

MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

All Present

Councillors: Paul Presland (Chairman), Phil Taylor, Russ Bower, Rita Schwenk, Laura Smith, and Sue Crawte

Attending

Lee Parker (Babergh District Council), Adrian Beckham (Clerk). 1 member of the public were present.

19/077 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. James Finch (Suffolk County Council) sent his apologies.

19/078 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Phil Taylor declared an interest in 9f. – Application DC/19/04182.

19/079 Minutes of meeting held on the 10th July 2019

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

19/080 Public Forum

- a. Cllr Finch provided a report – Please see Appendix.
- b. Following on from Cllr Finch's report the Clerk was asked to investigate transport concerns for pupils in Newton travelling to Sudbury. Specifically, the concerns are for pupils who are attending Thomas Gainsborough School, who now have to pay, whereas previous siblings who are still attending TGS do not.
- c. Concerns were raised about speeding vehicles across the Green. Most of which appear to be connected to the activities at Wheldon's Farm. Clerk to write to the Environment Agency. Phil Taylor to contact Newton Trust.
- d. **Cllr. Parker** (Babergh District Council) announced:
 - The draft Joint Local Plan had now been published and open for consultation from 22nd July for 10 weeks. Further information can be found at: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/>
 - Babergh now has a 5.67 year housing supply
 - The refuse bins problems appear to be sorted? Please contact the Clerk if any problems.
 - Babergh Enforcement Officers had visited Wheldon's Farm regarding the use of farm buildings for alternative uses. These activities must cease, unless a planning application is received in the near future.

19/081 Clerks Report and Correspondence

- a) Hastoe hope to start building by the end of 2019.
- b) The Defibrillator should be installed at the village hall by 25th September.
- c) Cllr. Bower to provide up-to-date information regarding speed limiting road signs.
- d) Clerk to investigate the positioning of White-Fenced welcome signs at either ends of the village.
- e) Cllr. Presland reported that a conversation had been had with the owners of vehicles parking in the Lay-By opposite Church Road

19/082 Play Area Improvements

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

19/083 Finance

- a) The Councillors agreed to review the External Audit report from PFK-Littlejohn for the year ended 31 March 2018; NPC's Asset Register; Insurance cover required by NPC for 2019/20 when the Asset Register and other risks are taken into consideration
- b) From the RFO Report authorise payments made since last meeting and to be made; note income received since last meeting; review the Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statements and the Statement of Accounts vs Budget

19/084 Planning

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- a) The Councillors agreed to support application No: DC/19/04000 - Change of use of land to residential land; Erection of single storey rear extension; Cartlodge and outbuilding; Creation of new access. Oak Leys Sudbury Road Newton Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0QJ
- b) The Councillors agreed to support application No: DC/19/03985 under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act- To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) relating to B/17/01105 dated 28/07/2017- Erection of replacement four bedroom dwelling (Plot 2), 3 no three bedroom dwellings and 2 no four bedroom dwellings; to enable changes to Plots 1 and 2. Site Of Former Red House Farm Sudbury Road Newton Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0QH
- c) The Councillors agreed to support application No: DC/19/03939 - Creation of dropped kerb to form new vehicular access. The Little Bungalow Sudbury Road Newton Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0QS
- d) The Councillors agreed to support application No: DC/19/01816 - Condition 7 (Eaves/Verge) 1 Potash The Green Newton Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0QN.
- e) The Councillors agreed to support application No: DC/19/04182 Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwelling Class Q (a) - Conversion of barn to dwelling. Farm Building At Siam Hall Siam Hall Lane Boxford Sudbury CO10 5LA
- f) The Councillors agreed to support application No: DC/19/04155 for Non-Material Amendment - Change roof covering to Anthracite Grey Lead. 1 Potash The Green Newton Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0QN.
- g) Updates on existing applications are contained in the Appendix.

19/085 Fireworks Display Saturday 2nd November 2019

The councillors reviewed the plans for the firework display and authorised a budget of £750 for the purchase of fireworks. Lee Parker and Laura Smith to form a sub-committee.

19/086 Reports

- a) Newton Trust – No meeting.
- b) Newton Village Hall – The toilets are now working! New side door has been fitted. Quiz night for 19th October is almost fully booked.
- c) NNPT – A coffee morning will be held on Saturday 14th September.

