



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council meeting of Newton Parish Council
held in The ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA
on TUESDAY 04 September 2018 at 7.30pm

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Councillors:

Janet Dobson, James Fisher (Chairman) (A), Margaret Goulder, Rebecca (Penny) Higgs
Neil Phillips; Sarah Shaw, Isabel Shouler (Vice-Chairman), David Simms, Yvonne Stephenson

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, 11 members of the public and County Cllr Neil Clarke (L)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr James Fisher and Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence - approved
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Vice-Chairman Cllr Isabel Shouler took the chair. There were no announcements
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 03 July 2018 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Clerk's report on Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes:** The clerk reminded members that a short personal profile was required for use on the website – Ref. item 18. The chairman asked for members to send this to the clerk as soon as possible
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm
A resident requested Council to have a rubbish bin installed at Kestrel Play Area. Members empathised, and it was agreed that RBC be asked to supply and service a bin. Dog dirt on the bridle path was also highlighted and a question on the decision by Newton Nottingham LLP to prohibit access to the bridle path across the service road during the summer. The clerk was asked to raise this matter with NNLLP together with a request for improved signage
Another resident raised the matter of security and also noise in the early hours and the clerk was asked to contact NNLLP about increasing overnight security measures. Inconsiderate parking was also raised
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.54pm
7. **Community Hall** – No further development – this continues to be on hold
8. **Wellington Avenue Play Area:** Cllr Goulder asked that the mowing contractor for TCMC (Malford's) and Mark Winter co-ordinate their visit times and will advise the clerk of the timetable of Malfords for conveyance to Mark Winter. It was agreed to consider the 2019 season maintenance contract quotations at the November meeting
9. **The Kestrel Play Area:** The proposals and quotations for a sign were discussed and it was agreed by a vote of 5 for and 3 against to proceed with supplier BluePrint at £85 including fitting of the sign on the rails. It was agreed to add the words: "Opened July 2018"
Cllr Isabel Shouler reported on the on-site meeting with HAGS on 03 Sept. Cllrs Shouler, Goulder & Stephenson attended plus the clerk and HAGS were represented by Mr John Grayson, Head of Contracts and Caroline Thompson, Regional Installation & Service Manager. A full review of the project was made with Mr Grayson who took on board the issues raised, principally of poor workmanship, particularly with the laying of the grass matting. He has agreed to have all the work thoroughly inspected and remedial work done (estimated closure for 2 days). Members agreed to await the out-turn of the work before deciding on paying the balance of the HAGS invoices. Cllr Yvonne Stephenson suggested that HAGS be asked to start the guarantee periods from when they hand over the Park with all the issues resolved.
8.15pm Cllr Neil Clarke joined the meeting
It was agreed that the maintenance arrangements will continue as now and will be reviewed for the 2019 season at the November meeting.

Play Area planting was discussed and standing orders were suspended from 8.18pm to 8.22pm for Mr Paul Stephenson to advise members that planting was to take place in October - the cost to be within the £1000 budget agreed with Council

10. **Planning Applications:** 18/01830/FUL - Mr & Mrs John Rawlinson - Demolish existing two storey rear extension, replace with a new two storey rear extension including raised access steps, and construct new single storey rear extension - 10 Main Street Newton Nottinghamshire NG13 8HN – Do Not Object
11. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** 18/00824/FUL – Works Holding Ltd – 10 Kirk Hill, East Bridgford - Application permitted. PC decision: DNO
12. **Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures:** The clerk informed members that a site meeting with VIA is been arranged for Thursday morning 27 Sept. to decide the location of the posts for interactive speed monitors for Wellington Avenue and Main Street.
13. **Wellington Avenue – lorries:** There has been a noticeable reduction in lorries accessing the Business Park by use of Wellington Avenue. However, just these last few days a lorry was observed using Wellington Avenue. Mr Bill Hughes at Newton Nottingham LLP was advised, and he has reminder the appropriate hangar tenant in order to prevent a recurrence
14. **Newton Pathway – Crown Estates** have advised the NCC Rights of Way Team that they do not approve of extra stoning and there are on-going discussions. The overgrowth has been cut back.
15. **Battle Close:** STW have recently repaired the water leak. Correspondence with Bellway indicates that they are accepting responsibility to resolve the pooling issues. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council Liaison Group – Yvonne and Sarah
16. **Trees:** Standing Orders were suspended at 8.45pm for Mr Paul Stephenson to contribute to the discussion. Standing Orders were reinstated 8.50pm. After discussion it was agreed to accept the 10 trees on offer by RBC Tree Scheme and to order 2 Weeping Cherry trees for the Wellington Avenue Play Area and 4 Weeping Cherry trees plus 4 Crab Apple trees for the fence line of the Open Space
17. **Fence:** Members discussed whether the old fence to mark the boundary to the former airfield land should be taken down and the Chairman read out the views of Council chairman James Fisher, sent to the clerk by e-mail. Newton Nottingham LLP has indicated that they have no objection to Council removing the fence provided no cost is incurred by them. After discussion, it was proposed that pursuant to the One Newton theme that the fence be removed. The proposal was carried by a vote of 5 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions. Members agreed that a demarcation line needs to be retained and the use of hedging together with the 8 RBC donated trees was suggested. Health & Safety and Maintenance matters were raised for consideration
18. **Finance:** Payments were authorised. Members were reminded to consider the budget requirement for 2019/20 in preparation for a future meeting. A conclusion of audit response has not yet been received from the outside Auditors following the paper submissions in May 2018
19. **Council communications:** Cllr Yvonne Stephenson asked that discussion on this matter be postponed to the next meeting as time was inadequate. Members unanimously agreed for this topic to be dealt with as an earlier Agenda item next meeting
20. **Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Clarke referred to the Tour of Britain Cycle Event and that the riders should be at Gunthorpe Bridge at about 1.35pm on Saturday 8th Sept. He confirmed that a large sign is to be erected at the junction at Newton Lane directing lorries to "Newton Business Park" – members unanimously confirmed this to be the correct terminology for the sign
21. **Correspondence:** None
22. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None.
23. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 02 October 2018

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed: Chairman Date