



# NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Council meeting of Newton Parish Council

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by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)  
on TUESDAY 14 July 2020 at 7.30pm

### Councillors:

Janet Dobson, James Fisher (A), Margaret Goulder, Rebecca (Penny) Higgs, John O'Hare,  
Neil Phillips, Sarah Shaw and Isabel Shouler

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** James Fisher
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Penny welcomed members and particularly John O'Hare to his first Council meeting. She also welcomed an applicant for the available casual vacancy. She expressed hope that our next meeting will be in the bigger room at the ATC building, if re-opened by then.
4. **Casual vacancy:** The applicant, Barry Stockton, was unanimously elected by members and was invited to join the meeting, but without a voting right until an Acceptance Form and Declaration of Interests Form has been completed and sent to the clerk. He agreed to join the Finance and Assets working group and consider joining others.
5. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09 June 2020 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and will be signed by the chairman in due course.  
*Cllr Neil Clarke joins the meeting*
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**  
*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.36 pm*  
A resident spoke about the Newton Community Group plans to be discussed at Item 21 of the Agenda and confirmed that the Newton Newsletter will start to be issued again and will continue to include a Newton Parish Council page. Another resident asked about the lack of use by the Parish Council of the Newton Facebook page to advertise the meeting. Cllr Izzy Shouler apologised for omitting to do this and will do so in future. A further resident complained about weeds – members said that home occupiers should be encouraged to deal with weeds in their immediate vicinity. Cllr Clarke said he would ensure that the village is included in the VIA half-yearly mowing programme. It was noted that Streetwise has written about the GB September Clean 2020 – to be discussed under Item 20. Correspondence  
*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.48 pm*
7. **Redrow Homes:** Members of the Planning Working Group, plus Cllr David Simms, considered the application 19/02689/REM noted below and as the on-line plan documents are very unclear, Cllr Goulder has arranged for Miss Sarah Allsop to print and send to her all plans prepared after 25 June. These are expected in the next couple of days. Members will be circulated with details of any changes from the original application, so Council can submit views to RBC before the deadline date of 24 July.
8. **RAF Newton Memorial and Gates:** In the absence of Cllr James Fisher, discussion was postponed to the next meeting
9. **Covid-19:** Cllr Izzy Shouler reviewed the situation that a Notts CC award of £2000 has been received by the Parish Council for expenditure on Yoga, Food and Transport and £500 received for Arts and Crafts materials for young people projects. Referring to the Newton Community Group plans for 1) Woodland Children's Trail, Arts and Crafts 2) Community Scavenger Hunt and 3) Community Sports & Wellbeing Day, she proposed that we proceed with Yoga for all age groups (£350 budget) and Children's Arts and Crafts (£100 budget) at the Wellbeing Day planned for September. Cllr Janet Dobson has agreed to prepare a leaflet for posting to each home about availability of food if shielding, transport money to go shopping (taxi), craft materials. Care needs to be taken on reserving some money as there could be a spike in the virus once winter comes. The plan is for residents to contact the clerk by email or complete the form and return it locally. Yvonne Stephenson was invited to comment, and she said that plans were quite advanced for the Community Group to have a Sports and Wellbeing Day in September to take place both on the open space and on the green in Wellington Avenue. She asked for support in setting up sanitary tables for hand wash and cleaning materials.

The clerk undertook to enquire about sourcing sanitary materials from RBC (Cllr Clarke will enquire of NCC). 187/20  
Cllr Dobson was concerned to ensure that the grants received were for use for all the community and effective communication not only by Facebook was needed. Yvonne requested a contribution of £100 for the Woodland Children's Trial, Arts & Crafts and £500 for the Sports & Wellbeing Day. Members voted agreement unanimously

**10. Wellington Avenue:**

- a) Tree maintenance: Councillors expressed satisfaction with the recent pruning work done on the cherry trees
- b) Friendship bench: Cllr Izzy Shouler reported on progress so far. She has had preliminary discussions but needs to engage a suitable expert to help draw up ideas and have an illustration printed in colour. This should be available for the next meeting. The plan is to have a low maintenance community garden with a friendship bench as a centrepiece, wooden play equipment and a sleeper constructed garden with sensory plants and shrubs. In due course, she would like to see a Newton gardening club to be formed to take responsibility for its future maintenance. The initial estimated costs are £30/£40K. Some funding is available. The LIS funding application (50%) submitted for a friendship bench is on hold at present because of Covid-19 priorities. RBC Reach Rushcliffe Funding to address loneliness is also available (£2K)

**11. RBC Donated Trees:** Two Rowan trees have died, and the clerk will contact RBC to discuss options

**12. Dog Fouling:** The agreed large dog bin has been ordered and delivery is awaited. It was suggested that a photo be taken of it in situ. and posted on Facebook with an appropriate article, encouraging residents to report offenders to RBC dog warden

**13. Kestrel Play Area:**

Chairman Penny confirmed that the play area is now open after a Health and Safety inspection. Appropriate notices are displayed. The HACS engineer who was due to visit in April to effect gate and other repairs is back from furlough, so a visit is expected shortly. The grass has been cut by Town & Country.

**14. Planning Applications:** Planning Applications: 20/01274/LBC - Mr Shaun Edwards - Refurbishment of sash windows and other windows - The White House Main Street Newton Nottinghamshire NG13 8HN – Do Not object  
19/02689/REM – Mr Simon Waterfield & Miss Sarah Allsop – reserved matters: 16/02864/VAR – clearer plans have been requested. The application will be considered when these are available. The RBC response deadline is 24 July

**15. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:**

20/00903/FUL – Peter Isaacs – 83 Trenchard Close – Grant Permission  
20/01014/FUL - Anne Ronson - 33 Trenchard Close - erection of two storey side extension - Grant Permission  
20/01142/FUL - Alice Rinkert - 6 Fairway Crescent - erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension - Grant Permission

**16. Finance:** a) June payments were approved b) First quarter budget progress was reviewed and approved

**17. East Bridgford Commemoration:** Chairman Penny explained the background to this and that she has been invited to represent Newton, lay a wreath jointly with the East Bridgford Chairman and to read an appropriate passage at St Peter's Church. It is at 7pm on 27<sup>th</sup> July. It is the 80<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of seven RAF servicemen who lost their lives in an explosion in Newton – Newton's largest wartime loss. East Midlands Today will be there

**18. Communications:** Nothing to report

**19. Councillor's Reports:** None

Cllr Neil Clarke commented that NCC had been successful in distributing PPE to all who needed them and that NCC funds have been stretched in dealing with Covid-19 support requests

**20. Correspondence:** A letter from Streetwise has been received about GB Sept Clean 2020. The dates set are between 11 and 27 September. Members agreed to support a community effort and the clerk will arrange with Streetwise for litter-pickers, bags and waste collection. A letter from Rushcliffe Borough Council has been received about consultation on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (reference: [www.gnplan.org.uk](http://www.gnplan.org.uk)). The consultation ends on 14 September. Members agreed to consider the Growth Options (this is the first stage in preparing the Strategic Plan) and discuss at the next Parish Council Meeting on 08 September

**21. Reports from Outside Organisations:** None other than to refer to the earlier discussion on the initiative from the Newton Community Group

**22. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 08 September 2020 There is no meeting in August. The ATC hope to open their building in September 2020, but if the large room is not available then the meeting will be by Internet Conferencing (Zoom).

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm

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