



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 March 2019 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, four members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence and County Cllr Neil Clarke – approved
2. **Declarations of Interest:** The chairman declared an interest in Item 14 Newton Pathway as the pathway is on land that he rents off the Crown Estates.
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman informed the meeting that Cllr David Simms wrote on 27 February to resign as a councillor with immediate effect. As chairman, he thanked David for the commitment, time and effort given to the council over the last few years and regretted the resignation at this time as there are only two more meetings for this council before the elections.
The chairman reviewed the meetings timetable and confirmed the Annual Parishioners meeting to be on Tuesday 9 April and the Annual Council meeting to be on Tuesday 7 May 2019.
He also reminded members that the defibrillator has been moved to the ATC Building and the appropriate authorities advised. The chairman said that there would be a second Open Session near the end of the meeting for residents to comment on any points discussed during the evening
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05 February 2019 for approval:** The minutes were approved unanimously and 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, other than to inform members reference Item 6 – Trent Lane closure – that a request for a traffic census has been made to NCC, but no agreement secured
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.46pm
A resident asked about having Wellington Avenue resurfaced now that it is known that Redrow do not wish to use that as access for its heavy goods vehicles when developing Phase 2. The clerk will write to Highways accordingly.
A double decker bus was seen to be speeding in Main Street. The clerk undertook to report the driver
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.50pm
7. **Community Hall** – No matter arising. The Redrow public exhibition and presentation on 27 Feb was discussed – residents' comments are due by 8th March 2019. A suggestion to invite Redrow to the April meeting was agreed – clerk to write
8. **Wellington Avenue Play Area** – There is a dead tree at the play area that the mowing contractor has been asked to remove (£50). No replacement needed at this time. The bark chippings scattered on the play area will also be cleared
9. **Kestrel Play Area:** The larger bin has been repositioned by Streetwise. Emergency Access was discussed as Meadfleet have arranged for a knee rail to be installed at the junction of the Open Space and Hampden Road. The clerk was asked to write to Meadfleet to request that the status quo be re-established, and the rail removed. The emergency vehicle access from Battle

Close was discussed and it was agreed to replace one of the small posts with a coded drop-down type, the emergency services to be provided with the code.

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10. Planning Applications: None

11. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

12. Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures: The work to install Interactive Speed Signs at Wellington Avenue will be completed shortly. The pair in Main Street are planned to be installed April/May.

13. Wellington Avenue – Lorries: The only lorries reported recently belong to Pallex. The clerk is in correspondence with them.

14. Newton Pathway: A further, more competitive, quotation, that includes a membrane base, has been received from John Ingram and Cllr Fisher confirmed his early availability to do the work that will start 19th March

15. Battle Close: Cllr Stephenson said that no progress has been made in getting a commitment from Bellway to attend to the area subject to waterlogging. Action is awaited from Bellway to improve drainage at the mound.

16. Fence: Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the competitive quotation from John Ingram (£1400 + soil backfill) compared with R & R Contracts quotation of £1850 and for the contractor to take out the straight length of fencing, leaving the dog-leg area in situ. A vote to proceed was taken: For 6; Abstentions 2. Members were reminded that Newton Nottingham LLP has confirmed ownership and has provided permission to have the fence removed without expense to NNLLP

17. TPO - Ash Holt: Concern was expressed that the terms of the TPO prevented residents of goodwill pruning and lopping. The clerk will check with the RBC Tree Officer, Tom Pettit

18. Streetfest: This year's event: Sat 22 June 2019. After a very successful 2018 event, this year's plans are being reviewed. Council agreed unanimously to meet the cost of portable toilet provision £190 + VAT

18a) Public Session: Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business

Standing Orders were suspended at 9.00pm

A resident commented on the Redrow plans and welcomed the opportunity to ask questions at the next meeting

Standing Orders were reinstated at 9.03pm

19. Finance: a) February payments were authorised. b) We have received the external audit response for the year 2017/18 from PKF Littlejohn LLP with an unqualified report with their fee for £200 plus VAT. c) The VAT recovery to 30 November for £13K recovery has not yet been received. HMRC has been contacted and noted the reminder. d) The financial statement at 30 Jan 2019 was reviewed. e) It was agreed that Cllrs Neil Phillips and Janet Dobson be given Internet Access to the Bank Account as additional users. f) A request from Age Concern for funding was considered and it was agreed unanimously to donate £100. g) Support to the Parents Association of Seriously Ill Children was considered and the Chairman requested for £50 to be donated from the Chairman's Fund

20. Councillor's Reports: Cllr Goulder reported that the original gates to the former RAF camp were outside the Security Building and suggested that the Parish Council took custody of the gates and add to our insurances. Cllr Fisher undertook to liaise with Bill Hughes and to offer storage. Cllr Stephenson reported that she is working with RBC about the Newton PC Facebook page link to e-mail addresses and will advise more in due course

21. Correspondence: None

22. Reports from Outside Organisations: Meadfleet Liaison Group: None

23. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 02 April 2019

The meeting closed at 9.26pm

Signed: Chairman Date

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