



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council meeting of Newton Parish Council by Internet Conferencing (Zoom) on TUESDAY 09 March 2021 at 7.30pm

Councillors:

Janet Dobson, James Fisher, Margaret Goulder, Rebecca (Penny) Higgs (Chairman), John O'Hare,
Neil Phillips, Sarah Shaw and Barry Stockton -Tate

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Penny Higgs welcomed members and visitors and expressed the hope that council will soon be able to meet without the use of internet conferencing (Zoom).
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09 February 2021 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously subject to a change in the wording in Item 6. School – "the wording of the S106 agreement specifies that a school will be provided on site and until the school is built, the site be protected and made available with water, electric and gas supply." The minutes will be signed by the chairman in due course.
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.33pm
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** A member of the public asked whether the new noticeboard can be used for posters issued by bodies such as NCC and RBC. It was agreed for the chairman to receive the poster about the mobile library time changes and will put it on the noticeboard. Another member of the public raised the matter of increased construction traffic on Wellington Avenue and requested better Redrow Homes signage. It was agreed for the clerk to contact Redrow to request large signage be erected in order to direct traffic from Wellington Avenue. Another resident asked for the new noticeboard to be moved and this will be discussed later in the meeting. A resident said that although most of the Main Street hedges had been cut back satisfactorily, a further section of hedge needed attention,
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.48pm
6. **Redrow Homes school proposals:**
Chairman Penny informed the meeting that she has heard further from the office of Ruth Edwards, MP who confirmed that they will contact us in mid-May after the County Council elections earlier in May.
Community Centre - Cllr Margaret Goulder informed members that she has heard from Redrow Homes to the effect that the design needs to be reviewed in order to reduce costs. The plans will need to be submitted to RBC Planners when the 50th house is started so the matter is becoming more urgent.
7. **RAF Newton Memorial and Gates:** - Cllr Margaret Goulder said that there are no developments and suggested this item be taken from the Agenda for the time being.
8. **Wellington Avenue:**
 - a) Use by construction traffic had been discussed earlier. Members pointed out the lack of large directional signs for delivery drivers and the clerk was asked to write to RBC planners to ask them to resolve matters.
 - b) The free RBC trees were delivered and planted in December 2020
 - c) Cllr Janet Dobson still awaits to receive outline plans to improve the play area and hopes to have them for the next meeting.

9. **New noticeboard:** After discussion, a vote was taken as to whether the noticeboard should be repositioned. Three members were in favour of it being moved. Five members wished for it to stay where it has been put.
The dog bag dispenser was agreed to have been set too low and Cllr David Simms agreed to meet with Cllr James Fisher to agree a new position.
10. **Trees removal:** Members were informed by the RBC tree preservation officer that the work done by Redrow was acceptable, other than the unauthorised removal of 2 large oak trees that is under active investigation.
11. **Kestrel Play Area:** The clerk contacted the Association of Playgrounds to seek assistance and as a result the engineer from Hags is to visit on Monday 15 March to fix the gate springs. Cllrs Margaret Goulder and John O'Hare will try to be available to meet him on site. The clerk will ask Hags to supply some matting so repairs can be arranged to the broken area.
12. **Parking:** The agreed notice was prepared and put on the Council's Website, Facebook pages and on Noticeboards. At this early stage the parking habits have not changed, and members felt the situation should be reviewed at the next meeting.
13. **Planning Applications:** None
14. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** None
15. **Annual Parishioners Meeting:** Agreed to be Tuesday 22 June 2021 – the clerk to book the large room at ATC Building.
16. **Use of Teams:** Cllr Barry Stockton-Tate reviewed the benefits of using this form of virtual conferencing. Members believe the need for virtual meeting was coming to an end and thanked him for the information.
17. **Finance:** February payments were approved.
18. **Councillor's Reports:** Cllr David Simms confirmed that both the Leisure Centre at Bingham and the footbridge are planned to be completed by Sept 2022. He also said that the Borough Council had adopted a Planning Enforcement Policy
Cllr Neil Clarke informed members that VIA have had to delay the A6097 roundabout to Main Street footway/cycleway extension scheme as the ecology survey shows that the habitat is suitable for great crested newts (a protected species) and because of the bird nesting season it is now likely that the work will be done in the Autumn. Cllr Clarke also said he was trying to get resurfacing work done on the Newton to Radcliffe-on-Trent road.
Cllr Margaret Goulder advised members that the roads around Trenchard Close are to be resurfaced.
Councillors discussed the problems of using e-mails to make decisions in-between meetings and it was agreed to minimize these and to postpone decisions to a council meeting where possible.
Cllr Neil Phillips noted that the PC chairs stored by NNLLP should be moved to the pc container by July 2021.
Cllr James Fisher suggested RBC planners be asked what plans they were making to improve Main Street, Newton from the £27,000 Section 106 money due from the Wilson Homes development at Radcliffe-on-Trent. The clerk will ask RBC.
19. **Correspondence:** A resident has emailed to ask for signage to be put in Wellington Avenue to deter contractor's construction traffic – discussed earlier.
20. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** Cllr Janet Dobson reported that there had been a further response to the Helping Hands letter-drop and the need identified has been met.
21. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13 April 2021 (Annual Council Meeting: Tuesday 11 May 2021 – larger room)
The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: Chairman Date