



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 WEDNESDAY 12 January 2022 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, Borough Councillor David Simms and four members of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Neil Phillips and James Fisher
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Penny Higgs welcomed members to the first meeting of 2022 and thanked them for agreeing to move the Council meetings to Wednesday evenings at her request. With Omicron virus still prevalent, and the future of virtual meetings uncertain, it was pleasing to have a good attendance.
- 4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09 November 2021 for approval:** The minutes were accepted unanimously with an amendment to add below Item 15 that the comments passed to County Councillor Neil Clarke about the footpath being "on the wrong side of the road" were to be reinforced by asking VIA for a rationale for creating the pathway where they have done so. The clerk will write to VIA. Members were unanimous that the path should have been created on the opposite side of the road as the route chosen has a blind corner, is behind a hedge, and is intimidating for pedestrians. This amendment was made, and the minutes duly signed by the chairman. The published minutes will be amended accordingly
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.40 pm
- 5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**

A resident wished to complain about the referred to pathway and also to strongly object to Planning Application 21/03201/VAR – Simon Waterfield – to be discussed later. He said the signage in Wellington Avenue was still insufficient to deter heavy vehicles and, in general, parking was unsatisfactory as there are areas where pedestrians cannot walk on pavements

A second resident wished to talk about the Planning Application 21/03201, saying that the increase in delivery hours applied for was some 47% and wished to strongly object. It was agreed to reinstate Standing Orders and bring forward discussion on Item 11
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.55 .pm

5a) Planning Applications: 21/03201/VAR – Simon Waterfield – Variation of Condition 34 – delivery and distribution operating hours) of planning permission 19/01871/VAR – Former Newton Aerodrome
Members discussed the adverse effect that this Variation would have on the Community – There would be increased safety issues arising from vehicle speed, noise, pollution, and dust. There was particular concern about the safety of children and pedestrians. It was reported that 37 people had already objected on the RBC Planning Portal and councillors resolved to get information to more residents so they can express their view on the Portal before 19 January – the date set by RBC Planners to receive observations.

It was agreed to object strongly and to write to Borough Cllr David Simms to ask for his support

6. **School:** Mr Martyn Pask of Redrow Homes said that to his knowledge the land transfer to the County Council had not yet taken place. Members felt that NCC should be pressed into asking for the land and the clerk was requested to write to the Education Committee members to urge this action
7. **Redrow Homes RAF Memorial - Community Building** Mr Pask said that he is awaiting the budget price for the building plans. The allocation for the project is £825K plus some interest arising.
8. **Wellington Avenue:** The proposed replacement sign has arrived and will be erected shortly
9. **Kestrel Play Area:** Nothing to report
10. **Notice Board Usage:** Wider use of the Boards was discussed, and no change proposed. Chairman Penny said the on two occasions recently the key left at the Wellington Avenue notice board has gone missing. The board is left locked at present with no ready access to a key. Members agreed to consider having an extra notice board and the clerk will circulate options
11. **Planning Applications:** 21/03201/VAR – Simon Waterfield – Variation of Condition 34 – delivery and distribution operating hours) of planning permission 19/01871/VAR – Former Newton Aerodrome – Object
Subsequent Application: 21/03189/FUL – Miss Emily Marley – Erection of a brick entrance to Newton Garden Village - Do Not Object
12. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:** None
13. **Finance:**
 - a) Payments arising in November and December were approved.
 - b) The budget for 2022/23 was considered and members agreed to keep an unchanged precept
 - c) Membership of RCAN was considered (£95) and approved
14. **Councillor's Reports.**

Cllr Simms reported that the construction of the Leisure Centre at Bingham is ahead of plans and is expected to be complete by the end of summer. He also reported that the new District Crematorium at Stragglethorpe should be ready for opening in October.
15. **General matters:** None
16. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None.
17. **Date of Next Meeting:** It was agreed unanimously to change meeting dates to every other month. In the event of urgent business, an extraordinary meeting will be called.
Accordingly, the next meeting is **Wednesday 09 March 2022** at the ATC Building.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm

Signed: Chairman Date.....

Matters arising from the meeting on 09 November 2021:

1. The extra 50 large street poppies will be ordered nearer to the 2022 Armistice Day
2. NALC do not have eye catching posters on Becoming a Councillor – see attached
3. Members were able to meet up with Mr Martyn Pask of Redrow Homes at the end of November to discuss plans for the Community Building
4. The replacement sign for Wellington Avenue is being fixed this month
5. Quotes for 2022 play area maintenance and equipment inspections will be available for the next meeting
6. The footpath concern about it “being on the wrong side of the road” was conveyed to County Cllr Neil Clarke