19/087 Questions to the Chair

- a) The chevron signs at the Colchester end of the village are obscured by hedge growth – Clerk to investigate.
- b) The lamp in Plampin Close has not been fixed – Clerk to investigate.
- c) Paper Bank in Plampin Close in the wrong place – Clerk to investigate.
- d) Clerk to investigate grass area in Plampin Close - Could it be used for car-parking?
- e) Clerk to investigate the possibility of white gates at either end of the village.
- f) Clerk to investigate the naming of a road in the Red Farm development

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 9th October 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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APPENDIX

Agenda Item 4 Dispensations

If there is an item on this agenda for which you have a pecuniary interest, you will not be able to take part in any of the discussion or vote on a resolution. However, if you wish the council to consider your request for dispensation **you need to write to the Clerk ahead of the meeting** stating your reasons on why you should be given a dispensation.

Agenda Item 6 Correspondence Circulated

No correspondence other than that listed in this pack has been received since the last meeting. If there is an email that I have circulated which is not included on the agenda and you consider it should be discussed, please raise the item at this point.

Agenda Item 7 Clerk's Report

| Minute | Action |
|---------|---|
| 19/039c | Pothole at Nicholson's Court reported |
| | Joint Local Plan to be launched 24 th July |
| | Village of the Year Competition |
| 19/062a | Speed Limiting Signs |
| 19/039a | Hedge Cutting A134 |
| 19/062d | Defibrillator Installation |
| 19/062c | Park Bench for Playing Field |
| 19/061e | Abbey House Drainage |
| 19/062b | Bus Shelter update |

Agenda 9a Finance

Authorise payments

1. Cheque payable to A Beckham for Clerks Salary £1020.32 +£39.00 (WFH) = £1059.32
2. Cheque payable to A Beckham for Wooden Bench = £269.07
3. Cheque payable to Keith Lane for Shed Repairs = £69.64
4. SALC Membership = £251.49
5. SALC – Election Briefing 21/01/19 = £30.00

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Agenda Item 9c Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) Report

Receipts & Payments

| Date | Details | File Ref | Ref | Minute | Power | Receipts | Payments |
|---|-------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|-------|------------|------------|
| Community & Premium Accounts | | | | | | | |
| 01/04/19 | Balance Brought Forward | | | | | 54,869.88 | 0.00 |
| 13/03/19 | Navigus - NNPT | | 101175 | | | 0.00 | 841.20 y |
| 13/02/19 | Garden Arb | | 101168 | | | 0.00 | 240.00 y |
| 13/02/19 | J Taylor | | 101170 | | | 0.00 | 100.00 y |
| 13/03/19 | Community Action Suffolk | | 101171 | | | 0.00 | 48.00 y |
| 08/04/19 | Babergh - Precept | | | | | 5,129.00 y | 0.00 |
| 16/04/19 | Repairs | | 101178 | | | 0.00 | 616.18 y |
| 07/05/19 | Babergh - Grass Cutting | | | | | 259.46 y | 0.00 |
| 14/05/19 | NNPT - G. Parry | | 101182 | | | 0.00 | 38.64 y |
| 14/05/19 | NNPT - G. Parry | | 101182 | | | 0.00 | 10.00 y |
| 22/05/19 | BDC Litter & Dog Bin Emptying | | 101179 | | | 0.00 | 705.32 y |
| 19/02/19 | NNPT - Village Hall | | 101181 | | | 0.00 | 165.00 y |
| 03/06/19 | Interest | | | | | 28.24 y | 0.00 |
| 12/06/19 | Ink | | 101183 | | | 0.00 | 56.59 y |
| 12/06/19 | SALC | | 101183 | | | 0.00 | 251.49 y |
| 12/06/19 | SLCC | | 101183 | | | 0.00 | 89.00 y |
| 10/07/19 | Clerks Salary | | 101188 | | | 0.00 | 1,059.32 y |
| 10/07/19 | A Kotzairaki - Bench | | 101189 | | | 0.00 | 269.07 y |
| 12/06/19 | SALC - Training | | 101185 | | | 0.00 | 27.60 y |
| 12/06/19 | B&Q - K Lane | | 101187 | | | 0.00 | 69.64 y |
| 10/07/19 | SALC - Membership | | 101190 | | | 0.00 | 251.49 y |
| 10/07/19 | SALC - Training | | 101191 | | | 0.00 | 30.00 y |
| 25/07/19 | ICO - Data registration d/d | | | | | 0.00 | 35.00 y |
| 15/05/19 | Clerks Expenses | | 101180 | | | 0.00 | 72.61 y |
| 12/06/19 | NNPT - T Parry | | 101186 | | | 0.00 | 6.70 y |
| 12/06/19 | Audit - Heelis & Lodge | | 101184 | | | 0.00 | 180.00 y |

