



MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 12th October 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), James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), D Crimmin (Clerk), Ross Bain (Vaughan & Blyth) and 1 resident.

16/134 Apologies for Absence

None required.

16/135 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Parker declared a local non-pecuniary interest in item 16/141a as he is a member of Babergh District Council's Planning Committee. No request for dispensation had been received.

16/136 Minutes of meeting held on the 14th September 2016

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

16/137 Public Forum

James Finch updated councillors on his previously circulated report on the plans for a new Orwell Bridge, Ipswich Park & Ride, Suffolk Records and the A134 consultation to reduce speed limits. Lee Parker updated councillors on Babergh's move to Endeavour House and Neighbourhood Plans being adopted for both Lavenham and East Bergholt.

16/138 Correspondence (Appendix A)

Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated since the last meeting there were no further actions requested of the Clerk.

16/139 Clerks Report (Appendix B)

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

16/140 Finance

- a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix C), were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting, agreed the Reconciliation of Accounts against the Bank Statements and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget.

16/141 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/01170 Land opposite Saracens Head, Sudbury Road** - Erection of 5 no. 3 bedroom dwellings, 2 no. 2 bedroom bungalows and 1 no. 4 bedroom dwelling with associated garages and vehicular access. The councillors were pleased that the application had been modified in line with their comments and noted that the development, if approved, was planned to commence in April 2017 and is expected to take 12 months to complete. Ross Bain also indicated that if any damage was caused to the Saracens Head car park due to delivery lorries parking up ahead of site opening, his company would be liable for repairs. The councillors resolved unanimously to support the application.
- b. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.
- c. The status of previous applications and appeals were reviewed.

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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/15/01718	Chilton Woods Mixed Use Development, Land North of, Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury - Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) - Erection of up to 1,100 dwellings (Use	16/044c	Objected	
B/16/00172	Marks Meadow, Rectory Road - Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use - Erection of storage building.	16/044b	Responded on recent use.	
B/16/00567	Land west of Sudbury Garden Centre - Amendments to Application for the erection of detached agricultural building and surfacing.	16/109a	Objected	
B/16/01038	Red House Farm, Sudbury Road - Erection of 10 no dwellings (following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings).	16/127a	Supported	
B/16/00798	Gothic House, Sudbury Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Alterations to windows.	16/127b	Supported	Approved 29/09/2016
B/16/01062	3 Assington Road - Erection of single storey side extension (amended scheme to that approved under P.P. B/15/00751/FHA).	16/127c	Supported	Approved 03/09/2016
B/16/01125	Adjoining Parish Grassmere Cottage, Joes Road - Application for Listed Building Consent for the erection of single-storey side extension and associated alterations.	16/127d	Supported	
B/16/01124	Adjoining Parish Grassmere Cottage, Joes Road - Erection of single-storey side extension and associated alterations.	16/127e	Supported	

16/142 A134 Speed Limits

The councillors reviewed SCC's proposals to reduce the speed of the A134 between the Garden Centre to Newton and from Honey Tye to Nayland to 40mph. They were disappointed with the proposals and they resolved that the scheme should reduce to 40mph the following stretches of road:

- The start of the 60mph zone when leaving the roundabout at the Chilton Industrial Estate through to Newton's 30mph zone
- From Newton's 30mph zone to Solar Farm, just before the Assington straight
- Just before the entrance to The Street in Assington to the 40mph zone in Leavenheath
- From Honey Tye to Nayland.

The councillors would also expect traffic calming measures in Newton's 30mph zone to stop overtaking.

16/143 Defibrillator

The Clerk updated councillors that the Newton Green Golf Club had confirmed their acceptance of the scheme, as agreed by NPC at the September 2016 meeting. The councillors resolved that the defibrillator should be installed at the Golf Club rather than the Village Hall.

16/144 Community Led Planning event

Despite the disappointing attendance in terms of both numbers and the demographic profile of those attending, the councillors were pleased with the outputs produced by the meeting and will arrange a further meeting in order to establish the Community Led Plan Steering Group terms of reference. Cllr Parker will liaise with BDC to see what resources they can allocate to the group.

16/145 BT Phone Box

The councillors reviewed BT's proposal to decommission the phone box on the Green and resolved to object to the proposal on the following grounds:

- Poor mobile signal in the village
- The emergency use by road users.

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16/146 Fireworks

With production of tickets, registering a Temporary Event Licence, insurance cover and plans for the event now completed the final tasks required are for twenty A3 posters to be produced by the Clerk and the Risk Assessment being completed by Cllr Bower, both by Monday 17th October. Volunteers to help at the event should contact Cllr Parker.

