



MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Wednesday 13th September 2017** at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Attending: Lee Parker (Babergh District Council), Jane Hatton (Clerk) and 3 members of public.

17/147 Apologies for Absence

County Councillor James Finch sent his apologies as he has recently been in hospital and has been advised to take complete rest.

17/148 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr P Presland	Non-Pecuniary Interest	17/154a as he is involved with All Saints Church
Cllr R Bower	Non-Pecuniary Interest	17/154b as he is involved with the Poppy Appeal

No request for dispensation had been received.

17/149 Minutes of meeting held on the 23rd August 2017

The minutes of the meeting were approved a true record.

17/150 Public Forum

A member of the public queried the purpose of the unscheduled meeting in August. Cllr Presland explained it was an additional meeting organised to discuss the Byeway between Rotten Row and Joes Road.

County Councillor James Finch is unable to attend meetings for the foreseeable future; any queries should be emailed to him and these would be picked up by his PA.

District Cllr Parker advised that full council had been cancelled for next week but he was working on the Community Led Plan and was able to update on the following:

- a. Cllr Parker had notified enforcement regarding the static caravan on the Land West of Wyeveales and this will be looked into.
- b. Enforcement will also look into the mobile home and that no other activity apart from that applied for was on Gaskins Field, Rectory Road
- c. Cllr Parker also enquired regarding the change of use of the agricultural barns off Rotten Row. It was agreed that the clerk should contact John Davies at Babergh District Council planning to ask for an update and pursue, as it was understood that commercial operations requiring permission were in operation and although it was understood that there was a need to diversify, if it is not regulated there could be an issue and there had been concerns about increased traffic across the golf course.
- d. Cllr Parker will access a map identifying the boundary of the parish

17/151 Affordable Housing

Correspondence had been received from Hastoe Housing Association that the Option Agreement had been completed yesterday and that they were now ready to progress towards a planning application. A public consultation event will be organised prior to them submitting an application and it was agreed this was good news but that the clerk should push for a date and then find out if the village hall is available.

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A resident was concerned why permission had been granted for housing opposite The Saracens when permission had not been given to turn the land into a car park for the pub because the entrance would be on a bend. It was agreed that the clerk should reply to advise that the land was privately owned and therefore the council had no control on who it was sold to. There had been an opportunity to discuss the planning application by Vaughan and Blyth at numerous parish council meetings since the proposed development was first mentioned in the minutes of the 8th July 2015 and that permission for the access to the site was approved by Suffolk County Council Highways.

17/153 Clerks Report (Appendix A)

Decisions following the review of the Clerk's Report:

- a. Minute 15/069: See 17/150 c
- b. Minute 17/046a: Cllr Taylor would finish the removal of the concrete to the path to the playing field now harvest was finished.
- c. Minute 17.129a: Weeds were still on the paths along the main A134. The clerk will contact highways again.
- d. Minute 17/129b: The hedge in Church Road had been cut back but required cutting again. Cllr Presland will contact the owners.
- e. Minute 17/129c: See 17/160.
- f. Minute 17/135: Alexandra Maher, Rights of Way, Suffolk Country Council had responded to the request for her recommendations and extension to the byway consultation between Rotten Row and Joes Road. No decision had been made and if the process goes forward it will take some time as all the information has to be collated and a report put together for a committee of Councillors to look at. They will decide whether to make an order or not, which will be advertised to the public and if no objections are received it will be then be confirmed and added to the Definitive Map. If objections are received then the order will have to go to a public inquiry. She will advise the Councillors of her recommendations once these have been discussed with her manager.
- g. Minute 17/143d: See 17/158d.

17/154 Finance

- a. Donation to All Saints Churchyard Maintenance which was £400 in 2016. It was agreed to wait for a request for the donation
- b. Councillors resolved to donate £50 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal proposed by Cllr Schwenk, second Cllr Crawte.

17/154 Planning

- a. No planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted
- b. Status of previous applications and appeals were reviewed.

Date Received	BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
14/09/12		Enforcement enquiry on the expected completion date of building works at Motts Farm.	12/118d		

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

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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	
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/17/01072	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	
29/07/17	DC/17/0379 1	Alterations and extensions to The Willows, Church Road, Newton CO10 0QR	17/142a	Supported	Granted
31/07/17	DC/1703916	Listed building consent for internal alterations and enlarged window to the rear to Rogue House, Sudbury Road, Newton CO10 0QS	17/142b	Supported	
9/08/2017	DC/17/0407	Conversion of existing single storey cart lodge to 3 bedroom bungalow at Valley Farm, Valley Road, Newton CO10 0QQ	17/142b	Supported	

17/155 Community Led Plan/Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Presland had suggested the wording for an A5 leaflet to attract volunteers to lead this process and Cllr Parker suggested asking for specific skills sets and with the title "Your Village Needs You". It was agreed that every household would receive a leaflet with the January Newsletter and an article would go in the December Newsletter with a date set for a Saturday meeting in the Village Hall.

