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**MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 in Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

**Attending:** D Crimmin (Clerk) and 3 members of public.

**17/053 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Crawte (illness) sent her apologies as did James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor).

**17/054 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

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

**17/055 Minutes of meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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

**17/056 Public Forum**

No issues were raised.

**17/057 Finance**

- a. A cheque to the Saracens for £44.45 with regard to expenses at the Christmas Carols was signed and authorised by the councillors.

**17/058 Planning**

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/17/00028 Land north-east of Valley Farm, Valley Road** - Notification under Part 6 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - Erection of general purpose agricultural building and in resolving to support the application would ask the LPA to consider that:
  - i. The barn has appropriate screening as it will be prominent in the landscape when viewed from the A134
  - ii. A removal condition be applied to any permission, as in the permission given to B/16/00101 the nearby barn to the application, "Where the use of the building for the purposes of agriculture permanently ceases, the building shall be removed from the land and the land shall be restored to its condition before the development took place."
- b. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.

**17/059 Speed restriction proposal for the A134**

The councillors reviewed SCC's revised proposals to reduce the speed of the A134 between Sudbury and Nayland. They resolved to object to the plans as the scheme was only proposing to reduce the stretch of road from Newton's 30mph zone to Solar Farm, just before the Assington straight, to 50mph and not 40mph. The councillors consider that the junction of the A134 and the A1071 is by far the busiest junction throughout the scheme, subject to many RTA's and should be protected by the A134 being 40mph at this point. The councillors were also disappointed with the lack of traffic calming measures in Newton's 30mph zone to stop overtaking.

**17/060 Questions to the Chair**

The councillors agreed to meet Bill Newman on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm in Newton Village Hall.

**17/061 Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 starting at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm**