



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council meeting of Newton Parish Council by Internet Conferencing (Zoom) on TUESDAY 13 October 2020 at 7.30pm

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and Borough Cllr David Simms

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Margaret Goulder and Penny Higgs. County Cllr Neil Clarke also sent apologies
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** In the absence of chairman Cllr Penny Higgs, vice-chairman Cllr Neil Phillips took the chair. Cllr Phillips informed members that chairman Penny has become ill and has had a few days in hospital. Members expressed concerns and asked for a card to be sent and for the clerk to send flowers, now she is home, with wishes for speedy recovery
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 September 2020 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and will be signed by the vice-chairman in due course.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** There were no members of the public
6. **Redrow Homes:**
Cllr Margaret Goulder sent a message to say that she has not yet heard from Sarah Allsopp of Redrow Homes about costings for the proposed Community Building. No further matters were discussed
7. **RAF Newton Memorial and Gates:** Cllr Izzy Shouler reported receipt of an email from Mr Tim O'Brien to say he has received an email from Sarah Allsopp from Redrow Homes to say that they have now secured Reserved Matters consent at Former RAF Newton that includes the proposed Memorial as detailed on the Site Plan. She confirms that Redrow are happy to pay for the procurement of the Memorial and will be responsible for its installation. The plan is to include the gates and make a feature of the memorial to promote the new housing development that is planned to start very shortly. Members welcomed this good news
8. **Covid-19:**
The clerk referred to a conversation he has had with the NCC-LIS team who confirmed that the award funds passed to the Parish Council bank account on 26 May 2020 are only to be used for Covid-19 Community Support related matters – specifically Yoga, Food & Transport £2000 and Arts and Craft materials £500 as per the application from the Helping Hands Group (HHG - 19 members listed).
LIS is expecting a report at the end of six months (November 2020) that accounts for the funding spend. Unspent funding is returnable. It was accepted that the HHG group members may have changed. The award funding request included on-line yoga and LIS accept that the series of lessons will go on beyond the 26 weeks reporting deadline. The basis of the grant is neighbour to neighbour support, so no insurances are necessary. Spending to date: £32
Council HHG members Janet Dobson, Izzy Shouler and John O'Hare agreed to meet with other appropriate HHG members to plan and commit the use of the funds available
9. **Trees:**
The clerk confirmed that RBC has provided an extension of the offer order date (end of September) until after this meeting. Cllr Fisher agreed to discuss the species available with Mr Paul Stephenson and advise the clerk tomorrow. It was agreed that Council will be able to use all the 10 free trees on offer

10. Wellington Avenue: Play Area extension and Friendship Bench proposal:

The clerk reported a reply has been received from The Trenchard Close Residents Company asking for a detailed application showing exactly what is proposed, including an illustrative plan of the proposed area and a scale plan showing clearly the extent of the land the P.C. would like to lease

Cllr Izzy Shouler said she had asked a friend to help draw up a suggested illustration with dimensions and hoped to have plans for the next meeting.

11. Outside Tables and Chairs: Cllr Fisher suggested that council should source outside tables and outside chairs for eventual use at the Community Hall, but meantime can be used by village groups for occasional outdoor events. It was agreed to see what was available and Cllr Phillips undertook to investigate options and prices. Furniture made of recycled materials were suggested. Cllr Fisher agreed to provide storage when not in use

8.30pm Cllr Simms left the meeting

12. Kestrel Play Area: The HAGS engineer returned last month and completed the work on his list other than painting the Spinami as the weather conditions were not favourable. Members thanked Cllr John O'Hare for meeting up with the engineer and also for painting the items on another day when the weather was good. Sufficient paint and brushes were left with Cllr O'Hare for future use. Cllr Izzy observed that the gates do not close automatically and need rectification as they are not fit for purpose. This was not on the engineer's list though a previous engineer had commented that the posts were not perpendicular and needed to be righted. The clerk was asked to go back to HAGS with this old problem, not yet addressed, and to refer to the extended warranty provided initially.

It was agreed to resume regular risk assessment inspections and the clerk will get quotations from Streetwise and the Wellington Avenue play area inspector for monthly inspections

13. GB September Clean 2020: It was noted that the planned Newton Litter-pick Day, set to be on Sunday 20 Sept., was cancelled because of the coronavirus upsurge. It was agreed to rearrange to take place in Spring 2021.

14. Planning Applications: None

15. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

16. Finance:

- a) September payments were approved.
- b) The half year budget progress was reviewed for 2020/21 and approved. The budget for 2021/22 will be on the next agenda

17. Communications: In order to increase use of the Parish Council Facebook page (to include meeting agendas and minutes and other public notices) it was decided to ask the clerk to arrange for an automatic posting link to be put on the Council website

18. Councillor's Reports: None

19. Correspondence:

- * Defibrillator: The clerk advised that the defibrillator has been checked and cabinet cleaned. The expected battery and pads life is 4 years. It is just 3 years since it was acquired. Next check set for April 2022
- * Remembrance Day: The clerk confirmed receipt of some large poppies for streetlamp standards and members agreed to fix these
- * Halloween: A resident enquired about whether the usual celebrations can take place. The clerk will seek guidance for RBC and reply appropriately
- * A resident has complained about denial of access to land following work done by NNLP. There is no Rights of Way for the pathway used and the clerk was asked to write to Redrow/NNLP to ask whether a route can be incorporated in the house development plans

20. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

21. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 November 2020: Because of the new problems with coronavirus, it was decided to continue with ZOOM (Internet Conferencing) meetings until further notice

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm

Signed: Chairman Date