Bank Reconciliation

| Account | Statement Date | Statement Balance | Actual Balance | Unpresented Cheques | Credits not shown | Difference |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Community | 31/07/19 | £100.00 | | | | |
| Premium Accounts | 31/07/19 | £55,210.43 | £55,123.73 | £186.70 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Tracker Account | 31/07/19 | £11,145.39 | £11,145.39 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Petty Cash | 31/07/19 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | | £0.00 |
| | | £66,455.82 | £66,269.12 | £186.70 | £0.00 | |

Actual v Budget

| | Budget | Actual | Reserves | Budget | Actual |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Assets B/F | | £66,009.72 | | | |
| Income | | | Expenditure | | |
| Precept | £10,000.00 | £5,129.00 | Clerks Salary | £4,080.00 | £1,020.32 |
| Grants | £207.00 | £259.46 | Admin | £1,900.00 | £1,042.95 |
| Recycling | £500.00 | £0.00 | Grants | £800.00 | £100.00 |
| CIL/Other | £0.00 | £978.98 | Annual Subscriptions | £425.00 | £1,110.27 |
| Bank Interest | £25.00 | £33.79 | Footpath Maintenance | £300.00 | £200.00 |
| VAT Repayment | £554.28 | £0.00 | Insurance | £320.00 | £0.00 |
| | | | Inspection | £245.00 | £0.00 |
| | | | Maintenance | £2,000.00 | £58.03 |
| | | | Projects | £1,400.00 | £1,445.21 |
| | | | Other | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| | | | Village Hall | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| | | | VAT Paid | £0.00 | £524.70 |
| | | | Contingency | £500.00 | £0.00 |
| | | | Youth Council | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Total | £11,286.28 | £6,401.23 | Total | £0.00 | £11,970.00 |
| | | | | | £5,501.48 |
| | | | Assets Carried Forward | | £66,269.12 |
| Total | | £72,410.95 | Total | | £71,770.60 |

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Agenda Item 10c Planning Status

| Application Reference | Address | Planning Details | NPC Minute | Parish Council Comments | Babergh DC Comments |
|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| DC/19/02991 | Brooke House Sudbury Road Newton | Heritage Inspection (Condition 3). | N/A | Listed Building Application | Granted |
| DC/19/02560 | 1 Tudor Cottages, Sudbury Road, Newton | Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/01516- Condition 3 Timber Frame Inspection | 19/064a | Supported | Granted |
| DC/19/02227 | Abbey House, Rectory Road, Newton | Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - B/16/00629 under appeal reference APP/D350/W/163159797 without compliance for the removal of condition 2 to allow replacement of drawing 3467-02D and incorporation of drawing 346702E to incorporate phasing plan. | 19/064b | Supported | Granted |
| DC/19/01816 DC/19/01815 | 1 Potash, The Green, Newton | Listed Building Consent / Householder Planning Application - Erection of orangery (following demolition of existing conservatory). | 19/054a | Supported | Granted |
| DC/19/02033 DC/19/02236 | Valleyfields Valley Road Newton | Conversion of stables for plant/changing room. Erection of new gates and entrance wall. Installation of swimming pool. Erection of single storey rear extension / Construction of tennis court with fence and creation of a lake. | 18/081c / 19/064c | Supported | Granted |

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A Report for Newton Parish Council Meeting on 10th September 2019
From James Finch – County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Tel 01206 263649 Mobile 07545 423796 Email: james.finch@suffolk.gov.uk

➤ **Schools in Suffolk see improvement in results across a range of subjects at GCSE level**

Self-reported results from Suffolk schools, released on 22 August, indicate an increase in students achieving higher grades. This includes a 4% increase in pupils achieving at least a grade 5 in all elements of the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) and a 7% increase in the number of students achieving a grade 4, when compared with the previous year.

