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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 09 November 2021 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Barry Stockton-Tate
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Penny Higgs thanked Cllr James Fisher for putting up the large street poppies in time for Armistice Day. Members requested that a further 50 be ordered for next year - the clerk duly noted. She reminded members of the two Casual Vacancies that have been re-advertised. The clerk was asked to prepare a draft of what is involved in being a Parish Councillor - for use on the Council's Facebook page
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 September 2021 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously with some amendments inserted to provide more clarity. These amendments were initialled, and the minutes duly signed by the chairman. The published minutes will be amended accordingly

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35 pm

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

A resident complained that the bridleway was still closed, despite reaching the advertised day for opening. There has been no advance notice that the bridleway was not opening as planned

Cllr Neil Clarke said he would speak to Neil Lewis, Rights of Way manager at NCC to ensure Redrow are acting with their full authority.

Mr Martyn Pask, MD of Redrow Homes, has written: "We have applied to extend the closure due to H & S matters and heavy plant working along the southern boundary, however we do intend to fully open the bridleway again prior to Christmas holidays"

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.55 .pm

6. **School:** Chairman Penny informed members that she had received a phone call the previous day from the office of MP Ruth Edwards. The message was that MP Ruth is concerned in general with the level of school provision in Rushcliffe and is have discussions with the County Council Regional Schools Commissioners. Cllr Neil Clarke said he has had a discussion with the vice-chairman of the Commission when the expression "satellite school" was mentioned. Redrow has confirmed it has made its agreed contribution. The landowner has a set timetable in which to transfer the land ownership to the County Council. The County Council needs to request the transfer.
7. **Redrow Homes RAF Memorial - Community Building** Mr Pask has supplied Council with an initial feasibility sketch for the proposed Community Building. Members would welcome discussing the plans with Mr Pask and the clerk was asked to arrange a meeting of Councillors with him.

8. **Wellington Avenue:** The proposed replacement sign was approved, and the clerk will arrange for it to be s fixed once it arrives
The frequency of play inspections was discussed, and the clerk was asked to change the frequency to four-weekly
9. **Kestrel Play Area:**
The play inspection report from Streetwise was seen to be minimal and the report is unattributed. The clerk was asked to get further quotations for an inspection every four weeks
10. **Planning Applications:** None

11. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:**

21/02422/FUL – 29 Anson Road – rear extension and garage conversion – Grant permission

12. **Finance:**

- It was noted that the unqualified audit for 2020/21 has been completed
- Payments arising in Sept. and Oct. were approved.
- The half-year financial results were reviewed and budget considerations for 2022/23 considered
- A place for a second defibrillator was considered and the telephone box was thought to be a good location. Cllr Fisher will make enquiries about securing electricity supply for the cabinet

13. **Councillor's Reports.**

Cllr Simms reminded members that the Boundary Review comments deadline was 07 December

8.57pm Cllrs Neil Clarke and David Simms left the meeting

14. **Correspondence:**

The Clerk reminded members that the Local Community Fund 2022-26 has been opened by Notts County Council.

Capital Funding of up to £20,000 is available as a Matching Grant.

An Expression of Interest Form is required by the end of December 2021

15. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None.

Members expressed concern that the footpath being put in by VIA in Newton Lane is "on the wrong side of the road" The clerk will pass on these comments to Cllr Clarke.

16. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11 January 2022 at the ATC Building.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: Chairman Date

Matters arising from the meeting on 21 September 2021:

- Following the Open Session, the clerk was asked to get a Land Search. This was done, but the informative was not relevant
- Item 7 Dogs. The clerk was asked to check the bio-degradable nature of the liners. It is confirmed that they are bio-degradable
- Item 8. Kestrel Play Area: It has been arranged for the wooden benches to be painted when the weather allows. The surplus play area parts have been stored in the container
- Item 12, Councillors reports: Trees: the response from Tom Pettit, the RBC Tree Officer, was that Newton Nottingham LLP have offered to plant 4 replacement trees this winter to replace the 2 Oaks, using large growing natives.
- Item 14. Correspondence: The bags of grit have been ordered for delivery