



# NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Council meeting of Newton Parish Council

188/20

by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)  
on TUESDAY 08 September 2020 at 7.30pm

### Councillors:

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Barry Stockton
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Penny welcomed members and expressed hope that our next meeting will be in the bigger room at the ATC building, if re-opened by then. ATC tell us that they are refurbishing at present
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 July 2020 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and will be signed by the chairman in due course.

### 5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business

*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.36 pm*

A resident raised the problem with the base of the removable bollard that was installed last year and the need to have it repaired before the weekend, when the Community Sports and Wellbeing Day takes place. The expected cost to do this work is £50. The resident also requested that the allocation of the grant made last month to Newton Community Group for the Community Sports and Wellbeing Day be amended to cover extra costs (£100) incurred on Children's Art & Crafts items. To balance, the allocation of £350 for Yoga can be reduced by this amount. Members agreed to consider these requests during the meeting

*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.55 pm*

### 6. Redrow Homes:

Cllr Margaret Goulder confirmed receipt of the Community Building plan from Sarah Allsop of Redrow Homes and said that they included all changes requested. We await to know costs. Cllr David Simms reported on a meeting with Redrow and informed the meeting:

- that the land used for the Community Building will be transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council
- the work will begin after the 50<sup>th</sup> house is started and completed before the 250<sup>th</sup> house. This is estimated to be 2 and a half years from now.
- Redrow has agreed to take over responsibility for the gates, have them preserved, by being dipped, and set in place with no cost to the Parish
- 450 sq. metres of retail space is to be provided

Cllr James Fisher asked to have an item on provision and acquisition of outside tables and chairs on the next meeting's agenda

7. **RAF Newton Memorial and Gates:** This topic was not discussed in the light of the statement of Cllr Simms
8. **Covid-19:** Chairman Penny thanked Cllrs Janet Dobson and John O'Hare for leaflet preparation and delivery to residents as agreed at the last meeting and to Cllr Izzy Shouler for putting the Activity Packs together. Nothing further to discuss
9. **Trees:**  
Members agreed to have the two dead rowan trees in Wellington Avenue replaced and the clerk was asked to refer to the Borough Council for an extension to the deadline of the end of September for ordering under the free trees scheme and to get advice about having a more hardy species. The grass maintenance contractor will be asked to do a regular check of newly planted trees and water when need

**10. Wellington Avenue:**

Cllr Izzy Shouler showed some images to illustrate her idea of different types of equipment, including a friendship bench, ecology area and beds with attractive plantings as described at the last meeting, but said that the present amount of land leased from The Trenchard Close Residents Company would be inadequate and double that area was needed. It was agreed that the clerk write to TCRC to see whether they would consider leasing the extra land needed. The present lease restricts the use of the land to play equipment, so that would need to be changed. The vote was 7 for and 1 abstention from Cllr Goulder who declared an interest as Chairman of TCRC. It was agreed to proceed with effecting repairs to the play equipment as identified in the play inspection report

**11. Dog Bin:** The new bin is installed. It has been observed that it has quickly been filled and the clerk was asked to arrange for it to be emptied as soon as possible and arrange for fortnightly collections in future

**12. Kestrel Play Area:** The HACS engineer returned in August to do work and is due to revisit this week (Friday) to complete the work. Repairs to the bollard, raised earlier, was discussed and members agreed unanimously to have the work done as soon as possible by Mr Paul Stephenson

**13. GB September Clean 2020:** Members agreed to set Sunday 20 Sept as the Newton Litter Pick Day. The clerk will advise Streetwise and make arrangements for the loan of litter-pickers and supply of black bags. A poster will be prepared to advertise the event. Availability of the ATC car park as a meeting point will be checked by the clerk

**14. Greater Nottinghamshire Strategic Plan Consultation:**

Councillors noted the plan objectives, and discussed garden villages, use of brownfield sites and to avoid use of contaminated land. It was decided to make no contribution or comment at this time

**15. 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 – Application withdrawn noted

**16. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** None**17. Finance:**

- a) July and August payments were approved. In response to a member's enquiry, the clerk explained that the different amounts in the P M Winter monthly invoices for the Wellington Avenue mowing and play inspections is that although the cuttings are two weekly, some months have 3 cuttings. Also, the play equipment inspection is done and charged at 6 weekly intervals
- b) The External Audit Report for 2019/20 has been received and it was noted to be without qualification

**18. East Bridgford Commemoration:** Chairman Penny reported that she attended in July as planned and it was a good event. An appropriate commemorative sign has been put on the East Bridgford church gate

**19. Communications:** Increased use of the Parish Council Facebook page was raised – to include meeting agendas and minutes. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting

**20. Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Simms referred to the Local Government Reorganisation proposals and the initial response from the Borough Council. Cllr Clarke had left the meeting earlier

**21. Correspondence:** None

**22. Reports from Outside Organisations:** Earlier in the meeting, Cllr Izzy Shouler, on behalf of Newton Community Group, referred to the plans for the week-end Community Sports and Wellbeing Day and undertook to let the clerk have a copy of the relevant insurances

**23. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13 October 2020 Members discussed returning to use the larger room at the ATC building and it was decided to continue with a ZOOM (Internet Conferencing) meeting in October 2020 and reconsider location then for the November meeting. Meantime, the clerk will check availability for November

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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