



# 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 April 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, Borough Cllr Nigel Lawrence and County Cllr Neil Clarke (L); eight members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman welcomed Borough Councillor Nigel Lawrence to his last Newton Parish Council meeting as he is not standing for office again and thanked him for his support over the years. He reminded members of Election Day on 02 May and the closing time and date to have nomination forms completed is 4pm on Weds 03 April. As this is the last meeting of the present Council, he thanked all councillors for their work and support
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05 March 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 clarify the insurance requirement for the memorial gates. The chairman was able to confirm that the gates will stay at the former RAF site for the immediate future and has been assured that they are insured by NNLLP
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**  
*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.39pm*  
A resident asked about whether Council would consider a memorial bench at Battle Close to mark the recent deaths of two young residents. Pot holes in Wellington Avenue was raised once more, and it was reminded that following the last meeting the clerk was seeking progress with NCC Highways to have the Avenue resurfaced.  
*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.48pm*
7. **Redrow Homes** – An update was provided by Redrow Tech Director Alex Kenny to say that planning applications are being submitted to deliver the first of 550 dwellings with a view to start to build in Oct. 2019 for first occupation in June 2020. The Community Building is planned to be adjacent to the school as in the old original plans. Plans are to deliver the school when 150 houses are occupied, to have a shop on the site of the former guardhouse and to reassess the merits of the bus-gate. It was suggested that Tim O'Brien be invited to the June meeting to inform members of his outline plans for an appropriate RAF memorial. The reinstatement and location of the former RAF gates is to be decided. Cllr Goulder requested that Redrow ensure that litter is not allowed to blow over the village area once construction starts  
*County Councillor Neil Clarke joins the meeting at 8.15pm*
8. **Community Hall** – No matter arising as discussed in item 7. Outline Plans for a Community Hall will be sent by Alex Kenny for members to contribute to internal requirements and lay-out
9. **Wellington Avenue Play Area** – No problems, but a black and white dog has been reported to be running loose and fouling the area. – the situation to be monitored – it was considered that there are enough bins in the area.

10. **Kestrel Play Area:** Emergency Access to the play area is being discussed with Meadfleet by Councillor Stephenson, following their reply to the clerk's request that the status quo to be re-established and the rail removed.
11. **Planning Application:** 19/00476/FUL – Fearn – Mill Farm – Conversion and extension of detached outbuilding to form a dwelling – Do Not Object
12. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** None
13. **Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures:** The work to install Interactive Speed Signs at Wellington Avenue will be completed shortly, once the earth fault has been resolved. The pair in Main Street are planned to be installed April/May.
14. **Wellington Avenue – Lorries:** No recent major problems reported, Council will act appropriately upon receipt of any detailed reports from members of the public – to include name and registration number on the vehicle, time, date and direction of travel. This item to be taken off future Agendas
15. **Newton Pathway:** Work completed satisfactorily and under budget. Cllr Fisher is to complete the fencing to prevent vehicular access
16. **Road Names** – Cllr Goulder raised the problem of incorrect names on the Notts CC Website and Cllr Clarke undertook to have the problem explored and resolved
17. **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.
18. **Fence:** The agreed work is planned to be done in April 2019
19. **Streetfest:** Plans for this year's event were reviewed by Cllr Stephenson who said that good progress is being made
20. **Finance:** a) March payments were authorised. b) The Financial statement at year end 31 March 2019 was noted c) VAT recovery to Feb 2019 has been received. d) As agreed, Cllrs Neil Phillips and Janet Dobson were provided with access codes to the Business Internet Banking with HSBC
21. **Councillor's Reports:** Being his last meeting, Cllr Nigel Lawrence congratulated the Council on its achievements in the last 4 years and said that it had come a long way in a short time. He thanked the chairman and members for the voluntary work done and wished the Council good luck in the future. Cllr Neil Clarke joined him in congratulating the council on its achievements
22. **Correspondence:** A letter received from VIA about public paths on arable land was noted
23. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None
24. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 07 May 2019 (incl. Annual Council Meeting) The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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