The English Baccalaureate constitutes GCSEs in English and Maths plus GCSEs from the Sciences, Humanities and Languages. This is seen by the government as an important academic foundation for all pupils. These figures also show an increase in the number of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 4 in English and Maths. There has also been a 2-point increase in the attainment 8 figure for disadvantage pupils, which is likely to see disadvantage students exceed the national average when provisional results are released in October. Attainment 8 takes into account a pupil's overall results across a range of GCSEs.

More than 6,500 pupils in Suffolk were entered for GCSE exams, according to self-reported results collated from around 70% of schools.

➤ **Winners of Suffolk's Creating the Greenest County awards announced**

An ethical fashion brand, a primary school and a hotel were amongst the winners as Suffolk's most environmentally minded people were celebrated. Award winners can be found here: <http://www.greensuffolk.org/news/greenest-county-winners-announced/>.

Thirteen winners were announced at the Creating the Greenest County awards ceremony, in categories ranging from Green Hero to Local Food and Drink. The carbon-neutral event was held at Snape Maltings on Wednesday 17 July. Jason Alexander received two awards. His Rubbish Walks social enterprise received the Waste Reduction and Recycling award and he was named as the Green Hero winner.

With over 130 nominations for the awards, it is clear that many of Suffolk's communities and businesses are serious about addressing their impact on the environment. Whether this is achieved by community litter picks or businesses moving to electric vehicles, everyone can do something to make a change. I was delighted that there was a local winner for the "**Carbon Charter Outstanding Achievement Award**". Congratulations to Strawberry grower, Mr Andrew Sturgeon, Suffolk Fresh, Lindsey Lodge Farm, Kersey Road, Lindsey.

➤ **Sudbury care home crowned Olympics champions**

On 15 July it was reported that **Red House Residential Home in Sudbury** has been crowned 2019 Suffolk Care Home Olympics champions. They beat 38 other care homes from across the county to win the title.

The annual competition, now in its third year, aims to give care home residents a fun and enjoyable experience of sport, whilst highlighting the importance of physical activity within social care settings.

428 residents in 39 care settings across Suffolk competed in three sports (*Boccia, fishing and curling*) for a total of 239 hours over the winter and spring months with the top three homes then competing in a 'super-final' to decide the outright champions.

The Suffolk Care Home Olympics is delivered by social enterprise Elatus Sports in partnership with the Suffolk County Council led "Most Active County Partnership".

➤ **Keeping Suffolk's villages safe with Lorry Watch**

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On 13 August, it was reported that two new Lorry Watch schemes have launched. The scheme are aimed at reducing the number of HGV drivers ignoring weight restrictions on the county's roads.

Suffolk's Lorry Watch started in 2012 and to date has reported nearly 3,000 incidents of HGV vehicles exceeding weight limits, where clearly marked restriction signs are in place. Volunteers monitor their area and report suspected offenders.

The existing schemes have been a great success with only four repeat offenders being issued with a warning, meaning that drivers are taking notice when they are first contacted. If you are interested in joining Lorry Watch in this area in which HGVs are abusing a weight restriction, contact lorrywatch@suffolk.gov.uk or 01473 264859 (option A)

➤ **Chairman of Suffolk County Council "walking" for Suffolk Mind**

I have now already walked six legs of my sponsored walk along the Stour Valley Path. All are welcome.
Dates and stages remaining:-

- Friday 13th September, [Great Henny to Wormingford](#), 6 miles
- Friday 27th September, [Wormingford to Stoke-by-Nayland](#), 6.5 miles
- Saturday 12th October, [Stoke-by-Nayland to Stratford St Mary](#), 5.2 miles
- Friday 25th October, [Stratford St Mary to Cattawade](#), 4.5 miles

Click the blue text and you find more details of each section. More details of sponsorship can be found here at [Chairman's Charity](#). You will be welcome to join me in some of these during the rest of the summer.

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