



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes the Annual Council and bi-monthly Parish Council meeting
held in the ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA
on WEDNESDAY 14 May 2025 at 7.00pm**

Councillors:

Janet Dobson, Margaret Goulder (Chairman), Emily Holden, Daniel O'Connor, Martyn Saulter
Sarah Shaw (vice-Chairman), Deborah Soloman and Nicholas Wilson
Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and two residents

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Election of Chairman and vice-chairman for 2025-26:** The results of the members' secret vote were:
Chairman: Cllr Nicholas Wilson (5 votes; 3 votes for Cllr Margaret Goulder)
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Martyn Saulter (5 votes; 3 votes for Cllr Sarah Shaw)
Following the election, Cllr Janet Dobson tendered her resignation and left the meeting
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Casual vacancies:** It was noted that two residents have indicated interest but are unable to attend this evening
5. **Appointment of Working Group members:**
 - i) **Finance and Assets:** Cllr Daniel O'Connor
 - ii) **Planning and Village Hall:** All Councillors
 - iii) **Communications:** Cllrs Martyn Saulter, Sarah Shaw and Debbie Soloman
 - v) **Play Areas and Village:** Cllrs Margaret Goulder and Emily Holden
 - vi) **Events:** Cllrs Emily Holden and Debbie Soloman
 - vii) **Lengthsman Scheme:** Cllr Martyn Saulter**The Chairman (Cllr Nicholas Wilson) and vice-Chairman (Cllr Martyn Saulter)** are permanent ex-officio members of these groups
6. **Chairman's announcements:** None
7. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 March 2025** were approved and duly signed.
8. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**

A resident reminded members of the trench dug a number of years ago across Wellington Avenue that was subsequently filled with cement. It is said to be unsightly and forms an uneven ramp - the road needs to be resurfaced properly.
The clerk undertook to ask County Cllr Neil Clarke to help
Another resident referred to her concerns about possible village access for HGVs that she expressed when the outline development plans were presented by the developers at the recent public meeting. Members assured the resident that this aspect will be considered once the planning application is received.
9. **Redrow Homes (now Barret Homes) – Land transfer - Village Hall**

No further developments to report regarding the provision of a village hall.
The transfer of the land has stalled - the clerk will continue to press for its transfer.

10. Play Areas - Wellington Avenue and Kestrel Park

Wellington Avenue – The Streetwise quotation to refurbish the existing play equipment was considered and members agreed unanimously to ask them to proceed with the work.

Kestrel Park: The grass cutting of the play areas is being done regularly and the benches have been revarnished. Play equipment will also be revarnished where appropriate.

The public liability insurance of the contractor has been checked and confirmed to be valid.

11. Lengthsman Scheme: Following circulation of the agreement, members agreed unanimously for the clerk to sign and submit to Nottinghamshire County Council.

12. Communications: Following circulation of the proposal for a new website, members agreed unanimously for the clerk to sign the agreement for sending to the new providers, Aubergine.

13. Planning Applications: 25/00621/VAR - Variation of condition1 to replan 137 plots
Parish Council decision: Do not object, provided there is no change in the S106 trigger points

14. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions: None

15. Finance:

- a) March and April payments were approved and duly authorised.
- b) The Year-end Accounts Annual Return 2024/2025 was approved and signed by the chairman
 - i) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement
 - ii) Section 2 – Accounting Statements

16. General matters:

Cllr Sarah Shaw said that the dog bin bags are running low and requested that a year's supply be ordered. After discussion this was agreed and Cllr Martyn Saulter agreed to be the recipient of the delivery, and future orders in general.

17. Councillor's Reports:

RBC Cllr Debbie Soloman reviewed the results of the recent Nottinghamshire County Council elections. She also outlined the plans being considered concerning Local Government reorganisation

18. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

19. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 09 July 2025 at the ATC Building at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed: Chairman.....

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