



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Council meeting of Newton Parish Council held in The ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA on TUESDAY 07 May 2019 at 7.30pm

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, County Cllr Neil Clarke; ten members of the public

1. Election of Chairman and vice-Chairman:

Chairman: Cllr Yvonne Stephenson proposed Cllr James Fisher. This was seconded by Cllr. Neil Phillips. There were no other nominations. It was resolved unanimously that Cllr James Fisher be duly elected as Parish Council Chairman. Cllr Fisher duly took the chair.

Vice-Chairman: There were two nominations: Cllr Margaret Goulder and Cllr Yvonne Stephenson. A ballot of members was inconclusive (4 – 4). By the casting vote of the chairman it was resolved that Cllr Margaret Goulder be elected as Parish Council vice-Chairman. Cllr Goulder duly accepted the position.

2. Apologies for Absence: None

Newly elected Borough Councillor David Simms apologised as he is on a training meeting at the Borough

3. Declarations of Interest: None

4. Chairman's announcements:

The chairman congratulated all members on their continuation as Parish Councillors and said that there is one casual vacancy that will be addressed at next month's meeting.

He checked the possibility of changing the day of future meetings, but because of the unavailability of the ATC Building on a Monday and Wednesday evening and other member commitments, it was decided to keep meetings on a Tuesday evening

5. Membership of Standing Working Groups

i) **Finance and Assets:** Cllrs Neil Phillips and Janet Dobson

ii) **Planning:** Cllrs Sarah Shaw, Isabel Shouler and Janet Dobson

iii) **Community, Leisure and Amenities:** Cllrs Sarah Shaw, Neil Phillips, Penny Higgs, Isabel Shouler, Janet Dobson and Yvonne Stephenson

iv) **Communications Officers:** Cllrs Isabel Shouler, Sarah Shaw, and Yvonne Stephenson

The Chairman and vice-Chairman are permanent ex-officio members of these groups

6 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 02 April 2019 for approval:

The minutes were approved unanimously and were duly signed by the chairman.

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

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.48pm

A resident brought to members attention the issue of dog dirt being bagged and hung in trees in the woods and members undertook to make enquiries at Rushcliffe Borough Council for guidance to help stop this practice

There are a number of road signs in the village that are out of line and VIA (NCC) will be asked to correct these

The requested sign in Newton to direct lorries is long awaited and Cllr Neil Clarke undertook to speak to VIA about this

Members attention was drawn to the use of the bridleway as a circuit by motorcyclists.

Adjustments to the entry gate to be fitted at the pathway will be considered to prevent misuse of the newly laid pathway

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.07pm

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- 8. Redrow Homes** – Cllr Fisher reported on a conversation with Alex Kenny - Redrow are getting the planning information together in preparation for the submission to RBC. He also said that Redrow are keen to include the RAF memorial being promoted by Mr Tim O'Brien, contributing to costs and subject to our support. Mr O'Brien is to attend our next meeting to present the details of his proposition.
Redrow are not in favour of a bus-gate. Traffic surveys will be done
They are also non-committal at this time about having retail outlets
- 9. Community Hall** – Cllr Fisher advised members of a recent working group meeting that was held to collect together parishioners wishes and other desirable inclusions for the planned building and the clerk was asked to send on the definitive list to Alex Kenny of Redrow. The location is likely to be near the school
Cllr Fisher also reported that an opportunity had arisen to buy 40 used stacking chairs at a very good price of £100. Members approved the purchase and Cllr Fisher undertook to safekeep them for future use
- 10. Wellington Avenue Play Area** – It was noted that the latest inspection revealed some damage to two wooden items (broken post and split wood). The contractor will be asked to effect repairs and clear off the bird droppings
- 11 Kestrel Play Area:** No issues reported.
- 12 Planning Applications:** None
- 13 Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** None
- 14. Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures:** The work to install Interactive Speed Signs at Wellington Avenue has encountered a problem concerning adequate earthing and an alternative solution is being found. Cllr Clarke will ask VIA about having a solar powered system. The pair in Main Street are planned to be installed April/May.
- 15. Battle Close:** Cllr Stephenson said that no further progress has been made in getting a commitment from Bellway to attend to the area subject to waterlogging.
- 16. Fence:** The agreed work is planned to be done week starting 20 May 2019. As the access to the site will need the removal of a short barrier post it was agreed to take the opportunity to replace with a security post with a fabricated steel socket and a hinged lid, to be secured with a padlock, at a delivered cost of £236 + VAT
- 17. Streetfest:** Cllr Stephenson said that plans are making good progress
- 18. Finance:** a) April payments were authorised. b) The Insurance renewal was considered, and it was decided to insure with Inspire at an inclusive cost of £537.41 with a request for a 3-year LTA discount c) The Statement of Activities for 2019/20 was presented and duly approved d) The accounts for 2017/18 are to be audited next week
- 19. Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Neil Clarke said that Redrow were working on not including a bus-gate in their plans. He said that Rushcliffe Borough Council is shortlisted (out of 4) to win the Council of the Year Award and Rushcliffe was voted the third happiest in UK.
He also informed members that a tetra-pack recovery unit was now in place at Radcliffe-on-Trent and at Bingham.
Cllr Stephenson expressed some thoughts on a memorial to denote the recent loss of the two young residents – bench; memorial plaque, tree. Member thought a tree would be the most suitable.
A hole in land arising on the ex-RAF property area was reported and Cllr Stephenson undertook to have it filled
- 20 Correspondence:** Members decided not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition
- 21 Reports from Outside Organisations:** None
- 22. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 04 June 2019

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

Signed: Chairman Date