



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 03 September 2019 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Penny Higgs – approved. County Cllr Neil Clarke
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman commented on the successful Saturday morning Planning Exhibition and thanked Janet Greasley for making the ATC Rooms available. He also referred to e-mails received from residents complaining about the overgrown footpaths and said that Notts CC Rights of Way team are responsible for cutting all County pathways twice per year. The pathways at Newton are expected to be cut back this month and then again in May 2020. He noted that they are country pathways so will not be maintained as a pavement
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 02 July 2019 for approval:** The minutes were approved unanimously save for the amendment to the Battle Close minute in that Bellway did not send a specialist engineer. Cllr Stephenson will report more fully at item 13. The minutes were duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.38pm
Residents raised several matters: outstanding repairs to the Kestrel Park play area, road gutters needing clearing (particularly in Main Street), removal of the small inadequate bin at Kestrel Park, resurfacing work at Wellington Avenue and the delay in installing the interactive speed sign in Wellington Avenue
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.48pm
6. **Community Hall** – Discussion of this item was postponed as it to be included in item 9
7. **Wellington Avenue Play Area** –No issues reported. Cllr Shouler will convene the Working Group to examine the equipment with a view to making proposals for an upgrade
8. **Kestrel Play Area:** a) Emergency access – the demountable post is to be fixed shortly
b) Memorial tree planting – an appropriate tree is being sourced and should be planted within the next few weeks
c) Play area inspection – members were concerned that the report received lacks the detail required. A rota of four members will do and report an inspection each week – an appropriate form will be provided
9. **Planning Applications:**
19/01871/VAR – Redrow Homes – Variation of Conditions - Residential development of land at former RAF Newton
Cllr Margaret Goulder led the discussion in examining the variations item by item. It was agreed that the following be sent to RBC:
Council objects to the removal of the bus gate unless there is a Section 106 provision to mitigate the effects on the surface, substructure and drainage of Wellington Avenue because of the increase in traffic as a result of this proposed development.
NB: Currently, the drains under Wellington Avenue are the responsibility of the Trenchard Close Residents Company and it is unfair for those particular residents to be obliged to effect repairs arising from the inevitable extra traffic use
Council objects to the wholesale removal of 87 trees with TPOs, and the many trees without TPOs, without clarification

and full consideration, solely in order to maximise the development of houses.

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Council wish to preserve more trees and transplanting to another site should be a fully explored option

Tree number 7 (Blue cedar) was planted by Princess Anne in 1978 and needs to be preserved

Please remove WAR from before Memorial

Standing orders were suspended at 8.41pm to enable public comments

Members of the public were invited to make comments. These included: a request to avoid netting on hedgerows as wildlife get entangled; concern about the weight of extra traffic in Wellington Avenue damaging the drains; unanimous agreement for the removal of the bus-gate; traffic census needed in Main Street; tree removal plans arise from using planning overlay techniques – much more concern should be given to each mature tree to avoid its removal where possible; suggestion to widen the road as it approaches the A46 roundabout. Cllr David Simms gave his report at this time

Standing orders were reinstated at 9.14 pm - 14 members of the public left the meeting

10. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

11. **Wellington Avenue and Main Street – Traffic calming measures:** The work to install the Interactive Speed Signs in Main Street is being done currently. The Wellington Avenue sign is delayed until the legal papers have been concluded by VIA.

12. **Commercial Road** – Use by lorries outside of permitted hours (8.00am to 6.00pm weekdays) was further discussed. Planning Conditions suggest that the restriction applies only to the tenants in Hangars 1, 2, 3 and 5 - we await RBC confirmation

13. **Battle Close:** Cllr Stephenson reported that the problem persists, and she has escalated matters with Bellway. She reports: "Two key areas of the Phase I Public Open Space (including a large portion of the pathway off Battle Close) continue to flood and remain so for a prolonged period following heavy rain and this has been the case since the development was handed over to the Management Company some 4 years ago. Other than a meeting onsite in April 2018 attended by several key stakeholders, (during which follow-up actions were agreed and a proposed drainage solution recommended), there has been only investigatory work by Bellway, repair of a water leak further along the pathway by Severn Trent and ongoing monitoring during a particularly mild spell of UK weather since summer 2018. However, no further remedial works have been undertaken to resolve what is believed to be a major problem during inclement weather.

Following escalation back to Bellway and DWH senior management in July 2019, Bellway have undertaken further investigatory works on the area off Dakota Road and have committed to sharing their follow-up report and proposed solutions for both areas of concern with Cllr Stephenson by the end of September 2019. Depending on the nature of remedial works, Bellway will invite quotations and proceed accordingly at their cost. Further update pending at the October 2019 meeting."

14. **Finance:** July and August payments were authorised

15. Councillor's Reports:

During the course of the meeting, a note from Cllr Neil Clarke was referred to - with the following contents:

Agreed signs:

- i) HGV Newton Business Park: straight on for traffic passing bottom of Wellington Avenue from Radcliffe direction
- ii) HGV Newton Business Park: turn right at Newton Lane/Main Street for traffic approaching from village Main Street
- iii) HGV Newton Business Park: straight on for traffic from A46 roundabout down Newton Lane past Main Street
- iv) Replacement enlarged 30 mph signs with grey background board at each end of Main Street, complete with dragon's teeth on road surface to slow traffic

New school: The obligation to provide education prevails, and it appears that the £2.4m developer's contribution will be paid to NCC who will have a duty to provide the education facilities

Amenity Tip: A site on Hollygate Lane, Cotgrave has been identified for a new waste amenity site

16. Correspondence:

- i) Winter Service Offer from VIA: The 5 free 20kg bags of rock salt for the winter was accepted and will be ordered
- ii) Housing Needs Survey: A request to visit council by Emma Simkins, Rural Partnership Officer, to talk about housing needs in Newton was thought to be unnecessary and declined

17. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None

18. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 01 October 2019

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed: Chairman Date