



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Newton Parish Council
held in the ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA
on WEDNESDAY 11 January 2023 at 7.30pm

Councillors:

Janet Dobson, Rebecca Emeleus (A), James Fisher, Margaret Goulder, Frank Stevenson,
Sarah Shaw (Chairman) and Barry Stockton -Tate

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, County Cllr Neil Clarke and five residents.
Borough Cllr David Simms sent his apologies

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Rebecca Emeleus
Rebecca (Penny) Higgs had resigned in November just after that month's meeting
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr James Fisher - Item 13 – Newton House
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None
4. **Casual vacancy:**
The Chairman introduced Deborah Soloman to members. She has applied to join the council to fill a casual vacancy. Members approved the appointment and after completing the Members' Interests Form and signing the Acceptance Form, she was welcomed to the council
5. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09 November 2022** were accepted unanimously and duly signed

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.39 pm

6 Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business

A resident referred to Planning Application 22/02240/FUL to be discussed under item 13. He explained the matter and said that the RBC Planning Officer was to visit the site with him on Friday of this week. A question was asked as to when NCC plan to instal the noticeboard in the bus shelter in Wellington Avenue. The clerk said he would ask NCC when they planned to do the work.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.56 .pm

7. Redrow Homes – RAF Memorial - Village Hall:

The pace of building houses has dropped – influenced by the rate of sales – and it was suggested that the Village Hall build can therefore be brought forward.

Cllr Debbie Soloman agreed to draft a suitable letter for approval by council

8. School – Footbridge – petition

This matter was discussed further. Chairman Sarah confirmed that in December she and Cllr Goulder attended a meeting at RBC, arranged by Chief Exec. Kath Marriott and Leanne Ashmore, Director of Growth and Economic Development and it was an encouraging meeting. Cllr Clarke agreed to check progress and report back.

9. Community Partnership Board

Cllr Margaret Goulder reported that when the original planning application for Newton was granted, a CPB should have been set up. RBC have now asked if the parish council would like this to be done. It was agreed by council this would be an opportunity for networking & further discussions with interested parties and that RBC be asked to proceed and to set out the terms of reference. RBC have secured substantial funds to cover costs

10. Pathways

The barking applied recently by Redrow to soak up the excess water has not been unsuccessful, and the clerk was asked to send the photos and report to the Rights of Ways team. Chairman Sarah undertook to write to Alex Kenny of Redrow to agree a plan of action

11. Wellington Avenue

A resident has asked whether the water run-off from adjacent land, believed to be caused by a blocked land drain, had been remedied. Cllr Neil Clarke will investigate the position and call in the flood prevention team to take action

Play area: The clerk confirmed that he has reminded for the rotten wood in the balancing beam to be attended to

12. Kestrel Play Area:

The clerk confirmed that he has reminded for the cracked log in the Stepping Logs to be replaced

13 Planning Applications:

22/02240/FUL - Land at former RAF Newton – To approve change in levels – Object. Cllr Margaret

Goulder will send the clerk a report with photos to forward to RBC planning

22/02326/FUL - Field House - Front porch - Do Not Object

22/02346/PAR - Newton House - Prior approval - Change Usage to Class B8 - No Comment

14. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

15. Finance:

a) Nov & Dec payments were authorised.

b) Budget 2023/24 was discussed and councillors agreed to leave the rate of precept unchanged. It was noted that the extra properties since last year will produce a bigger total precept than before

c) The clerk informed members that the appointed External Auditors are once more PKF Littlejohn LLP

16. Councillor's Reports:

In the absence of Cllr David Simms, Cllr Neil Clarke said that the opening of the new Leisure Centre was to be mid-February 2023.

Cllr Simms had reminded the clerk that a contribution from his member's fund to purchase a capital item was still available, but an urgent request needs to be made. After discussion, Councillors suggested purchasing some outside folding chairs and the clerk agreed to research the options

17. General matters: The unveiling ceremony of the statue of the airman produced by Tim O'Brien and his group, the RAF Newton Memorial Fund, will take place on Sunday 23 April (11.00am to 2.00pm). Chairman Sarah will respond to the request from Tim to support/assist on the day with 6 or so volunteers. Cllr Clarke said he can make available hi-viz jackets for volunteers

18. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

19. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 08 February 2023 at the ATC Building, starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Signed: Chairman

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