



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

Attending: 1 resident.

15/080 Apologies for Absence

None received.

15/081 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No interests were declared and no request for dispensation had been received.

15/082 Minutes of meeting held on the 13th May 2015

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

15/083 Public Forum

No issues raised.

15/084 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/15/00482 Hollyhocks, Church Road - Application for Listed Building Consent** - Removal of chimney, installation of new flue and creation of new bathroom and resolved to support the application.
- b. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/15/00481 Hollyhocks, Church Road** - Removal of chimney & installation of new flue and resolved to support the application.
- c. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.

15/085 Byelaws

The Clerk updated councillors that there had been a positive response from the Garage who were recorded by the DVLA as having "in Trade" 4 of the first 7 vehicles parked for sale in the layby in 2015. This had been followed by a letter from a Newton resident in which he wrote in part the following:

"I have been operating as a car trader for a number of years and have found that the layby is a good location to sell from. However, I now accept that my actions are contravening the Newton Parish Council Byelaws dated 15th September 2014. After reviewing the list of cars being parked for sale in the layby since the start of 2015, I confirm that I am the person responsible for all of these cars.

All I can do now is hold my hands up and say that I will abide by the Byelaws. Having observed how the Byelaws are being applied I can see that they are genuine, robust and enforceable by the Parish Council. I am writing to confirm that after today (30th May 2015) neither I nor any member of my family will place a car for sale on the Village Green at Newton as defined in the Byelaws. I hope that Newton Parish Council can agree with me that this will be the end of the matter."

The councillors considered the full response from the resident and resolved that no enforcement action would be pursued against the resident subject to no further vehicles being parked for sale by him or his family on the Village Green as defined by the NPC Byelaws. The councillors also resolved that as the resident had claimed responsibility for placing 2 cars for sale, that were registered in the names of 2 other individuals, no further enforcement action would be pursued against those individuals.

The councillors reviewed the proposal for placing an additional sign in the layby to discourage other vehicle owners from placing cars for sale and agreed that, subject to Newton Green Trust

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approval for the erection of the sign, this would be reviewed at the next meeting. The Clerk was also asked to write to NGT giving them an update on the enforcement actions and showing the costs to date of the process and the time undertaken by the Clerk in establishing and managing the Village Green Byelaws. As NPC undertakes the management of the Village Green on behalf of NGT, the councillors agreed that NGT be asked to consider making a contribution towards the costs.

15/086 Questions to the Chair

Cllr Poole updated councillors on the emergency works required to ensure that the gates on the fence around the play equipment close. The councillors resolved that the gates be shortened and set a budget of £50 for the costs of additional wood and fixings. Cllr Crawte raised the issue of Speedwatch training and a drive for more volunteers.

15/087 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 8th July 2015 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.

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Date _____

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