

MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

All Present

Councillors: Paul Presland (Chairman), Rita Schwenk, Lee Parker and Phil Taylor.

Attending

James Finch (Suffolk County Council), Adrian Beckham (Clerk). No members of the public were present.

19/29 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Poole, Crawte, and Bower sent their apologies.

19/30 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

None.

19/31 Minutes of meeting held on the 13th March 2019

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

19/32 Public Forum

Cllr. Parker (Babergh District Council) said he would give a full report at the Annual Parish Assembly on 24th April 2019

Cllr. Finch (Suffolk County Council) provided a report. Items covered included:

- a. All of Suffolk's Recycling Centres will open from 9.00am to 5.00pm everyday from April to September. On Thursdays from May to August, all sites will be open until 7.00pm.
- b. 96% of pupils receive a place at their Preferred Secondary School. Some 7130 applicants received their first preference and 7651 applicants received an offer for one of their three preferred schools.
- c. 900 children are in care in Suffolk! Previous meetings have been well attended and it is hoped some will progress to become foster carers. There will be 3 further "one to one drop in sessions": **The Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland** – Monday 20th May 19.30 - 21.30 ; **Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford** – Thursday 6th June 19.30 – 21.30 ; **The Garrard Room at the Bures Community Centre** – 24th June 1930 – 21.30 .
- d. There are on-going problems with Broadband in Newton. Please let the Clerk know your name and landline phone number; if you can receive superfast broadband but have not been connected.

19/33 Clerks Report and Correspondence

- a. Clerk to contact Suffolk Highways about the possibility of installation of further speed limiting signs at each end of the village.
- b. Repairs to the Bus shelters will be considered at the next meeting.
- c. A request for installation of a bench in the memory of Denise Scammell has been received. The Councillors approved the idea of installing a bench at the far end of the playing field. Details and costs will be presented at the next meeting.
- d. The councillors agreed with the Clerk's action of purchasing a replacement lap-top for £616.18

19/34 Planning

- a. NPC supported the application: **DC/19/01498 & DC/190/01499** (Fenestration & change of materials) The Little Bungalow, Sudbury Road, Newton.
- b. NPC supported the Planning Application - **DC/19/01381** Listed Building Consent. Brooke House, Sudbury Road, Newton.
- c. NPC objected to Planning Application - **DC/19/01636** Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved) - Erection of detached dwelling and vehicular access. Land At Rotten Row Newton Suffolk. The application was objected to as it is outside the Built-Up Area Boundaries (BUAB).and there is insufficient information on what is proposed.
- d. Updates on existing applications are contained in the Appendix.
- e. Complaints have been received regarding the red boundary fence at Red House Farm. The chairman has been in contact with them and it has been agreed that the fence will be re-painted green.

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19/35 Finance

- a. The councillors noted the income received since the last meeting, agreed the Reconciliation of Accounts against the Bank Statements and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget.
- b. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (See Appendix), were authorised by the councillors.

19/36 Play Area

Applications for grants (CIL / Calor Rural Community Fund) to help with the improvement of the play area are being drawn-up. There will be progress report at the next meeting.

19/37 Installation of defibrillator

The Village Hall Committee have agreed that the NPC can place a defibrillator on the wall of the Village Hall – Clerk to action the installation.

19/38 Reports

- a. Newton Trust – A New Village representative will be elected at the Annual Parish Assembly.
- b. Newton Village Hall – There are on-going problems with the Gents toilets! A solution will be found as soon as possible.
- c. NNPT – The latest Newsletter has now been distributed. Thank you to Graham Parry for his work as Treasurer.

19/39 Questions to the Chair

- a. Cllr. Presland requested that the clerk contact all clubs and societies to provide a short report at the **Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 24th April 2019, 7.30pm** at the Village Hall.
- b. It was brought to the Councillors attention that a mobile home had appeared at Lingfields, Rotten Row, Newton. Cllr. Parker to contact Babergh District Council regarding enforcement.
- c. Clerk to contact the relevant authority regarding Grass Cutting in Pamplin Close.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 8th May 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.03pm

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Bank Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Unpresented Cheques	Credits not shown	Difference
Community	31/03/19	£100.00				
Premium Accounts	31/03/19	£54,869.88	£52,925.92	£2,043.96	£0.00	£0.00
Tracker Account	31/03/19	£11,139.84	£11,139.84	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Petty Cash	31/03/19	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00
		£66,109.72	£64,065.76	£2,043.96	£0.00	

Actual v Budget

	Budget	Actual		Reserves	Budget	Actual
Assets B/F		£44,267.69				
Income			Expenditure			
Precept	£10,000.00	£10,372.81	Clerks Salary	£4,080.00	£4,302.09	
Grants	£207.00	£4,897.60	Admin	£1,900.00	£1,025.41	
Recycling	£500.00	£370.20	Grants	£800.00	£400.00	
CIL/Other	£0.00	£15,573.70	Annual Subscriptions	£425.00	£979.93	
Bank Interest	£25.00	£106.15	Footpath Maintenance	£300.00	£0.00	
VAT Repayment	£554.28	£554.28	Insurance	£320.00	£379.00	
			Inspection	£245.00	£270.00	
			Maintenance	£2,000.00	£1,704.32	
			Projects	£1,400.00	£1,910.41	
			Other	£0.00	£0.00	
			Village Hall	£0.00	£340.00	
			VAT Paid	£0.00	£765.51	
			Contingency	£500.00	£0.00	
			Youth Council	£0.00	£0.00	
Total	£11,286.28	£31,874.74	Total	£0.00	£11,970.00	£12,076.67
			Assets Carried Forward			£64,065.76
Total		£76,142.43	Total			£76,142.43

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