



# 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 10 March 2020 at 7.30pm**

### **Councillors:**

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

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner, four members of the public and County Cllr Neil Clarke

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Neil Grayson – approved. Borough Cllr David Simms apologised
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None, other than to say that he has decided to give up the half-yearly task of cutting back overgrowth at the public footpaths done on behalf of Notts County Council. A new contractor will be appointed by NCC
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 February 2020 for approval:** Subject to recording that Minute 16 a) omitted to note that a number of councillors made a request to further investigate the possibility of the drains being adopted by Severn Trent Water, the minutes were approved by a majority of 4 for, 3 against and 1 abstention 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 7.46pm*  
A resident asked whether the new school planned for Newton would be in a temporary building. Cllr Clarke said that he had no knowledge of that - it had not been proposed by anyone. The Chairman attended a Borough Planning meeting in Rushcliffe on 13 February when the Redrow Homes plans to vary several items of the original application, were passed by a vote of 6 to 5  
*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.55pm*
6. **Redrow Homes:** The outline plans for the new community centre were made available to members together with the proposed changes recommended by members made at a meeting held after the last council meeting. At the informal meeting, the following plan changes were suggested: Reduce four changing rooms to two; Provide for a teenage room; Enlarge bar and kitchen area; provide for extra terracing. Members requested more information on plan orientation and dimensions. It was unanimously decided that the external appearance was acceptable but further discussion was required on the internal lay-out
7. **RAF Newton Memorial:** NNLLP has confirmed that the gates are on site and are available free to the Parish Council, with a request for the Council to take immediate charge of them. It was agreed unanimously to accept ownership of the gates and for the clerk to ask Redrow if they would take them to be incorporated in their development plans. In the meantime, the chairman will remove them from site as requested by NNLLP and store them. However, he will accept no responsibility for them. The memorial proposed by Mr Tim O'Brien was discussed, and members were unanimously in favour of the design, subject to funding being available. It was agreed that Cllr Margaret Goulder would be part of the working party formed by Mr Tim O'Brien and that the clerk would assist in the fundraising process in the name of the Parish Council
8. **Wellington Avenue:**
  - a) The Interactive Speed Sign has been installed and is operational. The clerk will check whether it has been commissioned
  - b) Play area – it was agreed unanimously to remove and replace the present play equipment. The Play Area (Amenities) Group agreed to produce recommendations for the next meeting - the plans to include the friendship bench project. Members

expressed appreciation and thanks for the funding contributions totalling £1200 (from Cllr Clarke's and Cllr Simms' members funds), received in support of the project

#### 9. Dog Fouling

Cllr Yvonne Stephenson discussed the e-mail received today from RBC, noting that privately owned land is not included in the present orders. Cllr Stephenson believed that Mr Waterfield is supportive of the Local Authority having enforcement rights on NNLP land owned (Open Spaces). As RBC received only two reports of dog fouling in the last four years, residents are encouraged to report incidents to the Dog Warden at RBC. Cllr Stephenson will raise the issue further with Cllr Simms as she wishes RBC to do more to reduce this problem.

#### 10. Kestrel Play Area:

a) Play area –The HAGS engineer has confirmed a visit on 02 April 2020 to effect all repairs. The clerk has asked for a list of jobs to be done as expected. The spare part for the Spinami has been stored, courtesy of Chairman James, 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 – Revised application - Do Not Object

#### 12. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

13. HGVs out of Business Hours – This is seen to be less of a problem and the item will be removed from the future Agendas

14. Battle Close: Cllr Stephenson updated members with the progress to-date with Bellway's and said that remedial action was underway and is hopeful of reporting back success next month. Council thanked Paul Stephenson for his help and support in helping to solve this problem

15. Finance: February payments were authorised

#### 16. Councillor's Reports:

a) Cllr Neil Phillips raised the matter of Council Facebook postings and proposed:

If a councillor proposes to make a posting on Facebook or Whats Happening in Newton, that is of a general information nature, then the social media councillor should notify all councillors by e-mail. If, after 24 hours, there are no objections, the councillor may then proceed to make the posting, without the need to receive the 5 approvals from councillors

Members approved this by six votes to two

b) Cllr Fisher talked of the land drainage problem at Wellington Avenue and said that NNLLP has agreed to survey the area, look for a solution and possible remedy

17. Correspondence: Loneliness – members noted the NALC communication highlighting this problem

18. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

19. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 April 2020 (It was decided to include the APM, starting at 7.00pm)

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

Signed: Chairman ..... Date .....