17/156 Firework Event

Fireworks had been purchased and training for three Councillors booked. Cllr Crawte agreed to update the poster and put it in the next two issues of the newsletter together with asking for volunteers on Facebook. Cllr Parker to lead the working party with Cllrs Bowers, Taylor and Poole. The clerk was asked to arrange production of the tickets and book the village hall for the afternoon and evening of the 4th November.

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17/157 Councillors Skills Audit

Cllr Poole advised that SALC would be able to provide an independent person to do any training which was deemed necessary. To be put on the November agenda.

17/158 Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme

- a. Cllr Taylor reported that he had not received the quote from Advantage Environment regarding repairs to playground fencing and gates and would follow this up.
- b. The report by Cllr Parker on the MUGA was agreed to be put on the October agenda under Neighbourhood Plan.
- c. Cllr Schwenk had requested several more quotes for new play equipment and will put a report together once all quotes are received.
- d. Cllr Parker had met up with Jerry Maynard regarding providing electrics for a permanent location for the Christmas Tree, Cllr Presland will ask at the Saracen's Head if a lead can be run from there as in previous years. It was agreed that an independent electricity box be looked into and a possible move depending on where the power supply is located. Cllr Bower has a contact at UK power and will ask how this is looked into. Clerk to check agreed date for the lighting up of the Christmas Tree.

17/159 Newton Booklet and Website

It was agreed that the updated booklet should be part of the Neighbourhood Plan and Cllr Crawte agreed to update the website, proposed by Cllr Parker, second Cllr Bowers.

17/160 Permanent Christmas Tree

Cllr Taylor will purchase a standard Christmas tree this year and will check the lights are working. A location for a permanent tree will be dependent on if a permanent electricity supply can be found.

17/161 Newton Hall Trust and Village Hall Updates

- a. The Trust had a tree down in the strong winds the previous evening opposite Tinkers Croft which needs clearing away.
- b. Village Hall had nothing to report expect the quiz on the 14th October was sold out.

17/162 Questions to the Chair

- a. Cllr Crawte requested the Neighbourhood Plan be a regular item on the agenda - agreed.
- b. Cllr Crawte advised the Clothing recycling was full. The Clerk will arrange collection.
- c. Cllr Schwenk has been asked if a bench could be put on the far side of the playing field for those who cannot walk far. Cllr Schwenk will find out if the bench previously at the bus stop could be relocated.
- d. Cllr Schwenk advised that UK Power had advised a planned power cut on Wed 21st September, this should read Thurs 21st September.
- e. Cllr Presland asked the clerk to find out if the SALC magazine "The Local Councillor" is available electronically.
- f. Cllr Crawte asked the clerk to contact Alan Vince regarding the parish meeting dates for 2018.

17/164 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 11th October starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Appendice A

Agenda Item 11 Clerk's Report

Minute	Action	Complete ✓
	Planning response sent to Babergh.	
	Draft Minutes published on website and in newsletters.	✓
15/069	Update from Mr H Wheldon circulated via email on 22nd March 2016.	
17/118 a	Clerk to thank SCC James Finch for his report sent by email	✓
17/119	Clerk to advise the Boundary Review of councillors comments	✓
17/120	Clerk to thank Hastoe Housing for their respond and ask for an update	✓
17/122 a	Cllr Parker to follow up his email to Babergh DC regarding minute 15/069	
17/122 b	Cllr Taylor to finish removal of concrete in the path to the playing field	
17/122 c	Clerk to contact highways regarding the overgrown hedge	✓
17/126	Clerk to obtain skills audit from SALC and email this to councillors	✓
17/129 a	Clerk to contact highways regarding the weeds on the paths	✓
17/129 b	Cllr Presland to contact owners of the hedge in Church Road to ensure they are happy for it to be cut back	
17/129 c	Cllr Taylor to investigate the purchase of a permanent Christmas Tree	
17/129 d	Clerk to contact Simon Barnett SCC to advise on the deteriorating bus shelter in Airey Close	✓
17/129 f	Clerk to forward approved planning application for the two new houses at Abbey House to clarify the access and if it was across trust land	✓
	Reported pothole on the junction of Church Road and Nicolson Count	✓
	Reported that the glass recycling bin in Church Road was full 01842 820804	✓
Speed Watch outings (Drivers Reported)		
Next watch week commencing 7th August 2017		

End of Appendices.