



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 12 July 2023 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

Janet Dobson, Margaret Goulder (Chairman), Jessica Holt,
Sarah Shaw (vice-Chairman), Martyn Saulter, Deborah Soloman (A) and Barry Stockton -Tate

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Debbie Soloman.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Chairman Margaret informed members that Cllr Stevenson has resigned so two casual vacancies exist.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 June 2023** were approved and duly signed, subject to adding RBC Cllr Debbie Soloman's report under item 17. Councillor's Reports: She said that she had attempted to contact the RBC enforcement officer regarding the operating hours of the hangars, but he was on leave. She was due to undertake a ward walk with RBC Officers (Leanne Ashmore and Paul Taylor) to discuss village issues.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
Standing orders were suspended at 7.36pm and reinstated at 7.43pm
A resident suggested improving the signage at the entrance to Wellington Avenue to include "No access to Hangars". It was agreed to include signage as an item for discussion with the Community Partnership Board
6. **Redrow Homes – Village Hall - School – Footbridge**
Chairman Margaret said that nothing further has been heard from RBC Planners.
7. **HGV Hangar operating hours:** RBC Planning Enforcement Officer confirms to have written to the hangar operators and replies are awaited. Cllr Sarah Shaw undertook to prepare a letter to the operators to be sent by the parish council. The clerk was asked to obtain addresses of the operators and he will speak to the enforcement officer.
8. **Newton Memorial:** Redrow are proposing to donate to the Parish Council the area of land where the memorial has been placed – to include the nearby large oak tree. Future maintenance and condition of the tree was discussed. Members unanimously agreed to proceed to take over ownership subject to a satisfactory tree survey. The land register needs to be checked to determine whether there are any underground services at the designated area.
9. **Lengthsman**
The benefits of the NCC Lengthsman scheme were discussed and members agreed to progress the enquiry. The clerk is currently waiting for more information from NCC VIA Highways
10. **Wellington Avenue**
The monthly play equipment inspection report has been received – no action necessary.
11. **Kestrel Play Area:**
 - a) The monthly play equipment inspection report has been received – no action necessary.

b) A resident has written to say that the grass needs to be trimmed and that one of the gates is not closing. The two rope swings have moss growing in them. The clerk will refer the comments to the maintenance contractor.

c) As the problem with the gates continues despite the repairs by installers Hags, it was decided unanimously for the gates to be replaced with more robust gates. The clerk will seek options.

12. Planning Applications:

23-01182-FUL - 34 Anson Road - single storey rear extension and loft conversion – Do Not Object

13. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:

23-00902-FUL - 3 Meteor Close - Single storey side and front extension. Alterations to front boundary wall - Grant Permission

14. Finance:

- a) June payments were approved and duly authorised
- b) Standing Orders were reviewed and approved unaltered
- c) Financial Regulations were reviewed and approved unaltered

15. General matters:

- i) An autumn social for residents was discussed and Cllr Barry Stockton-Tate undertook to circulate proposals to members.
- ii) Repainting of the former telephone box was proposed by Cllr Martyn Saulter, who agreed to explore who can do this.
- iii) Cllr Janet Dobson, supported by Cllr Jess Holt, agreed to continue to be responsible for village noticeboards, including regular upkeep of notices

16. Councillor's Reports:

County Cllr Neil Clarke updated members that the drains/culvert under Wellington Avenue have been checked for blockage and the landowner has been asked to remedy the problem.

He also informed members that for a period of 7 days, rubber strips had been put across Newton Lane to monitor speed and volume of traffic.

A theodolite survey has been done to assess the potential provision for linking the village to the cycle/footpath on Newton Lane.

Regarding responsibility for the maintenance of the hedge at Chipmunk Way, he confirmed that a letter has been sent to Newton Nottingham LLP to request that this is done.

Borough Cllr Debbie Soloman had emailed her report to the clerk, who read it out to members:

She reported that following discussions with RBC enforcement officer James Bate a system has been set up where residents can submit photo's showing number plates and times of HGVs entering and leaving the hangars. This information was posted on social media. The deadline for submission of evidence is set at 31 July.

Progress by Redrow has been made on implementing the restrictions to prevent HGVs exiting via Hunter Road. Work to create speed bump on Newton Lane started this week. Detailed plans are available in the show home.

She said that RBC is running a strategy consultation for residents to have their say on the priorities for the Borough Council over the next 4 years.

17. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

18. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 September 2023 at the ATC Building. There will be no meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

Signed: Chairman

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