



MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Wednesday 12th July 2017** at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Attending: Lee Parker (Babergh District Council) and 3 members of public.

17/115 Apologies for Absence

James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) sent his apologies as he is on holiday.

17/116 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

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

17/117 Minutes of meeting held on the 14th June 2017

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

17/118 Public Forum

- a. Report from County Councillor James Finch had been received which included the Ipswich new Park & Ride launch, Highways Transformation, Roadworks Initiative, Tour of Britain, Raising the Bar Awards and First Suffolk Research School. Clerk to email to thank him.
- b. District Councillor Lee Parker reported that Babergh had a full council meeting next week on Tuesday to discuss the New Draft Joint Local Plan which will run up to 2036. Consultation on this will begin in mid August.

17/119 Boundary Review

Lee Parker confirmed that this was the realignment of wards to make it them more equal with approx. 2400 residents in each ward and in 2019 district councillors will be reduced from 43 to 31. Boundary commission will have the final decision but it was agreed that the council should express their opinion that Newton Parish should remain with other rural parishes and not aligned with an urban/town. The Council also expressed disappointment that there was no opportunity to comment on an actual proposal from Babergh to the Boundary Commission.

17/120 Affordable Housing

An email received from Hastoe Housing Association was read out; they now have everything agreed with regards to the Option Agreement and it should not be long until it comes through for signature. It was agreed that Hastoe is thanked for their response and asked for an update before the next council meeting in September.

17/121 Correspondence

There had been the following correspondence dealt with by the clerk since the agenda was issued:

- a. Wasp Nest found in the playground and Gary Flowers had been asked to remove it for the quoted price of £30.00 plus VAT. Gary Flowers to confirmed to the clerk once it has been done.
- b. Alan Vince had informed the clerk that the Bottle Bank recycling bin was full and Babergh District Council has been informed and Cllr Bowers informed that he had also contacted them and it had now been emptied.
- c. Bill Aldworth had contacted the clerk to inform her that he had tried to contact Cllr Bower regarding the railway sleepers laid on Trust land opposition his property in Rectory Road. Cllr Taylor reported that he had spoken to Mr Aldworth and the Trust will deal with any further queries.

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- d. Graham Parry had been emailed to ask if the Speed Watch will take place and attended the meeting and informed the councillors that he would organise the next watch, the week of the 7th August. He had zero response from the village, so felt that after this watch unless anyone came forward, it should be left for a year.

No further actions requested of the clerk.

17/122 Clerks Report

Decisions following the review of the Clerk's Report:

- a. Minute 15/069: Cllr Parker had emailed Babergh but had not had a response and will follow this up.
- b. Minute 17/046a: Cllr Taylor had started the removal of the concrete and would finish it at the weekend.
- c. Minute 17/106: It was decided that the clerk should contact the County Council highways to contact the owners of Woodean as their hedge was in the highway and there was no pavement on that side of the road.
- d. Minute 17/113: The dip in the A134 has been repaired.

17/123 Finance

- a. No payments or receipts since the June meeting. The clerk had contacted the Saracens Head regarding the uncleared cheque and had been told that it had been filled out incorrectly and they would forward it to the clerk to re-issue.
- b. Purchase of the fireworks was agreed to the budget of £750 and Cllr Taylor will order the same as last year before the 31st August to obtain the 20% discount. He will also confirm with the firework company that 2 councillors will attend the safety training on the 17th September and the costs, which will be discussed at the September meeting. The fireworks display to be held on Saturday 4th November.

17/124 Planning

No planning applications had been received. Motts Farm enforcement enquiry was discussed and as it was not dangerous, Babergh were unable to enforce the completion and therefore it was agreed to remove it from the status report.

Planning Application B/17/01137 2 Tudor Cottages Sudbury Road – had been approved.

