



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 17 December 2019 at 7.30pm

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, two members of the public (three later) and Borough Cllr David Simms and County Cllr Neil Clarke

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None, other than to thank those that erected and dressed the Christmas tree and to thank the Trenchard Close Residents Company for paying it
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 November 2019 for approval:** The minutes were approved unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.34pm

A resident was advised that it is necessary to repeat any objections to the revised Redrow Homes application that were expressed on the previous application. At this time, it was confirmed that the mobile library visits the village once each week on Thursday afternoon

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.39pm

6. **Redrow Homes:** The chairman referred to the planning application 19/02689/REM noted under Item 9 and asked Cllr Goulder to review the working groups findings. It was agreed to send the following to RBC planners:

- i) Objection to A1 unit and another unit as this does not allow for hot food premises
- ii) Objection to any site access via Wellington Avenue as shown on the access plan
- iii) Objection as the island from the hangars appears inadequate to prevent HGVs turning left through the estate onto Wellington Avenue
- iv) Objection as the second access point for the hangar/industrial building as this enables HGVs to access Wellington Avenue

More information to be sought on signed 106 on 20 Sept 2018:

- i) "Details of the means of foul & surface water drainage together with a programme of implementation & means to ensure there is no run-off onto Wellington Avenue" - No plan showing how this is to be accomplished
- ii) 17 (35): "Deliveries to & distribution associated with the existing B8 uses (hangars 1 – 5) including plant & equipment shall only take place between the hours 0.800/18.00 Mon – Fri, 09.00/13.00 Sat & not at all on Sunday & Bank Holidays" - Needs checking with RBC as Andrew Pegram has previously confirmed that it is only applicable to 3 of the 5 hangars.

There are two objections from the Variation Planning Application 19/01871/VAR:

Bus gate objection - something needs to be put in place to protect the drains under Wellington Ave

Objection to removal of trees with TPO's

7. **Wellington Avenue Play Area** – Cllr Shouler said that a site meeting with working group members agreed that the trees needed to be crown lifted. Members unanimously approved for this to be done. The clerk agreed to try to get three quotations with

a view to the work being done in February. Cllr Dobson produced a brochure about a landscaping approach to a play area and it was agreed to circulate this to members for discussion at the next meeting.

8. Kestrel Play Area:

- a) Memorial tree planting – the oak is ready to plant once conditions are suitable, with the involvement of the families concerned.
- b) Play area inspection – Cllr Stephenson reported that following the heavy rains the area is waterlogged. The HAGS engineer has visited and readily agreed that work is needed to remedy the gate closures. His subsequent visit to do the repairs was called off because of the poor weather

9. Planning Applications: Application 19/02689/REM has been received concerning Reserved Matters for outline permission 16/02864/VAR to seek approval for the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the development. Comments are required by 23 December 2019. This application was discussed under Item 6 and the clerk will appropriately advise RBC

10. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

11. Wellington Avenue – Traffic calming measures: The Inter-Active sign is delayed until the NCC/VIA legal department has signed off the legal papers. The clerk has been assured that the resurfacing work planned for one week starting 3 February will be co-ordinated with the preparation work necessary for the Inter Active Sign

12. HGVs use of Wellington Avenue – The long-awaited signs to divert lorries have been installed and seem to be effective. Cllr Clarke was thanked for helping to bring this about.

13. Christmas Tree: The Chairman referred to this item in his opening remarks.

14. Battle Close: Cllr Stephenson said that she has had e-mail correspondence with Bellway's representative about the waterlogging off Battle Close but without a response. It was agreed that as Cllr Stephenson was in correspondence, she will seek written acknowledgement of the problem from a more senior member of Bellway's.

Pathways: The clerk has engaged an appropriate contractor to have the pathway and bridleway side-cleared in July each year within the £250 budget set last month. The clerk was asked to let the landowner know and he will advise Mr Bill Hughes

15. Finance: a) November and December payments were authorised b) The proposed precept for the 2020/21 budget was approved at an increase of £3.41 per annum on the Band D base, making the annual Band D precept £59.77

16. Councillor's Reports: Cllr Simms said that RBC has extended a by-law to include extra unsociable activities in the Rushcliffe area. He also said that the Planning Application for the Bingham Leisure Centre will be considered this month. Cllr Clarke said that he has reported to VIA the damaged sign he observed in Main Street

17. Correspondence: The clerk reviewed the revised Code of Conduct sent by the RBC Monitoring Officer. Members noted that the protocol was more extensive and had extra guidance about declaring interests. Guidance for members being subject to violence or intimidation is provided

18. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

19. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 February 2020

(A request to have 10 monthly meetings in 2020 was approved, with August and December to be omitted)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: Chairman Date