



MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 10th February 2016 in Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Russell Bower, Sue Crawte, Lee Parker, Colin Poole, Rita Schwenk and Phil Taylor.

Attending: Lee Parker (Babergh District Councillor), D Crimmin (Clerk) and 1 resident.

16/019 Apologies for Absence

James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) sent his apologies.

16/020 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in item 16/025a and left the meeting while this item was discussed. No request for dispensation had been received.

16/021 Minutes of meeting held on the 13th January 2016

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16/022 Public Forum

Lee Parker updated councillors that the Community Infrastructure Levy will be introduced by Babergh from the 11th April 2016.

16/023 Correspondence (Appendix A)

Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated the Clerk the councillors noted the correspondence regarding Quiet Lanes.

16/024 Clerks Report (Appendix B)

Following a review of the Clerk's Report there were no further actions requested of the Clerk.

16/025 Finance

- a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix C, were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget and the bank reconciliation against the bank statements.
- b. The councillors resolved to award D Gotts the footpath cutting contract for 2016 at the same rate as 2015.
- c. The councillors resolved to award G Flowers the play equipment area grass cutting contract for 2016 at the same rate as 2015.

16/026 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/00101 Land to the north of Valley Farm, Valley Road** - Erection of agricultural building for the storage of machinery fertiliser and grain and resolved that they supported the application.
- b. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.
- c. The councillors agreed that any questions they had with the Chilton Woods planning application would be forwarded to the Clerk for submission to BDC. In this way it is hoped that the applicant's answers will be taken into account when the application is considered at the next NPC meeting.
- d. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

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BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
	Enforcement enquiry on the expected completion date of building works at Motts Farm.	12/118d		
B/15/00178	Enforcement enquiry with regard to change of use on land west of Sudbury Garden Centre.			Ongoing.
APP/D3505/3 132478	Appeal against refusal of Planning Application B/15/00506 Woodean, Links View - Erection of 1 No. detached two-storey dwelling and formation of new vehicular access.	15/165a	Did not support appeal	Appeal refused.
APP/D3505/A /14/2218072	Appeal against refusal of Planning Application B/13/01107 - Rogers Farm, Rogers Lane - Change of use of agricultural land to use as solar farm for generation of electricity from solar energy together with associated works comprising solar panels mounted on frames, security fencing, inverters, transformers and a switch gear cabinet as amended by revised plans received on 19 November 2013 including amended project layout plan, updated tree survey and root protection plan, additional information pack, construction access plans and hedgerow and tree impact report, cross section views from Church of St Mary the Virgin, amended plans of proposed structures. As further amended by agent's submission of amended Construction Management Plan (received 2 December 2013) and amended Habitat Enhancement and Screening Plan (No.104 Rev.1) received 18 December 2013.	16/009	Did not support appeal	

16/027 Future developments in village

The councillors thanked Mr Baldwin for presenting a professional set of outline proposals for 10 dwellings on his land, which had taken into account a number of the parish survey outcomes. The councillors raised the following:

- Site location plan would help identify precisely where the proposal would be on the land
- The lack of 2 bedroom properties
- Affordable housing provision
- Would all dwellings be developed in the same phase?
- The lack of a footpath
- Are there plans for further development on the surrounding land?
- The concept behind the proposed layout.

16/028 Planning process

The councillors agreed that following their meeting with Babergh on the options for community led planning they would review, at the next NPC meeting, the Locality publication on "How to prepare a character assessment". The councillors would also review which type of community led plan would best suit Newton's needs and how best to engage with residents in the process. The Clerk was asked to see if Babergh's representatives were able to attend the meeting.

16/029 Asset of Community Value

The councillors noted that BDC had agreed to list the Saracens Head as an asset of community value and that as it was currently up for sale NPC had until the 10th March 2016 to submit an Expression of Interest to bid for the property.

16/030 Fire Rescue and Service consultation

The councillors resolved to respond to the consultation highlighting the following issues:

- The specification for the proposed Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) should be part of the consultation process
- How the different manning levels for the RRV and the existing fire engine will be managed in the event of a call out requiring both vehicles.

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Appendix C RFO Report

Receipts & Payments

Date	Details	Ref	Power	Receipts	Payments
10/02/16	P Taylor - Fireworks & Xmas Tree expenses	1055	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	116.08

Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Unpresented Cheques	Credits not shown	Difference
Community Premium Accounts	29/01/16	£100.00				
	29/01/16	£15,368.04	£15,351.96	£116.08	£0.00	£0.00
Tracker Account	30/09/15	£11,103.26	£11,103.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Petty Cash	04/02/16	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00
		£26,571.30	£26,455.22	£116.08	£0.00	

Statement of Accounts vs Budget

	Budget	Actual		Reserves	Budget	Actual
Assets B/F		£21,270.15				
<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>			
Precept	£9,282.64	£9,282.64	Clerks Salary		£3,705.91	£2,535.63
Grants	£200.00	£272.64	Admin	£818.00	£1,750.00	£1,423.83
Recycling	£400.00	£380.98	Grants		£700.00	£550.00
Other	£0.00	£2,201.17	Annual Subscriptions		£290.00	£257.00
Bank Interest	£10.00	£8.48	Street Lighting		£0.00	£0.00
VAT Repayment	£0.00	£397.71	Footpath Maintenance		£350.00	£300.00
			Insurance		£425.00	£296.31
			Inspection		£245.00	£234.00
			Maintenance		£1,820.00	£401.95
			Projects		£1,000.00	£1,008.73
			Other		£0.00	£159.00
			Village Hall		£0.00	£0.00
			VAT Paid		£0.00	£157.10
			Contingency		£500.00	£0.00
			Youth Council		£400.00	£35.00
Total	£9,892.64	£12,543.62	Total	£818.00	£11,185.91	£7,358.55
			Assets Carried Forward			£26,455.22
Total		£33,813.77	Total			£33,813.77

End of Appendices

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Newton Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 13th May 2015.