



# 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 08 February 2023 at 7.30pm**

### **Councillors:**

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

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner, County Cllr Neil Clarke and four residents.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Rebecca Emeleus - unwell
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr James Fisher - Item 14 – Newton House
- 3. Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman referred to item 9. Community Partnership Board and said that she and Cllr Goulder had an appointment on 03 March to see Leanne Ashmore, Director Development and Economic Growth at RBC to discuss the terms of reference and arrange for the first Board meeting.
- 4. Casual vacancy:**  
The Chairman introduced Jessica Holt to members. She has applied to join the council to fill the 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 11 January 2023** were accepted unanimously and duly signed.

*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.37 pm.*

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

A resident raised the ongoing problem of the poor condition of the bridleway and the apparent lack of action. Cllr Neil Clarke undertook to go back to the VIA Rights of Way Team to see what early work can be done before the work planned for the summer and asked that Council writes to him about the ongoing problem. Cllr Stevenson volunteered to prepare a draft for approval by members.

Another resident asked whether there were any developments about the mound behind the Fairway Crescent houses following the planning officer visit of 6 February. He was informed that Council has heard nothing further.

*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.57 pm.*

### **7. Redrow Homes – RAF Memorial - Village Hall:**

The agreed letter was sent to Redrow Homes to request an earlier than planned build of the village hall. Members noted that a reply was received saying that was not possible. Cllr Fisher informed members that over 250 house footings had been put in, so the trigger number had been achieved. Members view was that the Redrow Homes agreement was to ensure the provision of the Hall before the commencement of the construction of the 250<sup>th</sup> dwelling.

### **8. School – Footbridge – Development awaited.** To be discussed at the 03 March meeting referred to earlier.

### **9. Community Partnership Board**

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. A further meeting is planned for 03 March.

### **10. RCAN – Networking**

Cllrs Goulder and Dobson attended a recent networking event that was reported to be very informative with ideas for building village halls.

## 11. Pathways

This was discussed under item 6

## 12. Wellington Avenue

- a) Speeding: This was raised by Cllr Stevenson. Cllr Clarke said that speeding in Wellington Avenue is recognised as a problem by VIA and two sets of cushioning/road humps are being considered
- b) Play Area: Members agreed that the grass cutting should be done fortnightly in season in future. The clerk will ask contractors for a competitive quotation for the mowing season.

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Cllr Stevenson observed that the gate is still not closing properly. The clerk undertook to press Hags to do the work - they have provided a quotation to do this.

## 14 Planning Applications:

22/02267/FUL - Glebe Farm – Single storey rear extension - Do Not Object

22/02351/FUL - Newton House Farm – Single storey front extension to potato store - Do Not Object - Sufficiently distanced from other dwellings and the public highway.

23/00053/FUL and 00095/RELD - 10 Kirk Hill, East Bridgford – Remodel existing building including demolition of front boundary wall and access gates – Noted.

## 15. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:

22/02326/FUL – Field House – Front brick and oak porch – Grant Planning Permission

22/02346/PAR – Newton House Farm – Change of use of Agricultural Shed to a Class B8 (Storage & Distribution) - Prior Approval Not Required

## 16. Finance:

a) Jan payments were authorised.

b) Budget 2023/24. The tax rate was confirmed as unchanged. As the tax base has increased by 49, the precept is £23,000.

## 17. Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Clarke said that the NCC Council tax is to increase by 2.8% plus 2% for Social Services. The RBC increase is to be 2%  
Cllr Clarke also said that the Mayor of Rushcliffe's Charity Fundraising was a Sponsored Abseiling at Kings Mill Viaduct at Mansfield

## 18. General matters:

Regarding access to the defibrillator in the former telephone kiosk, Cllr Debbie Soloman had earlier raised the apparent problem with the door, as she could not open it. Cllr Fisher undertook to have a look and to ask his joiner to ease the door. The three "Defibrillator" signs put over the "Telephone" signs last year have been removed by persons unknown and the clerk was asked to order new ones. The clerk will also arrange for the defibrillator battery to be checked. The battery in the defibrillator at the ATC Building will also be checked.

Cllr Stevenson offered to do a visual check on the defibrillators from time to time.

Members discussed and agreed the purchase of 20 outside folding chairs (£77.22 each) and Cllr Clarke agreed to contribute from his Members Fund. 10 outside folding tables will also be purchased at a cost of £10 each, sourced by Cllr Fisher

*Cllr Clarke left the meeting at 9.28pm.*

The overgrown hedge in Chipmunk Way was discussed and the clerk was asked to write to Newton Nottingham LLP

Members were reminded of the planned unveiling ceremony of the statue of the airman produced by Tim O'Brien and his group, the RAF Newton Memorial Fund – to take place on Sunday 23 April (11.00am to 2.00pm).

The apparent delay in Redrow setting the plinth was discussed and the clerk was asked to write to Redrow to ask their plans.

## 19. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

## 20. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 08 March 2023 at the ATC Building, starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed: Chairman

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