



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes the Parish Council meeting
held in the ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA
on WEDNESDAY 13 November 2024 at 7.00pm**

Councillors:

Janet Dobson, Margaret Goulder (Chairman),
Sarah Shaw (vice-Chairman), Martyn Saulter, Deborah Soloman and Barry Stockton -Tate (A)
Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and County Cllr Neil Clarke

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Informed members that since the last meeting Cllr Jess Lumb-Holt has resigned. She was thanked for serving on the council.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 September 2024** were approved and duly signed.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**
There were five members of the public in attendance. A resident raised traffic speeding in the village to be a problem, particularly in Main Steet at commuting times – data has been collected. Cllr Clarke explained the traffic calming measures in hand and said it was hoped that they will be in place in the new year and fully funded. James Fisher confirmed he will donate and erect a Christmas tree in Wellington Avenue and in future can supply a 6ft rooted one for £300 for planting at the village hall when built. A resident was concerned that the metal fencing belonging to NNLLP near to the main gates need repainting and she was encouraged to write to the owners so the Parish Council can then write in support. The need for a footpath link on the road to Bingham was raised and Cllr Clarke said this was actively being considered by NCC
6. **Redrow Homes – Land transfer - Village Hall**
No further developments to report regarding the provision of a village hall.
It has been observed that there is a marked difference in the fencing height plans around the Redrow play area under construction and that planned for the village hall alongside.
The transfer of ownership of the Memorial site land from Redrow is progressing slowly. As the tree to be crown lifted has a TPO, an application for planning permission from Rushcliffe Borough Council has been submitted.
7. **Play Areas - Wellington Avenue and Kestrel Park**
Wellington Avenue – the balancing beam wood has become rotten, and members agreed to have this removed as it is not an integral part of the play equipment.
Wet Pour Project at Kestrel Park: The result of the NCC funding application for £20K is still awaited and if confirmed a new application for the balance will be submitted to FCC (Landfill) with full evidence of need.
8. **Communications:** As the number of councillors has reduced it was agreed unanimously to limit approval of social media notices to the chairman and vice-chairman only
9. **Lengthsman Scheme:** Cllr Saulter requested looking again at this that in the light of the favourable scheme working reported by the clerk at Colston Bassett Parish Council – members agreed, and the clerk will make enquiries

- 10. Christmas arrangements:** James Fisher was thanked for his offer to supply a Christmas tree for Wellington Avenue. Last year's solar lights are unusable, and councillors will consider options

11. Planning Applications:

- 24/01174/FUL – North of Hangar 1 – Install 3 x pylons – application withdraw - Noted
 24/01891/TPO - Redrow Homes - Removal of deadwood - crown lift to 2.1 m – Do Not Object
 24/01896/LBC - The Barn – Raising existing courtyard wall, inclusive of entrance gates, erection of barn/garage building – No comment

12. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:

- 24/01583/DISCON – Discharge of Condition 15 (Extraction) of Planning Permission 22/01572/FUL – Former RAF land – Noted

15. Finance:

- a) Sept and Oct payments to be authorised.
 b) Budget 2024/25 – Considerations were made – to be decided at the January meeting

16. General matters:

Cllr Martyn Sautler was thanked for offering to keep the noticeboards up to date

Defibrillators: The clerk updated the meeting – battery and pads have been replaced in the one in the former telephone kiosk in Main Street (expiry 2027) and the battery and pads at the ATC building are good with a 2026 expiry date

The frequency of the bus service was discussed – Cllr Clarke assured the members that he is seeking to improve the service with an evening bus service to Bingham

The clerk was asked to investigate having the memorial airman cleaned by a conservator

17. Councillor's Reports:

Borough Cllr Debbie Soloman informed members that RBC has contributed to the Disability Fund held by NCC to whom applications should be made. She outlined the planning design code being developed by Borough architects

She thanked Councillors for putting up the poppies and silhouettes for Remembrance Sunday. The clerk was asked to investigate the cost of acquiring more large poppies and also another woman silhouette. Cllr Clarke offered to investigate funding for this.

She also thanked Cllr Neil for the work he is doing with Trent Barton Buses

Cllr Neil Clarke informed members that NCC has improved its service to clear drains and asked for all blocked drains be reported via the NCC website.

He also said that the drain under the land at the White House is still blocked and NCC are dealing with this to have it cleared

Cllr Clarke also said that his NCC members fund was available and suggested an extra woman soldier silhouette may be suitable for funding. The clerk will check the cost and write to him

18. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 15 January 2025 at the ATC Building at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: Chairman

Date