



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 02 October 2018 at 7.30pm

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Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, 10 members of the public and County Cllr Neil Clarke (L)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Neil Phillips and Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence - approved
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr James Fisher – Item 15 Newton Pathway and Cllr Margaret Goulder – Item 13 Wellington Avenue
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman congratulated and thanked Cllr Isabel Shouler on behalf of the Council for delivering the excellent play area, having been fully committed to its completion for the last 3 years or so. He also informed members that clarification of the routes of the Public Rights of Way has been received from NCC and a copy hand-delivered to the address of each parishioner
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04 September 2018 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman. It was noted that Resident Tony Forward had been instrumental in getting STW to attend to the water leak problem referred to in Item 15. Battle Close and he was duly thanked
5. **Clerk's report on Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes:** The clerk confirmed that the tasks set had been achieved including the timely ordering of trees from RBC by 30 Sept deadline and the delivery of a circular notice to all residents to make clear the Newton Rights of Way.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.34pm
A resident renewed her plea for a litter bin to be installed at Kestrel Play Area. Members were able to confirm that this matter is being addressed.
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.36pm
7. **Council communications:** Cllr Yvonne Stephenson and Cllr Izzy Shouler reviewed the benefits of the Council using Social Media and suggested that they explore what other Parish Councils do and what support was available from RBC. It was unanimously agreed that the two members report their recommendations before the next meeting.
8. **Community Hall** – This was discussed after item 10 when County Cllr Neil Clarke joined the meeting. The chairman informed members that the long-awaited Section 106 has been signed and reviewed the main aspects of the agreement. Cllr Clarke said that he was hoping to meet Mr Simon Waterfield towards the end of this month to further discussions on the proposed conversion of the former guardhouse to a community building. He particularly highlighted the long- stop guarantee in the signed Section 106 agreement to build a Community Building and that construction traffic will not use Wellington Ave.
9. **Wellington Avenue Play Area:** Members reviewed the quotations received for maintenance in the 2019 season. At this time the quotations were considered for The Kestrel Play Area. The clerk undertook to prepare a comparative pricing of the total annual spend and bring to the November meeting as originally planned.
10. **The Kestrel Play Area:** Cllr Isabel Shouler reported on a further on-site meeting with HGS on 01 October. Cllrs Shouler, Fisher & Stephenson attended plus the clerk and HGS were represented by Mr John Grayson, Head of Contracts. Remedial work was being done at that time and was being checked by Mr Grayson. Cllr Shouler considered that the play area was now up to standard and the matter of compensation was to be determined. Mr Grayson has confirmed that HGS will refund the £340 of disbursements for the photographer and face-painter plus £500 compensation rebate. The warranty period is agreed in writing to start from 01 October 2018. By a vote of seven for and one against, it was agreed that the clerk asks HGS to

supply a suitable litter bin at no cost to the Council and if that is forthcoming then the remaining part of the invoices can be paid.

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8.15pm Cllr Neil Clarke joined the meeting

- 11. Planning Applications:** None. Members noted that a subsequent Notice of Planning Permission has been received for 16/02864/VAR – Mr Simon Waterfield – Grant Outline Planning Permission – providing new conditions, amongst which is the requirement for “an application for approval of the final reserved matters shall be made not later than 28 July 2022 and the development must begin not later than two years from that date” A note from RBC Planning highlighting the Deed of Variation issues had been circulated by e-mail before the meeting
- 12. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** None
- 13. Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures:** The clerk informed members that there had been a site meeting with VIA on Thursday morning 27 Sept. that decided the location of the posts for interactive speed monitors for Wellington Avenue (1) and Main Street (2). NCC Supporting Local Communities Fund acceptance forms were duly signed-off. Cllr Goulder advised Council to write to the Trenchard Close Residents Company to seek permission to site the poles
- 14. Wellington Avenue – lorries:** The Chairman confirmed that there continues to be a noticeable reduction in lorries accessing and leaving the Business Park by use of Wellington Ave. The new signs have helped to divert lorry traffic to Commercial Rd
- 15. Newton Pathway –** Following an on-site meeting with the NCC Rights of Way Team representative, approval was given for 1 metre x 300 metres of stoning to be laid on the extension through to the road, including redirection the path to the stile and repairs to the hedge. The proposal was agreed by a vote of five for and three abstentions. The March 2018 budgeted amount for this work of £2000 will be used to contribute to costs.
- 16. Battle Close:** Cllr Stephenson reported that from her liaison work with Meadfleet a further visit by surveyors from Bellway further indicates that they are not refusing to accept liability for the pooling issues. Appreciation was expressed to the Parish Councillors on the Meadfleet Liaison Group – Yvonne and Sarah
- 17. Trees:** The clerk confirmed that the order has been sent to accept the 10 trees on offer by RBC Tree Scheme - to order 2 Wild Cherry trees for the Wellington Avenue Play Area and 4 Wild trees plus 4 Crab Apple trees for the fence line of the Open Space. Mr Paul Stephenson has submitted a sketch of the planting locations at the Open Space and these were approved. There is a subsequent proposition to exchange the two trees for Wellington Avenue to secure two oak trees to go at the entrance to Wellington Avenue. The clerk will seek approval for the plantings from the landowner and will alert RBC to the proposed change. There are two Rowan trees that appear to have died and members agreed that these should be replaced. As agreed, Mr Paul Stephenson also produced a list of shrubs for purchase for the play area environment. These were approved, and the clerk will make the order (cost £975.69) plus the extra two rowan trees
- 18. Fence:** Following the agreement at the last meeting to take down the old fence that marks the boundary to the former airfield land, Council chairman James Fisher expressed the view that the Council needed to secure the approval of the owner and a response from Mr Simon Waterfield to the letter sent by the clerk was awaited. Newton Nottingham LLP has indicated that they have no objection to Council removing the fence provided no cost is incurred by them. Health & Safety and Maintenance matters were raised, and remedial work is necessary to remove hazards from damage in the fencing. Members agreed that a demarcation line needs to be retained and the use of hedging approved.
- 19. Finance:** Payments were authorised. Members were presented with the financial position as at half-year and reminded to consider the budget requirement for 2019/20 in preparation for the November meeting. The external audit response from Littlejohn is overdue, following the paper submissions in May 2018
- 20. Councillors' Reports:**
Cllr Izzy Shouler reported on a very informative RBC meeting that she and Cllr Stephenson attended some ten days ago. Cllr Neil Clarke commented that he has once more submitted a request to have Wellington Avenue resurfaced
- 21. Correspondence:** Two items were considered and agreed:
i)) To support an application for a Newton Space Sapling - parishioner Linda Riches to be contacted by the clerk
ii) To order the standard issue of 5 x 20kg bagged salt that is provided free of charge by VIA - Winter Service
- 22. Reports from Outside Organisations:** None.
- 23. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 06 November 2018

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

Signed: Chairman Date

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