



# 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 December 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Councillors:**

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 06 November 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 7.35pm*  
A resident thanked councillors for the provision of its first village Christmas Tree. The Trenchard Close Residents supplied the tree and they were duly thanked  
It was noted that demolition of some of the defunct former RAF buildings has started  
Enhanced lighting for the Christmas tree was approved to be supplied by Cllr Stephenson  
*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.43pm*
7. **Council communications:** Cllr Shouler reported that the Newton Parish Council Facebook page had been set up and went live one week ago. There was an excellent number of hits so far (137 likes & substantial followers). The posting procedures agreed at the last meeting were reviewed and it was confirmed that the process was working satisfactorily. It was agreed that the Parish Council Disclaimer is brought forward to the start of the Newsletter
8. **Community Hall** – No further progress to report, except that some site demolition has started
9. **Wellington Avenue Play Area** – No matters arising
10. **Kestrel Play Area:** There was a further discussion about the need for a larger bin as the current bin is proving to be inadequate as dog waste is being left near to the bin and by a vote of 5 for and 4 against the clerk was asked to order a larger bin from Streetwise at a cost of £380  
*Cllr I Shouler left the meeting*
11. **Planning Applications:** None
12. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** 18/01830/FUL – 10 Main Street – Grant Permission
13. **Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures:** These are expected to be installed in the near future

**14. Wellington Avenue – lorries:** There is no news on the provision of the expected extra signage

*Cllr Neil Clarke joined the meeting*

Cllr Clarke commented that new 30MPH signage is expected early in the New Year but the improved signage to direct business traffic to the commercial road could be installed later in 2019/20. The clerk was asked to write to VIA NCC to ask for urgent action

**15. Newton Pathway –** Work is expected to be completed shortly.**16. Battle Close:** Cllr Stephenson reported that there has been further correspondence, but no work has been done to correct the waterlogging problem. The matter will continue to be pressed**17. Trees:** The community planting of shrubs and trees has been done together with replacements for the two Rowan trees that have died. The community group were thanked appropriately  
The Christmas Tree (not rooted) was planted with thanks by the working group, in accordance with the plan at the last meeting**18. Fence:** Newton Nottingham LLP has confirmed that they it has no objection to the Parish Council removing the fencing, without cost to Newton Nottingham LLP. Councillor Margaret Goulder, on behalf of The Trenchard Close Residents Company, thought that the fence was outside their ownership. The clerk agreed to write appropriately to the agents for The Trenchard Close Residents Company to confirm that the Council will proceed with getting prices for the fence removal.**19. Glass Bank recovery:** The location of the glass banks has been agreed with Newton Nottingham LLP to be on the left side of the Guardhouse (as viewed from the front) where there is a drop kerb. The clerk will ask for the banks to be delivered by RBC**20. Finance:** November payments were authorised. Members considered the budget requirement for 2019/20 and decided unanimously that a precept of an additional £5 per annum per Band D property will apply. The VAT return to 30 November has been made for a £13K recovery. The external audit response from Littlejohn is still awaited.**21. Register of Members Interests:** Members with outstanding forms were reminded to complete a form and forward to the clerk**22. Councillors' Reports:** None. Cllr Phillips was advised that the Council website e-mail system is planned to be introduced when the new Council is formed in May 2019**23. Correspondence:** None**24. Reports from Outside Organisations:** Next year's Streetfest will be on 22 June 2019**25. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 05 February 2019

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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