



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Council meeting of Newton Parish Council
held in The ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA
on TUESDAY 02 July 2019 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, seven members of the public and Borough Cllr David Simms

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Margaret Goulder and Neil Grayson – approved. County Cllr Neil Clarke
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman had no announcements other than to say the Streetfest event was a great success and Cllr Stephenson and her team were to be thanked and congratulated.
4. **Redrow Homes – Alex Kenny:** He sent his apology for not attending and sent an e-mail to say that the S73 application, to vary the existing permission, is ready for submission, subject to landowner sign off. The key changes are removal of the bus gate and the relocation of the local centre and community building following public consultation. The chairman commented that the former MOD camp gates have been examined for cleaning and dipping is recommended rather than shot blasting
5. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04 June 2019 for approval:** The minutes were approved unanimously and were duly signed by the chairman.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.37pm
Residents raised the matters of the incomplete fence removal (a later item), Urban Living sending out different bills to Trenchard Close residents, Wellington Avenue resurfacing and delay in installing the interactive speed signs
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.44pm
7. **Community Hall** – The e-mail from Alex Kenny had brought members up to date – nothing further to report
8. **Wellington Avenue Play Area** – No issues reported. Cllr Shouler proposed that the Working Group be convened to examine the equipment with a view to making proposals for an up-grade. This was agreed
9. **Kestrel Play Area:** Cllr Shouler said that the gate is not closing properly. The clerk was asked to contact Haggs about this. The emergency removable bollard has been delivered and will be fixed in place shortly. Cllr Stephenson told members that £135 was collected from the Streetfest event towards the cost of a memorial tree to mark the recent loss of the two young Newton residents. The cost of a suitable tree is between £150 and £300. On this basis, Council agreed to match fund the projected. Cllr Stephenson will proceed to get approval for the location to used
10. **Planning Applications:** None, though members were informed of Application 19/01353 – Samworth Farms Ltd – Residential homes up to 280 at land north of Grantham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent
11. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** 19/00981/FUL – Ms Melanie Shaw – 64 Trenchard Close – single storey side extension – Grant Permission

12. Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures: The work to install Interactive Speed Signs at Wellington Avenue and Main Street is planned for September

13. Commercial Road – Use by lorries outside of permitted hours (8.00am to 6.00pm weekdays) was discussed and the clerk was asked to write to NNLLP to remind them of the Planning Conditions and ask that the practice ceases

14. Battle Close: Cllr Stephenson said that following the recent very heavy rain, Bellway sent a specialist engineer to inspect the sodden ground and a response is awaited. The view is that the land is very heavily compacted from the house building period and the soil needs to be broken up.

15. Fence: The topic was discussed once more at the request for three councillors. A vote was taken regarding the removal of the rest of the fence. For: 6; Against 1.

The existing contractor will be asked to complete the work and fix the emergency security post at the same time

16. Streetfest: Cllr Stephenson reported that the event was a great success, with £550 available for charity. She thanked all sponsors who contributed £1400 in total

17. Finance:

a) June payments were authorised.

b) The budget was reviewed and approved, as at the end of first quarter 2019/20

18. Councillor's Reports:

Cllr David Simms reviewed the RBC progress with the Redrow Builders:

i) Building work is planned to start September 2019

ii) The Community Hall will be owned by the Parish Council and built on land owned by the Parish Council

iii) A different preferred builder other than Bellway is likely

iv) The commitment is for the footbridge to start at end of 2020

v) Bingham Leisure Centre is planned for opening at the end of 2021 – moving the train station to that location at the same time is being considered

Cllr James Fisher informed members that the DeerstocK concerts will take place on Friday to Sunday 26/28 July on a local field farmed by him

19. Correspondence: None

20 Reports from Outside Organisations: None

21. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 03 September 2019

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed: Chairman Date