



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 05 February 2019 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Neil Phillips, Isabel Shouler, David Simms – all approved
2. **Declarations of Interest:** The chairman declared an interest in Item 16 Newton Pathway as the pathway is on land that he rents off the Crown Estates.
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman informed the meeting of a nearby major road accident involving Cllr Shouler, preventing her attendance this evening. The good news is that she and her children are unharmed and all members send best wishes for a speedy recovery. He stated that Cllrs Shouler and Stephenson had engaged with RBC for guidance when setting up the Facebook page and as a result they had participated in a short film and had photographs taken in Newton. The film was released on the RBC social media platform on Monday. The photographs were taken showing them with the newly installed glass bins and these will be shown in the next issue of Rushcliffe Reports to complement the big promotion that Rushcliffe are making on recycling.

The chairman said that there would be a second Open Session at the end of the meeting for residents to comment on known Redrow plans

4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04 December 2018 for approval:** The minutes were approved unanimously, subject to changing the word "approved" to "agreed" in the Item 6 Open Session. In addition, at Item 18 Fence, it should have been recorded that Councillor Neil Clarke undertook to speak to Mr Simon Waterfield to get confirmation in writing from him about NNLLP ownership of the fence and providing authority for the Parish Council to proceed with its removal. Subject to that inclusion, the minutes were duly signed by the chairman.

5. **Clerk's report on Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes:** Nothing to report that is not on the Agenda

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

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.36pm

A resident asked about having a traffic census in Main Street when Trent Lane is shut in about 6 weeks' time. The Clerk was asked to request Notts County Council to arrange for this to be done on a before and after basis

A question about traffic calming measures was asked and the resident was advised that there is an agenda item on this matter

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.40pm

7. **Community Hall** – This item was deferred until later in the evening when Cllr Neil Clarke is expected to attend
8. **Wellington Avenue Play Area** – No matters arising. The glass bank is in place and will be emptied weekly
9. **Kestrel Play Area:** The larger bin has been installed but not in the planned place. Streetwise will be asked to return and fix it in the correct place.
10. **Meadfleet Liaison Group:** It was confirmed that this is a village organisation on which the Council is represented by Cllrs Shaw & Stephenson. Appointment from residents to their numbers is at their discretion

11. **MOD Land** - Cllr Fisher explained that there is a map in the notice boards showing and defining Newton Rights of Way and land to the north of the village is MOD land and not part of the Rights of Way routes
12. **Planning Applications:** 18/01468/REM – Mrs Charlotte Henson – Reserved matters submission – revised application -733 dwellings at land west of Chapel Lane, Bingham – Do Not Object
13. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** None
14. **Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures:** The work to install at Wellington Avenue has started and the pair in Main Street are planned to be installed shortly.
As the improved signage to direct business traffic to the commercial road is set to be installed later in 2019/20, the clerk was asked to write to VIA NCC to ask for a quotation to have this work done more quickly
15. **Wellington Avenue – Lorries:** No major change in the sighting of occasional lorries.
16. **Newton Pathway:** Cllr Fisher outlined the progress made so far. NCC are to supply the roadstone without cost and members voted unanimously that McLoughlan's of Shelford be asked to proceed soonest at the agreed cost of £1800 to lay and roll the stone. Cllr Fisher did not vote.
Cllr Neil Clarke joined the meeting – 8.08pm
17. **Battle Close:** Cllr Stephenson said that less rain than usual has meant that there is no sign of the usual waterlogging. She said that Meadfleet's persistence with Bellway about resolving the matter seems to be showing some renewed interest by Bellway to have remedial work done. There are also signs of interest by Bellway to improve drainage at the mound.
18. **Fence:** Cllr Clarke plans to see Mr Waterfield shortly to ask for a letter confirming NNLLP ownership of the fence and permitting its removal. Three quotations to have it removed have been sought, one has been received and one expected shortly. A demarcation line was discussed and agreed, the actual method is to be decided, plus the provision of a bollard in the dog-leg to prevent access by unwanted visitors. A vote to proceed with the fence removal at the quoted price was taken. For: 4; Abstentions: 2. It was agreed to await the expected second quotation and for the more competitive to be asked to do the work
19. **Finance:** December and January payments were authorised. The external audit response from Littlejohn is still awaited. The VAT recovery to 30 November for £13K recovery has not yet been received.
20. **Register of Members Interests** – All forms save one have now been completed and submitted to the clerk
21. **Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Clarke and Cllr Lawrence informed the meeting of the efforts being made by RBC to reduced fly-tipping, stressing the legal requirement of the waste owner to check the identity of the waste disposer...ensuring they have a waste carrier's licence and knowing where the waste is to be dumped. A fine can be incurred by the waste owner if a fly tipper is used.
22. **Correspondence:** None
23. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None

Item 7 Community Hall: The postponed item was discussed at this point followed by a further Open Session for the public. Cllr Fisher summarised the known Redrow Homes plans for Phase 2 and invited questions from residents.

Cllr Fisher said that nothing was absolutely certain, but it was firmly expected that Redrow Homes and Newton Nottingham LLP would sign to transfer ownership of the proposed development area by the end of March. The Public Open Space would remain in NNLLP ownership to be managed by Redrow or their agents. A Full Planning Application to RBC is expected in April. An exhibition of the outline plans will take place in the Security Building on the afternoon and evening of 27th Feb for all residents to attend.

Plans include a school to be built after 60 houses have been occupied, the guardroom to be demolished and replaced by new 660 square metres community centre to be owned by the Parish Council and 5% affordable housing.

Although a bus gate is shown on the plan, Redrow is said to be not in favour of this. Wellington Avenue may be needed for works initial access. Suggestions for road naming is requested.

Pedestrian only access between the current housing and new development is planned with removal of the current hard fence.

Cllr Fisher encouraged those present to attend the exhibition. Questions were invited:

23a) Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.58pm

Residents raised questions on the Redrow plans – a wish to retain the guardhouse facade if a new community centre is built – proximity of school location and community centre – two builders are likely to be employed: Redrow Homes and Heritage Homes with a target of 80 homes to be built each year – no live work plans - no shops – demolition is progressing and expected to be completed by end of April

Standing Orders were reinstated at 9.34pm

24. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 05 March 2019

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed: Chairman Date