



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and May Monthly Meeting of Newton Parish Council
held in the ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA
on WEDNESDAY 10 May 2023 at 7.00pm**

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and five members of the public (later)

1. Apologies for Absence: Rebecca Emeleus

2. Election of Chairman and vice-Chairman 2023–24:

Cllr Sarah Shaw opened the meeting by saying that she is standing down as chairman and proposed Cllr. Margaret Goulder as her replacement. She expressed a willingness to stand as vice-Chairman.

A Nomination Form had been completed and signed and there being no other nominations, Cllr Margaret Goulder was duly elected as chairman and Cllr Sarah Shaw as vice-Chairman for 2023-24

3. Completion of forms for Register of Members Interests and Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Forms completed and signed including from new member Mr Martyn Saulter who was welcomed onto the Council.

Members asked the clerk to request for RBC to redact the address and employment information before publishing on the RBC website.

4. Declarations of Interest: None

5. Review of Working Group Members:

Planning and Village Hall: All Councillors

Play Areas and Village: Cllrs Janet Dobson, Jessica Holt and Frank Stevenson

Communications: Cllr Janet Dobson and Sarah Shaw

Finance and Assets: Cllrs Barry Stockton-Tate and Martyn Saulter

Community Partnership Group: Cllrs Margaret Goulder and Sarah Shaw

The Chairman and vice-Chairman are permanent ex-officio members of all working groups.

6. Chairman's announcements:

Chairman Margaret thanked outgoing chairman Sarah for her leadership and looked forward to continuing to work with her in their reversed roles.

7. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 April 2023 were approved by seven councillors and duly signed.

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

Standing orders were suspended at 7.18pm and reinstated at 7.28pm

No relevant matters were raised.

Item 10 was taken next:

10. HGV Hangar operating hours: Members maintain their concern that hangar tenants continue to operate outside permitted hours and asked the clerk to request that the RBC Planning Enforcement Officer writes to each hangar occupier to remind them that they need to conform to the stated hours. It was suggested that if RBC are having difficulty in proving the out of hours operation, RBC should arrange with Highways for road monitoring strips to be used on the adopted approach road to the hangars.

Operating Hours: Condition 34 of Permission Reference 19/01871/VAR states that the deliveries to and distribution associated with the existing B uses (hangars 1-5) shall only take place between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Bank Holidays

9. and 11. Community Partnership Board and Redrow Homes – Village Hall - School – Footbridge - items taken together.

The chairman reported that she and the vice-charman had attended the 21 April meeting of the Community Partnership Board at RBC and were awaiting the approved minutes for public release on the RBC website.

There is little progress with the provision of the village hall, school and footbridge, and clarity regarding trigger points was sought. RBC planners refer to one of 5 documents when talking about trigger points and the chairman recommended that the Parish Council seeks the help of a Planning Consultant to examine these documents closely and to determine when the provisions are due. After discussion members agreed unanimously for a Planning Consultant to be employed and the chairman said she would make progress with this

12. Pathways/ Bridleway access

Cllr Frank Stevenson showed members pictures of the poor state of the pathways, particularly along and around the former Control Tower – the pathway is impassable to walkers because the ground is being churned up by motor vehicles.

It was agreed for the clerk to inform Jane Baines, the VIA Rights of Way Officer and ask for a remedy as soon as possible.

13. Wellington Avenue

a) Play Area equipment. Cllr Goulder confirmed that the worn wooden bar has been removed satisfactorily.

b) Cllr Margaret reports that the mowing near the former telephone kiosk is not being done – the clerk will remind the contractor

14. Kestrel Play Area:

a) Following a further approach from the clerk, HAGS agreed to effect gate repairs without cost to the Council and to refund the charge raised for supplying the incorrect springs. The repair work was booked to be done on Friday 05 May

b) The padlock on the second gate has been removed (lost key) so it is now openable. Cllr Frank Stevenson agreed to get and fit a suitable replacement (coded) padlock.

15 Planning Applications:

23-00813-FUL - 50 Trenchard Close - two storey rear extension – Do Not Object

Revision (22-01600-REM) - Land to North of Grantham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent – development of up to 280 dwellings including remodelled junction to A52 - Noted

16. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

17. Finance:

a) April payments approved

b) The clerk informed members that the Accounts for 2022-23 were with the Internal Auditor. The intention is to have the AGAR External Auditor report ready for signature at the June meeting.

18. Councillor's Reports: Borough Cllr Deborah Soloman reported:

a) She said she was delighted to be elected Borough Councillor for Newton Ward and has signed relevant acceptance papers

b) RBC is yet to elect a leader – Simon Robinson having decided to stand down

c) The RBC 2023/24 members fund is to be retained at £1000 per elected member

19. General matters: Mid-summer social. Ideas were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Barry considers the options and bring proposals to the next council meeting.

Councillor emails were discussed. Members agreed unanimously that each member should create and use a separate email address containing “npc” and advise the clerk

20. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

21. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 June 2023 at the ATC Building, starting at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The Annual Parishioner's Meeting followed at 8.30pm

Signed: Chairman

Date