked to write to County Cllr Neil Clarke accordingly. Cllr Neil Clarke has agreed to mention the speeding problem to the site owner. A separate post code for Newton Lane was suggested.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.01pm

7. **Play Area:** Cllr James Fisher reported on the site meeting with Hags and the provisional arrangements made for the on-site materials and workmen facilities. Meadfleet has agreed the suggested access point in Battle Close. The ground where the play area will be sited has areas where rain water soaks away slowly and Hags recommend having the whole site laid with grass mats. Meadfleet will be asked not to cut the grass again as the contractors need the grass to be on the longer side when they lay the mats. A subsequent quotation to lay the extra matting has been received: £2422.50. The clerk said that the remaining funds available from the RBC grant was £2,015 and it was agreed to proceed with the extra work, if possible within the remaining budget - the clerk will try to negotiate a reduced price with Hags. This would leave no grant funds for the proposed screening. The clerk reported that Hags could not guarantee an earlier opening day than Sunday 27 May 2018 and after discussion it was agreed to have the opening on Saturday 16 June at noon – the Street Fest starts at 1pm that day. The clerk undertook to contact the suppliers to advise them and also to advise Kenneth Clarke, MP, County Councillors Kay Cutts, John Cottey and

Neil Clarke to invite them to attend. It was requested that the pre-site meeting with Hags takes place early in the week starting 23 April in time to report to the Council meeting on Weds 25 April.

It was agreed that Mr Paul Stephenson be asked to draw up a provisional plan of suitable plants and by a majority of 5 for and 2 against it was agreed that a sum of £1000 be budgeted to contribute to the purchase costs of shrubs.

Cllr Izzy Shouler said that there is a separate bank account with £300 balance to support the play area provision and suggested that this be used to support costs being incurred at the opening.

Funders ask to be assured that Council is committed to continuous maintenance of the playground and it was agreed that Newton Parish Council undertakes to take responsibility for the future maintenance and repair of the play area that is to be installed in the area near to Battle Close, Newton, NG13 8ZW

8. **Battle Close – land excavation and flood problem:** The clerk advised that Mr Richard Howell of Bellway has agreed to a site meeting with a view to resolving this problem.
9. **Community Hall provision:** This continues to be on hold. Cllr Clarke has written to say that the outstanding 106 Agreement has not yet been signed.
10. **Newton Streetfest:** Cllr Izzy Shouler reported that plans are well advanced and flyers have been issued to residents. £1000 in sponsorship has been obtained enabling costs to be reduced to £15 adult and £5 per child. A Community Newton Bank Account has been opened which can be used for future events. On-line, 31% of adult tickets and 25% of junior tickets have been sold. 25 raffle prizes have been obtained – the proceeds from the raffle to go nominated charities. Good help on the day has been promised and the signs are that it will be a successful day. Rainy day provision is the use of a barn on site
11. **Finance:**
 - a) **Payments Authorised:** Payments were noted and approved
 - b) **Grass cutting and crown lift quotations** – approved. The contractor will be asked to clean all play equipment – both wooden and other; to apply bird spike on tree branches where appropriate; remove leaves and to do this each autumn
 - c) **Laptop, printer & scanner purchase** (transparency fund) - noted
12. **Website and DPO:** A quotation has been received to develop a new website by Roffesoft at a cost of £360 plus an annual maintenance cost of £139 - the work will include domain registration, web/e-mail hosting and unlimited e-mails plus setting up councillor e-mails to comply with the requirements of the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). This was unanimously agreed by members and the clerk was asked to instruct Derek Woodroffe of Roffesoft. This cost is covered by the transparency funding received.
13. **Planning applications and Recent Borough Council decisions:** none, but a copy of Planning Application 13/02329/OUT – William Davis Limited – Land off Shelford Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent was subsequently received.
This is an outline application for up to 400 dwellings and includes a section 106 provision for “A financial contribution of £27,000 is to be made towards provision of traffic calming scheme along Main Street in Newton”. Council decision: DNO, with a request that the need for traffic calming is immediate and funds should be made available soonest
14. **Newton Pathway** – The chairman reported that quotations are still being sought to enable the council to proceed with this project with a Council cost estimated at about £2K
15. **Lorries and Speeding in Wellington Avenue and Main Street:** County Cllr Neil Clarke’s written report says that NCC has made provision for one interactive speed sign in Wellington Avenue to be put on their schedule – more information is awaited.
16. **Council communications:** The following disclaimer was agreed for use in the village newsletter:
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17. **Councillors’ Reports:** Cllr Sarah Shaw requested a letter should be sent to NCC Highways to request a reduction in the open speed limit between Newton and Radcliffe-on-Trent. The contents of County Cllr Neil Clarke’s report was included earlier.
Cllr Nigel Lawrence informed the meeting that RBC has won the award for the most Entrepreneurial Council in the country
18. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None
19. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 25 April 2018 at The Security Building, Newton The meeting closed at 9.28pm

Signed: Chairman Date