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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 11 February 2020 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, six members of the public and Borough Cllr David Simms and County Cllr Neil Clarke

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Isabel Shouler – approved
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None, other than to wish all a happy new year and say it could be an exciting year with the Redrow Housing Development
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 December 2019 for approval:** Subject to changing of the word "landscaping" for "multi-use games area" in item 7, 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 7.33pm
A resident mentioned that two directional road signs needed correction and the clerk undertook to report to VIA. A question about drains was deferred to item 8. Potholes were identified and Cllr Clarke undertook to report these
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.48pm
6. **Redrow Homes:** The chairman referred to the RBC Planning Committee to be held in Rushcliffe on 13 February at which the planning application will be discussed. He and Cllr Goulder would attend.
The outline plans for the new community centre were made available to members and it was agreed that there would be a meeting of councillors arranged to discuss the details of the proposals and recommend changes. This would enable a decision to be made about the proposals at the next meeting
7. **RAF Newton Memorial:** The e-mail from Mr Tim O'Brien was discussed. The present whereabouts of the gates was questioned. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Waterfield of NNLLP to determine whether the gates are still available and if so on what terms could they be brought back into use
8. **Wellington Avenue:**
 - a) The resurfacing has just been completed satisfactorily making a decent entrance to the community
 - b) Run-off from the fields was discussed. Mr Bill Hughes of NNLLP has been consulted and agreed to take levels, clear drainage and cut back brambles. The problem with the drains will be discussed by Cllr Goulder under item 16.
 - c) Interactive Speed Signs – awaited
 - d) Play area – four quotations were considered and the one for £240 from Art de Groot to crown lift the trees was accepted by a vote of 5 for and 3 against. Cllr Goulder asked that the contractor should avoid using heavy machinery on the soil banks
 - e) Flooding run off – it was thought that drain clearance in Main Street will help to reduce this problem.

9. Dog Fouling

Cllr Yvonne Stephenson made a full presentation of the problem of dog fouling on public open spaces/rights of way.

Members agreed that action should be taken involving local landowners (NNLLP, TCRC, G W Fisher & Sons for footpaths adjacent to the public open spaces)

It was resolved that the clerk write to Gary Pickering of RBC (with copy to Cllr David Simms) to request these areas are included in the RBC Dog Fouling Order so enforcement action can be taken

10. Kestrel Play Area:

a) Memorial tree planting – the oak will be planted on Friday 14 February, with the involvement of the families concerned.

b) Play area inspection –The HAGS engineer has not revisited as expected. The clerk will follow this up. A spare part for the Spinami has been sent by Hags to the clerk (FOC) and will be stored in case needed in future

11. Planning Applications:

20/00215/FUL - Mr R Packwood - Removal of existing conservatory. Replace with a single storey rear extension, two storey side extension, and render - 90 Trenchard Close – Do Not Object

12. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

13. HGVs out of Business Hours – This is still happening. RBC planners have not imposed the restrictions in the 2003 agreement. The clerk will write to RBC for further clarification.

The use by HGVs has reduced in Wellington Avenue, but a Pallex lorry was observed using it earlier this week. The clerk has written to them.

In general, the new signage is working well

14. Battle Close: Cllr Stephenson said that she has now received an undertaking from Bellway's that they will remedy the waterlogging off Battle Close.

15. Finance: a) January payments were authorised

b) Members reviewed and approved the budget figures for 2019/2020 as at 31 December 2019

16. Councillor's Reports:

a) Cllr Margaret Goulder informed members of the Trenchard Close Residents Company's responsibility for the drains under Wellington Avenue and that the drains cannot be adopted by Severn Trent Water. This means that any problem with the drains must be dealt with and paid for by TCRC. Funds are raised from 146 resident members

b) Cllr Simms said he will attend Thursday's RBC Planning meeting and will speak to object to the loss of trees with TPOs and to the bus-gate being removed from the development plans

It was confirmed that all new housing applications will have a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) – to replace Section 106 charges.

c) Cllr Clarke confirmed that the Redrow Application has a Section 106 requirement and not CIL.

He also asked whether the PC planned a small capital item expenditure to which he could allocate some funding. Cllr Simms similarly has an amount that could also support such an expenditure. Members then discussed options and the clerk was asked to research the cost of a hardwood "friendship" bench for use within the Wellington Avenue play area, near to the school bus stop

17. Correspondence: Members discussed the JPAG's Joint Practitioners Guide and were invited to complete a short survey online by Friday 28 February

18. Reports from Outside Organisations: Streetfest: Cllr Yvonne Stephenson informed members that the date is 4 July 2020

19. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 March 2020

The meeting closed at 9.16pm

Signed: Chairman Date