



# 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 06 November 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 (A), Yvonne Stephenson

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner, 8 members of the public, Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence and County Cllr Neil Clarke (L)

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Neil Phillips and David Simms - approved

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None.

The chairman informed members that following a discussion with Cllr Stephenson he was able to confirm that in his view that there was no pecuniary interest to be declared by Cllr Stephenson in connection with the work done in Newton by her husband, Paul.

**3. Chairman's announcements:** He apologise for a delayed start to the evening (7.35pm) whilst the projector was being set-up and went on to say that he and the clerk attended a meeting at County Hall about the possibility of a Unitary Authority being formed for Nottinghamshire (ex-City). This is the start of a feasibility study, also considered by many UK Authorities

**4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 02 October 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:** No matters that would not be included in the Agenda

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

*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.42pm*

A resident made a plea for a village Christmas Tree. Another resident requested Council to consider glass recycling bins

*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.52pm*

**7. Council communications:** Following research by Cllrs Shouler and Stephenson, the latter made a power-point presentation on the benefits of the Council using Social Media and the following motion was approved by a majority of six for and one against:

*Any item that a parish councillor wishes to post on a Parish Council Facebook page must be sent by e-mail to all members of the parish council and secure a majority approval (5 members) before it is posted by councillors Stevenson or Shouler.*

*Any outside communications received by the clerk not requiring a parish council decision can be posted by the clerk*

*8.15pm Cllr Neil Clarke joined the meeting*

**8. Community Hall –** Cllr Clarke was optimistic about making progress with the owner of Newton Nottingham LLP

**9 Items 9 and 10 were taken together. Wellington Avenue and Kestrel Play Area:** Members reviewed the quotations received for maintenance in the 2019 mowing season and agreed to give the Wellington Avenue maintenance contract to existing provider P M Winter and the Kestrel Play Area to go to Town & Country. Both will be asked to agree not to make a charge for those times when no grass cutting is possible or needed– such as during the long dry periods of last summer. In order to comply with the guarantee conditions from HAGS, an annual inspection is to be done by a third-party inspector. It was noted the two different styles of reporting on the routine inspections

**10. The Kestrel Play Area:** It was agreed that the litter bin be emptied regularly by Streetwise, once per month during the wintertime and two-weekly from April 2019 - Clerk to action. There was a discussion about the need for a larger bin and the clerk undertook to get a quotation to have one installed. Following the play inspection training day attended by Cllr Shouler, she undertook to make weekly visual checks and to record these to create an audit trail

11. **Planning Applications:** 18/02269/OUT – Mr & Mrs Martin & Linda Oglesby – Land at Grooms Cottage, Shelford Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent - Outline planning application for 55 residential dwellings – Noted that these are in addition to the 400 or so houses planned to be built on an adjacent site
12. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** None
13. **Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures:** The clerk said that the agents for the Trenchard Close Residents Company have confirmed permission to site the poles in Wellington Avenue. The chairman outlined the plans to have one interactive sign in Wellington Avenue and two in Main Street
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 Clerk's correspondence with Pallex was noted. The large directional VIA sign to be erected at the junction of Newton Lane and Main Street is expected to improve matters.
15. **Newton Pathway –** Plans to complete this work are to include two layers of stone to give a longer life, but this will be at the same cost to the Council. There will be no gate, but a gap of one metre wide. Crown Estates have approved the work, which is expected to be completed shortly.
16. **Battle Close:** In her role as the Council's Meadfleet liaison officer, Cllr Stephenson said that there were no further developments to report, and is awaiting a response to her enquiries
17. **Trees:** The clerk confirmed that the order was amended to include two oak trees to be planted in Wellington Avenue. The agents for the land owner have confirmed that they have no objection to the plantings. The shrubs and trees for community planting are expected in a couple of weeks, to include a replacement for the two Rowan trees that have died.  
Christmas Tree: Members agreed that a cut Christmas tree be sought and installed with solar lights for fixing in a suitable location to be decided. Cllr Fisher will supply the tree. Cllrs Dobson, Goulder, Shouler and Stephenson, plus Mr Paul Stephenson will form a working group to bring this about.
18. **Fence:** Clarity on the ownership of the land on which the fence lies is being sought via Mr Waterfield's solicitors. A map is needed, and RBC have been asked to supply this.
19. **Finance:** October payments were authorised. Members consider the budget requirement for 2019/20 and agreed that a precept of an additional £5 per annum per Band D property will produce about £17,000 on the current tax base and the clerk will recast the figures for approval at the December meeting. The external audit response from Littlejohn is still awaited.
20. **Register of Members Interests:** A recent e-mail from the Solicitor at Rushcliffe Borough Council enclosed a revised form for completion and members were asked to complete a form and forward to the clerk
21. **Councillors' Reports:**  
Cllr Izzy Shouler confirmed her attendance on the training day on Playground Inspections, which she found very informative. Cllr Neil Clarke, in response to a question, confirmed that the gates to the former RAF Camp are in safekeeping and will be reinstated in a permanent open position once further housing development takes place.
22. **Correspondence:**  
Members were informed that for a trial period of up to 18 months, VIA are to close the entrance to and exit of Trent Lane, East Bridgford at its junction with A6097 Gunthorpe Bridge for motorised traffic.  
In response to the resident's request for a glass recycling facility, the clerk was asked unanimously to explore the installation of bins at a proposed area in Wellington Avenue, situated just beyond the old camp gates area. Newton Nottingham LLP has indicated agreement to the chosen place.
23. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 04 December 2018**

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

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