

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

**All Present**

Councillors: Sue Crawte (Acting Chairman), Phil Taylor, Russ Bower, Rita Schwenk & Laura Smith.

**Attending**

Lee Parker (Babergh District Council), Charlotte Powell (Rural Housing), Adrian Beckham (Clerk). 3 members of the public were present.

**19/067 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Presland and James Finch (Suffolk County Council) sent their apologies.

**19/068 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

None.

**19/069 Minutes of meeting held on the 12th July 2019**

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

**19/070 Public Forum**

- a. A member of the public reported that a car accident had occurred in Rectory Road . This was caused by the car hitting the railway sleepers alongside the road. Also, that the hedgerows were overgrown and the overhang of the tree on the other side of the road may be restricting visibility. Clerk will contact the house owner about the tree. Cllr. Taylor said he would consult Suffolk Highways regarding hedgerows and bring-up the problem of the sleepers at the next Newton Trust meeting.
- b. There were no bus timetables in the bus shelters – Clerk to rectify this situation.
- c. Further concerns were expressed about the very poor visibility at the telephone box junction onto the A134 on Rectory Road. The councillors agreed to make further enquiries and contact the owners of the vehicles parked in the lay-by. This will be considered at the next meeting.
- d. **Cllr. Parker** (Babergh District Council) announced:
  - During the summer months children aged 16 and under who live in the Babergh District are eligible for free swimming at the Kingfisher Leisure Centre & Hadleigh Pool during specified free swim sessions. Swimming is a great way to get children active, keep them healthy and have fun during the school holidays. Parents need to register at: <https://www.acleisure.com/kids/free-swimming-in-babergh/>
  - The draft Joint Local Plan had now been published and open for consultation from 22<sup>nd</sup> July for 10 weeks. Further information can be found at: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/>
- e. **Cllr. Finch** (Suffolk County Council) provided a report. Items covered included:
  - New electric vehicle charging points to be installed in Suffolk
  - Suffolk County Council met with Bus companies to see if a number of bus services could run without a public subsidy.
  - Applications are open for museums trainee programme: <https://suffolkmuseums.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/TPtTM-Overview-2019-2020-brief-version-for-mailing.pdf>

**19/071 Presentation from Rural Homes Partnership**

Charlotte Powell gave an interesting presentation and announced that a parcel of land had come available for 14 low-cost housing units. An open day to discuss all aspects of this new development will begin at 4.00pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Newton Village Hall.

**19/072 Clerks Report and Correspondence**

Please see appendix

**19/073 Finance**

All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (See Appendix), were authorised by the councillors.

**19/074 Review Plans for CIL Grant Application**

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The councillors agreed to use £6,500 S106 monies (held by Babergh District Council) in conjunction with the CIL Application already presented.

**19/075 Planning**

No new planning applications were received. Updates on existing applications are contained in the Appendix.

**19/074 Fireworks Display Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**

The councillors reviewed the plans for the firework display and authorised a budget of £750 for the purchase of fireworks.

**19/075 Reports**

- a. Newton Trust – No meeting.
- b. Newton Village Hall – The toilets are now working! There are also plans to replace the side door and purchase new seating.
- c. NNPT – A coffee morning will be announced shortly to discuss progress and the Joint Local Plan.

**19/039 Questions to the Chair**

There were no questions to the Chair

**Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 11th September 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

**Agenda Item 9c      Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) Report**

**Receipts & Payments**

To be reviewed in September

**Bank Reconciliation**

To be reviewed in September

**Actual v Budget**

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**Agenda Item 10c Planning Status**

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Planning Details</b>	<b>NPC Minute</b>	<b>Parish Council Comments</b>	<b>Babergh DC Comments</b>
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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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