16/147 SALC Survey

The councillors agreed the response to the SALC survey which covered a number of issues including Broadband, Policing, Planning and Highways.

16/148 Precept Referendums

The councillors reviewed the Government proposals to introduce referendums if Town and Parish Councils increased their precept by more than 2%. Although this is targeted at T&PC's who have a Band D precept charge of £75+ and a total precept exceeding £500,000 the implied threat is that that all T&PC's may be covered by the 2% increase criteria.

The councillors resolved to respond to the consultation outlining the lack of understanding by Government on how small local councils such as Newton operated and the negative impact that such a referendum would have.

16/149 Newton Website

The councillors resolved to move the support of the Newton OneSuffolk website from Suffolk County Council to Community Action Suffolk at an annual cost of £50.

16/150 Christmas Tree

The councillors resolved a budget of £100 for this year's tree which will again be located by the Saracens pond. They also agreed that the turning on of the lights will take place on Sunday 4th December at 6pm.

16/151 Village Hall and Trust representative updates

There has not been a Village Hall meeting in the last month. The Trust are to hold a meeting with NGGC in October to review a new licence.

16/151 Autumn Litter Pick

Plans were confirmed for the Autumn Litter Pick which will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 29th October starting at 8.30am. Bacon rolls, tea and coffee will be served to those taking part.

16/153 BDC meeting

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

16/154 Questions to the Chair

No issues were raised.

16/155 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 9th November 2016 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Appendix A Correspondence

No correspondence received since last meeting.

Appendix B Clerk's Report

Minute	Action	Complete ✓
15/021	Valley Road markings raised with SCC Highways.	
15/069	Update from Mr H Wheldon circulated via email on 22nd March.	
16/090	Provisional date of 19th October 2016 for Broadband update.	
16/111	Wrote to Village Hall Committee.	
16/122	Draft Minutes published on website and in newsletters.	✓
16/124	Wrote to Mr Coe.	✓
16/126 a	External Audit report published on notice boards and website.	✓
16/126 d	Payments made to suppliers.	✓
16/126 ef	Donations sent to organisations.	✓
16/127	Planning responses sent to Babergh.	✓
16/130	TEN application made, insurers notified and tickets produced for Fireworks event.	✓
16/132	Water leak repaired.	✓
	Clerk Hours	
	Up until 2nd October 2016 - 175.25 hours worked / 162 hours paid.	
	Speed Watch outings (Drivers Reported)	
	One survey undertaken with no vehicle caught speeding.	

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Appendix C RFO Report

Receipts & Payments

Date	Details	Ref	Power	Receipts	Payments
14/09/16	PCC of Newton - Churchyard maint	1080	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	400.00
14/09/16	RBL Poppy Appeal - Donation	1081	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	50.00
12/10/16	PA Scammell - Asset maintenance	1082	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	135.00
12/10/16	Flowers Groundcare - Grass Cutting	1083	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	108.00
26/09/16	SCC Locality Budget grant			1,000.00	0.00

Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Unpresented Cheques	Credits not shown	Difference
Community Premium Accounts	29/07/16	£100.00				
Tracker Account	29/07/16	£15,896.53	£18,016.91	£3,669.62	£5,690.00	£0.00
Petty Cash	30/06/16	£11,107.40	£11,107.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	05/10/16	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00
		£27,103.93	£29,124.31	£3,669.62	£5,690.00	

Statement of Accounts vs Budget

	Budget	Actual		Reserves	Budget	Actual
Assets B/F		£24,073.19				
Income			Expenditure			
Precept	£9,380.00	£9,380.00	Clerks Salary		£3,742.85	£1,707.26
Grants	£207.00	£1,372.90	Admin		£1,900.00	£328.18
Recycling	£500.00	£0.00	Grants		£700.00	£875.00
Other	£0.00	£172.58	Annual Subscriptions		£280.00	£236.80
Bank Interest	£25.00	£3.36	Footpath Maintenance		£300.00	£0.00
VAT Repayment	£0.00	£305.73	Insurance		£320.00	£310.57
			Inspection		£245.00	£166.00
			Maintenance		£1,820.00	£1,422.00
			Projects		£1,400.00	£952.06
			Other		£0.00	£0.00
			Village Hall		£0.00	£0.00
			VAT Paid		£0.00	£185.58
			Contingency		£500.00	£0.00
			Youth Council		£0.00	£0.00
Total	£10,112.00	£11,234.57	Total	£0.00	£11,207.85	£6,183.45
			Assets Carried Forward			£29,124.31
Total		£35,307.76	Total			£35,307.76

End of Appendices