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| Date Received | BDC Ref | Application | NPC Ref | NPC Response | BDC Response |
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| 14/09/12 | | Enforcement enquiry on the expected completion date of building works at Motts Farm. | 12/118d | | |
| 22/01/16 | 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 Class C3); 16.4ha of employment development (to include B1, B2 and B8 uses, a hotel (C1), a household waste recycling centre (sui generis) and a district heating network); village centre (comprising up to 1,000m2 Gross Floor Area (GFA) of retail floor space (A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5), village hall (D2), workspace (B1a), residential dwellings (C3), primary school (D1), pre-school (D1) and car parking); creation of new vehicular access points and associated works; sustainable transport links; community woodland; open space (including children's play areas); sustainable drainage (SuDS); sports pavilion (D2) and playing fields; allotments; and associated ancillary works. | 16/044c | Objected | Revisions to application 15/05/2017 |
| | | A134 Speed Restrictions | 17/057 | Objected | |
| 10/04/17 | B/17/00157 | Valley Farm, Valley Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Timber frame repairs, replacement insulation and re-rendering. | 17/092a | Supported | Approved 14/05/2017 |
| 11/05/17 | B/17/01124 | Valley Farm, Valley Road - Notification Under Part 11 of Schedule 2 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - Demolition of 2 No. modern farm buildings within the curtilage of listed building (Valley Farmhouse). | 17/107a | Noted | |
| 12/05/17 | B/17/01049 | Valley Farm, Valley Road - Application for Listed Building Consent- Re-roof farmhouse and farm buildings, repoint 3 no. chimneys and rebuild additional chimney. | 17/107b | Supported | |
| 10/05/17 | B/17/01105 | Red House Farm, Sudbury Road - Erection of replacement four bedroom dwelling (Plot 2), 3 no three bedroom dwellings and 2 no four bedroom dwellings. | 17/107c | Supported | |
| 12/05/17 | B/17/01072 | Caravan, Wheldons Fruit Farm, Joes Road - Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use ? Static caravan used as a residential dwelling. | 17/107d | Supported | |
| 15/05/17 | B/15/01718 | Chilton Woods Mixed Use Development, Land North of, Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury - Re-advertisement - Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) - Erection of up to 1,150 dwellings (Use Class C3); 15ha of employment development..... | 17/107e | Objected | |
| | B/17/01137 | 2 Tudor Cottages Sudbury Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of new bathroom on first floor with new stud wall. | 17/107f | Supported | Approved 4/7/2017 |

17/125 Community Led Plan

It was discussed that grant funding was available to pay for help with the Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed the Cllr Presland would approach a person he had in mind who could help with the process.

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17/126 Mandatory Tasks: to review key policies and to consider any Councillor training requirements:

- a. To consider any training requirements
- b. NPC Document Retention Policy
- c. NPC Standing Orders
- d. NPC Financial Regulations

It was agreed that these would be discussed at the next meeting in September. The clerk will email round all the documents and obtain a skills audit from SALC

17/127 Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme

- a. Cllr Taylor reported on his meeting with Advantage Environment regarding repairs to playground fencing and gates and the cost would be approx. £200. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor would obtain an official quote and a date for the repairs. Cllr Parker advised that there was no update regarding MUGA.
- b. Cllr Schwenk reported on her meeting regarding play equipment and has another meeting to look at designs and the cost quoted was up to £20,000
- c. Cllr Presland had requested a quote from OT Electrical for the works to create a permanent location of the Christmas tree and will follow this up.

17/128 Village Hall and Trust representatives' reports

Village Hall: Cllr Schwenk reported that there was nothing to report.

Newton Green Trust: Cllr Poole reported that he had met with Anglian Water regarding the dip that had developed along the line of the sewer adjacent to the village sign. Anglian Water confirmed that there was no causal link between the sewer and the dip, so the dip could be filled and levelled. Cllr Taylor reported that Mr Graham and the developers opposite the Saracens Head had offered good topsoil for this purpose and he would arrange for this work to be done.

17/129 Questions to the Chair

- a. Cllr Crawte asked about the weeds on the paths and it was agreed the clerk would contact highways.
- b. Cllr Presland would contact the owner of the hedge in Church Road which is covering the notice board to ensure that they are happy for this to be cut back.
- c. Christmas Tree light up to be on Friday 1st December and Cllr Taylor agreed to organize the tree, it was agreed that a permanent tree should be investigated so that it could be planted and therefore the need to obtain a new tree every year.
- d. Cllr Poole advised that the condition of the Bus Shelter in Airey Close was deteriorating and it was agreed that the clerk contact Simon Barnett at Suffolk County Council.
- e. Cllr Taylor asked if letters had been sent out regarding the opening of the byway to all traffic between Rotten Row and Joes Road. The clerk will re email the request for responses by Suffolk County Council.
- f. A query was raised regarding the planning application for the two new houses at Abbey House in Rectory Road and the access. It was agreed that the clerk would forward the approved application to see if it had access across trust land.

17/130 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 13th September starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Clerk's Report

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| 15/069 | Update from Mr H. Wheldon circulated via email on 22 nd March 2016 | |
| 17/046a | Removal of concrete in path to play field – Cllr Taylor | |
| 17/106 | Request to contact owners of Woodean regarding cutting back the hedge | |
| 17/113 | To report the dip in the A134 recently repaired by Anglian Water | Completed |

End of Appendices.

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