

Newton Green Trust

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 2nd November 2021

7.30pm

**Attendees: Philip Taylor (Chairman), Lee Parker, Michael Oliver, Lisa Tinsley-Thomas, David Everett
Sue Thurgate, Shona Shipp**

Distribution: All

Item	Minute	Actions
1.Election of Chairman	Philip Taylor elected as Chairman.	
2. Apologies	None received.	
3. Declarations of Interest	None received.	
4. Agreement of previous minutes	Minutes of the meeting dated 08.06.21 were agreed as true record.	
5. Matters arising from previous minutes	Abbey House; LP reopened the case with the insurer last week. Awaiting further communication.	
6. Finance report	LP has requested a new mandate pack from Barclays to update the signatories on the account. Current account balance is approx. £12,000. CCLA balance as at 30.06.21 (last statement) £21,614.	LTT
7. Increasing traffic across the golf course	Traffic crossing the golf course to Wheldon's continues to be of great concern and traffic has increased considerably in the past 12 months. A strategy needs to be in put place to combat this issue. Suggestions of bollards and gates were discounted and may lead to cars driving on the fairway. The main consensus was that new signage should be the first action. LP will contact James Finch to discuss location of signage. PT has received an email regarding cars being hit by golfers and a request that trees be cut. Sue suggested that this may be on the gorse on the 16 th hole. This was discussed but agreed that no tree cutting was required.	
8. Uptake in club membership	ST reported that the golf club have seen a huge intake in new memberships across every category and now close to the limit in many. The club are looking at ways this can be managed moving forward, whilst preserving the existing agreement for local residents. BRS is continuing to cause issues. Some restrictions on free golf may need to be introduced in the future. Lots of solutions are being looked at. The Trust confirmed that they will be supportive of finding a solution.	

9. MUGA hedge maintenance	<p>The hedge that runs adjacent to the MUGA needs some attention as it has become overgrown.</p> <p>LP suggested that this could be done after the village coffee morning on 20.11.21 and will put out a plea for volunteers for this date.</p>	LP
10. Little Green track	<p>The Little Green track continues to be in a state of disrepair. LP suggested an application to the CIL fund to help with laying a new road. Suggested that this could be done in conjunction with funding from the Parish Council and Newton Green Trust collectively. LP to investigate.</p>	LP
11. Christmas tree	<p>The Parish Council have requested permission from the Trust to plant a coniferous tree near to the metal tree structure erected last year.</p> <p>It was agreed that this year the metal tree will be fully decorated with more effective lighting and the Trust will gauge the reaction from residents before agreeing on a permanent tree being planted.</p> <p>The general consensus was that it would be preferable not to have a non-native species tree planted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the metal tree will be removed after twelfth night.</p>	
12. Poppy appeal donation	<p>It was agreed that £100 will be donated to the Poppy Appeal as previous years.</p> <p>Agreed in principle to also donate to the village Christmas Parcels.</p>	
13. Any other business	<p>The Deans' Footpath; PT has received a complaint from a local resident regarding the current state of the footpath especially for wheelchair users. The path appears to be overgrown on either side. Whilst the golf club cut the grass, the Trust will need to look to resolve this issue asap. Not a huge job that could be rectified by hiring a turf cutter.</p> <p>Greenkeepers; ST – Greenkeepers continued to be concerned when crossing the road on tractors on Health and Safety grounds.</p> <p>Dead Tree; ST advised that there is a dead tree on the 17th hole. PT agreed to assess.</p> <p>MUGA mound; The Parish Council raised the issue of the mound of earth left over from the MUGA installation at its last meeting. The trust will report back to the Parish Council with a view to inviting Gary Flowers to tender for the job.</p> <p>Vivienne Coleman; The trustees acknowledged Vivienne's work with the Trust over the past two years and have asked that the new clerk send a letter of thanks.</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>LTT</p>

14. Agree date of next meeting	18 th January 2022. Meeting closed 8.40pm.	
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