



# 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 12 March 2025 at 7.00pm**

**Councillors:**

Janet Dobson, Margaret Goulder (Chairman),  
Sarah Shaw (vice-Chairman), Martyn Saulter, Deborah Soloman and Barry Stockton -Tate  
Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and four residents

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None
4. **Casual vacancies:** It was agreed unanimously to approve Daniel O'Connor, Nicholas Wilson and Emily Holden (Spedding) as co-opted Councillors and they joined the council members
5. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 January 2025** were approved and duly signed.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**  
A member of the public raised the issue of speeding in Wellington Avenue and the inadequate size of the speed bumps for larger vehicles. The clerk will report this matter to County Cllr Neil Clarke  
He also asked for an update on the unresolved problem of flooding at the junction of Wellington Avenue and Main Street.
7. **Redrow Homes (now Barret Homes) – Land transfer - Village Hall**  
No further developments to report regarding the provision of a village hall.  
The transfer of ownership of the Memorial site land from Redrow continues to progress slowly. The crown lifting work on the tree has been approved. The provision of the electric supply is progressing
8. **Play Areas - Wellington Avenue Flooding and Kestrel Park Wet Pour**  
Wellington Avenue Flooding – The Chairman said that County Cllr Neil Clarke had sent his apologies for his absence but has written to describe the progress made and said he has had several meetings, both on and off site, with several officers and landowners to establish a positive action plan. The small pond area is full of debris and the entrance to the culvert is blocked. A break has been identified and its exact location identified.  
He said that there been a lot of confusion about land ownership, and there is a further site meeting on Monday that should resolve this. The contractor is being pressed to get the repair done.  
  
Cllr Martyn Saulter proposed that Council should proceed to get quotations to refurbish the existing play equipment, with the aim to continue to keep the play area open, this being subject to confirmation once the quotations have been received. This was approved by majority decision.  
  
Wet Pour Project at Kestrel Park: The NCC (LIS) funding application for £20K was not approved – the total applications exceeded the funds available. We have been guided to a number of funding opportunities - the clerk will make new applications.  
  
The quotation from Streetwise to continue to provide quarterly play inspections for 2025–26 at the same cost as this year was approved  
  
Grass cutting of the play areas was considered and it was agreed to employ an individual, Joe Bailey, to do this work subject

9. **Lengthsman Scheme:** Cllr Saulter presented information received from VIA. It was agreed that we should proceed to make the arrangement and engage an appropriate person
10. **Communications:** Members agreed unanimously to Cllrs Sarah Shaw and Martyn Saulter's 's proposal to improve the Parish Council website by changing to a different provider.

11. **Planning Applications:**

None

12. **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:**

24-00026- FUL – 5 Anson Road – Single storey extension – Grant Full Permission

13. **Finance:**

- a) Jan and Feb payments authorised.
- b) Reappointment of Mr David Dixon as Internal Auditor for 2025-26 agreed
- c) Insurances – pre-renewal questionnaire considered, and responses approved
- d) Provision of Easter eggs for the village egg hunt was approved – approx. cost £50
- e) The quotation from Streetwise to continue to empty the dog bins for 2025–26 at the same cost was approved

14. **General matters:**

Cllr Sarah Shaw said the dog bin bag dispensers can be better positioned in the village and it was agreed to have this done

Newton Village Meeting: Weds 19 March 2025 at the ATC Building 4.00 to 7.30pm – Consultation on new proposals to change current residential and commercial development plans.

15. **Councillor's Reports:**

County Cllr Neil Clarke wrote to say:

Buses: There are ongoing negotiations with TrentBarton to get an enhanced service connection into and from Bingham. There are still operational issues TrentBarton is trying to resolve, but the hope is that an expanded service, involving 2 buses can provide an earlier start in the morning and then continue through into the evening. The main aim is to have a service between Bingham and Radcliffe via Newton.

A6097: Although not in Newton Parish itself, the A6097 between Gunthorpe Bridge and Lowdham roundabout is scheduled to be re-surfaced in a few months' time, but an exact date is not yet given.

Traffic calming: Traffic calming works started on Wellington Avenue last week - due to be completed 28<sup>th</sup> March

Misleading road signs for the work starting in Main Street - the Contract Manager is reviewing this as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Barry Stockton-Tate informed members that he is to move to another area of Nottinghamshire and accordingly tendered his resignation from the Council. Members expressed their appreciation and thanks for his contribution over the last 5 years.

16. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** None

17. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 14 May 2025 at the ATC Building at 7.00 pm

The evening will begin with the Annual Council Meeting, and finish with the Annual Parishioners Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: Chairman.....

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