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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 November 2023 at 7.30pm**

Councillors:

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

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Barry Stockton-Tate and Jessica Holt.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Chairman's announcements:** Members were reminded that Council has two casual vacancies and efforts should be made to fill these.
- 4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 October 2023** were approved and duly signed.

7.35pm Standing orders were suspended

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

A resident asked about the Lengthsman scheme and having a Christmas tree and was told that these matters will be covered under items 8 and 6.

It was observed that the play area in Wellington Avenue is more well used than was expected and should remain. It was noted that part of the Redrow Homes development has a new play area.

The question of a petition about a school provision was raised and it was explained that progress with the footbridge was important to enable improved access to be made to the school at Bingham.

7.57pm Standing orders were reinstated

6. Redrow Homes – Land transfer - Village Hall

Chairman Margaret said that she was still awaiting more information from Redrow Homes.

The delays are particularly disappointing as the Christmas plan is to light the large oak tree on the land to be conveyed. In any event, a tree with lights will be in place for Christmas.

7. HGV Hangar operating hours:

The difficulty in enforcement of the planning requirements was discussed.

RBC Planners do not consider that there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the lorries are operating out of hours. The matter will be discussed at the next Partnership Board Meeting

8. Weed spraying

Notts County Council has written to say that there are operational issues (health and safety restrictions) that would prevent them from allowing the Parish Council to formally undertake weed spraying.

To work within the highway, it is a legal requirement that any weed spraying contractor has public liability insurance and appropriate pesticide spraying qualifications.

In addition, Highway Chapter 8 Health and Safety qualifications are needed.

The local contractor identified will be asked to inform the council of his qualifications.

9. Wellington Avenue

The Streetwise play inspection report done in October has revised and reduced the risk assessment to acceptable levels. Further mowing quotes for 2024 are awaited. Talltrees contractors have declined to quote.

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11. Bridleway Number 4:

Cllr Neil Clarke undertook to liaise with NCC VIA Rights of Way officer Jane Baines to ensure that Redrow press ahead to do the repairs soonest.

12. Planning Applications:

None

13. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:

None

14. Finance:

- a) October payments were approved and duly authorised
- b) Budget 2024/25. Initial considerations were made to setting the precept – to be decided at the January Council meeting.
- c) The trolley ordered with the outside chairs has been delivered – after much delay

15. General matters:

Cllr Sarah Shaw informed members of the request to display a poster to advertise the East Bridgford Craft Fare – members approved its use on a notice board.

Cllr Shaw informed members of the voluntary work done by Mr Brian Avann in regularly topping up the dog bag dispensers. Members expressed their appreciation.

16. Councillor's Reports:

County Councillor Neil Clarke was informed that the hedge in Chipmunk Way still needs to be pruned - he will follow up with Newton Nottingham LLP

He suggested council may like to consider introducing Community Awards for deserving residents – to be done at the Annual Parish Meeting

He confirmed that the land drain under The White House paddock has been cleared by NCC. The chairman commented that the work has made little impact as the area at the junction with Wellington Avenue still floods.

Resurfacing work has been completed on the road from Newton to Radcliffe-on-Trent.

Borough Cllr Debbie Soloman expressed interest in the land allocation map received from Redrow and a colour copy will be obtained.

17. Reports from Outside Organisations: None**18. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 January 2024 at the ATC Building.**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: Chairman

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