



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council meeting of Newton Parish Council by Internet Conferencing (Zoom) on TUESDAY 13 April 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 four members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Borough Cllr David Simms
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Penny Higgs welcomed members and asked for a minute's silence in respect of the death of Prince Philip last Friday.
A Virtual Book of Condolences has been opened by Rushcliffe Borough Council and members agreed for the council to make a contribution.
The chairman thanked Cllrs David Simms and Fisher for moving the dog bag dispenser to a better location.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09 March 2021 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously and will be signed by the chairman in due course.
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** A member of the public raised the problem of the intended closure of the bridleway by Redrow Homes for 6 months during the summer and asked what can be done about it. The matter is for discussion at item 10.
More lorries seem to be using Wellington Avenue trying to gain entry either to the inaccessible hangars or the Redrow Homes site. Cllr Clarke said that bigger signage was to be put in Main Street to direct drivers to Newton Lane and he will press the urgency to get that done. Redrow Homes are to put large signage at the entrance to Wellington Avenue.
Another resident reminded members that the temporary tarmac infill needs to be removed and the red block paving reinstated. The clerk will remind Redrow and VIA.
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.50pm
6. **Redrow Homes - school proposals and community building:**
School provision: Chairman Penny said that more news on the school provision is expected in June.
Community Centre - Cllr Margaret Goulder said she is still awaiting to hear about costings. The clerk was asked to seek clarity about the freehold being passed to the council in due course.
7. **Wellington Avenue:**
 - a) Use by heavy goods vehicles had been discussed earlier. Cllr Goulder said that the problem was a Redrow problem and recommended that the RBC Planners Enforcement officer should be involved.
 - b) Cllr Janet Dobson said she had heard nothing further from her contact who has promised to come to a meeting with ideas to improve the play area. She will remind him.

- 8. Kestrel Play Area:** Hags have done some repairs, but the engineer is returning next Monday to complete work on the gates that do not close properly. John O'Hare agreed to meet him on site.
- 9. Parking:** There seems to be less inconsiderate parking. It was agreed that the notice on the Council's Website, Facebook pages and on Noticeboards continues to be valid.
- 10. Bridleway:** The proposed shutting for 6 months this summer was discussed, and council agreed to make a formal objection. The clerk will write to the Rights of Way team to secure their support. Redrow Homes are to be asked what alternative plans they have when they require the closure.
- 11. Planning Applications:** 21/00669/FUL - Buggins Cottage, Chapel Lane, Bingham - demolition and construction of two dwellings – Noted.
- 12. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** 21/00224/TPO Redrow Homes: Trees: T1 (Oak) -Crown lift to 2m - Chipmunk Way - Grant Consent
- 13. Annual Parishioners Meeting:** Agreed to be Tuesday 22 June 2021 – the clerk has booked the large room at ATC Building. The clerk was asked to see if Sarah Allsopp from Redrow Homes would recommend a speaker.
- 14. Finance:**
- a) March payments were approved.
 - b) A review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations was made, and the present wording approved
 - c) The unaudited draft accounts were discussed and approved. The AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) Audit form will be completed for approval and signing at the May meeting of council. The clerk said that the AGAR Audit form has a transparency code requirement regarding improved accessibility to the website for the physically impaired. This has become an imperative to meet the 23rd September deadline for website accessibility compliance. An indicated cost of not more than £500 has been received from our present IT provider, Derek Roffesoft. It was agreed to proceed to have the upgrades actioned.
 - d) The insurance renewal invitation was accepted – May renewal date
 - e) SAGE (Shelford Against Gravel Extraction) - Cllr Fisher advised members that the £5000 fund created by Shelford and Newton Parish Council in 2006 to resist gravel extraction in the Shelford valley has not been used in full. As the decision not to proceed with extraction has now been made, an amount of £2000 is due to be refunded to Newton Parish Council (being a separate authority from 2016). The clerk will arrange to receive the refund.
- 15. Councillor's Reports:** None.
- 16. Correspondence:** Nothing discussed
- 17. Reports from Outside Organisations:** Nothing to report.
- 18. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11 May 2021 (to include the Annual Council Meeting). A change to the Zoom arrangement may be necessary.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: Chairman Date