



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 21 September 2021 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Barry Stockton-Tate and Sarah Shaw
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Penny Higgs congratulated Yvonne Stephenson on the success of the Wellbeing Day. She also reminded members of the Casual Vacancy that will be re-advertised.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 July 2021 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously with an extra insertion to provide more clarity. These were duly signed by the chairman.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35 pm

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

Details of the Wellbeing Day were reviewed by Yvonne Stephenson who said that it was a great success and she expected it to be an annual event.

A resident asked for clarity on land ownership near the electric sub-station at Chipmunk Road as the road needs to be made good. Cllr Neil Clarke explained that Newton Nottingham LLP are Redrow Homes are dealing with the matter.

A request was made for Redrow to use bio-degradable materials.

Residents raised the problem of the blocked pipe under land owned by NNLLP and The White House and the flooding problem this causes when there is heavy rainfall. Cllr David Simms recommended TCRC ask their insurers for advice. Cllr James Fisher suggested a land registry search be made to which members agreed.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.58 .pm

6. **Wellington Avenue:**

Cllr Dobson was unable to comment further about plans prepared by Alan Colalucca of NCC to convert the play area into a cycle track for children. Members decided to take this item off future agendas and revisit the idea in 12 months or so.

7. **Dogs:**

Rushcliffe Borough Council are updating their laws about dog control and dog fouling, making it mandatory for persons in charge of a dog to remove the faeces and for it to be disposed of in an appropriate way.

Members declined to adopt a compulsory "dogs on a lead" and a "no dogs permitted" area policy. The cost and high usage of bin liners was discussed and the non-bio-degradable nature of the liners. The clerk was asked to explore alternatives.

8. **Kestrel Play Area:**

The regular safety inspection commented that the wooden benches and wooden parts of the park equipment needed repainting/revarnishing. Members agreed asking John Ingram to do the work before the start of unsuitable weather.

Cllr John O'Hare has a number of play area items that could be stored in the container and Cllr James Fisher will arrange access.

9. Planning Applications:

21/02422/FUL – 29 Anson Road – rear extension and garage conversion – Do Not Object

10. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:

21/02049/FUL – The Control Tower – side extension to old fire station - Grant Planning Permission

11. Finance: Payments arising in July and August were approved.**12. Councillor's Reports.**

Cllr Neil Clarke confirmed that Shelford Top Road is to be resurfaced in sections – the first to be started soon. He noted that the East Bridgford/Main Street junction road also needs to be done.

Cllr James Fisher said the driving visibility at the junction needs to be improved. Also, fixing bolts are missing from a sign and need replacing.

He reminded members that was a need for a Newton sign on the A46 – Cllr Clarke said he would ask National Highways to investigate.

Cllr Simms said that it had been a very quiet summer. RBC has contracted for an outside company to deal with the dog fouling. The company employs staff to check and prosecute offenders. The removal of trees by Redrow was discussed including the Princess Anne tree. Cllr Simms undertook to ask Tom Pettit – RBC tree officer – to let him know the latest position.

13. Christmas:

Members agreed to repeat last year's activities – Cllr James Fisher offered to supply the tree without cost and was duly thanked

14. Correspondence:

Clerk Bill Banner informed members that the 5 bags of grit (free) are available again from VIA and it was confirmed that these should be delivered to Newton House Farm for safekeeping.

15. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.**16. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 09 November 2021 at the ATC Building.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed: Chairman Date