

MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Attending: A. Beckham (Clerk) and 5 residents.

19/040 Election of Chairman

Cllr Presland was unanimously elected as Chairman of Newton Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking the chair.

19/041 Apologies for Absence

No apologies received.

19/042 Co-option of a new councillor

Laura Smith was unanimously co-opted as a new councillor.

The Clerk noted that there was still one vacant councillor position to be filled. Anybody interested should contact the Clerk.

19/043 Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The Clerk confirmed that Declarations of Acceptance of Office had been received from all councillors.

19/044 Election of Vice Chairman

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Crawte be elected the Vice Chairman of Newton Parish Council.

19/045 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No request for dispensation had been received.

19/046 General Power of Competence

The councillors resolved that as NPC still met the criteria for the Clerk's qualification and the number of councillors who stood at the 2019 Parish Council Election, that NPC would adopt the General Power of Competence.

19/047 Minutes of meeting held on the 10th April 2018

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

19/048 HR and Standards Committees

Cllrs Bower, & Crawte were appointed to the HR Committee. Cllrs Smith and Schwenk were appointed to the Standards Committee.

19/049 Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was resolved that the following appointments be made:

- a. Newton Green Trust Cllrs Taylor and Crawte
- b. Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Schwenk
- c. Newton Neighbourhood Planning Team Cllrs Presland, Schwenk and Smith
- d. Cllr Presland was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).

19/050 Internal Auditor

It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2019 / 2020 and the Clerk to send the letter of engagement.

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19/051 Annual Subscriptions

It was resolved to renew the annual membership to SALC, Community Action Suffolk and The Society for Local Council Clerks for 2015 / 2016.

19/052 Public Forum

- a. A member of the NNPT raised an objection regarding NPC's plans to apply for CIL money to fund the replacement of equipment to the play area, when their recent survey had indicated that there was no strong demand, and why was there no provision for adult fitness equipment? Cllr. Presland stated that the application needed to proceed because of the shortage of time. However, if the application was successful, there would be further consultations as to what equipment was given priority.
- b. A complaint was made regarding the flooding of Rectory Road, brought about by a new entrance for Abbey House. Cllr Taylor responded that this was being handled by Newton Green Trust. Their Insurers had been contacted, and there would be an update at the next meeting. Clerk also to contact Suffolk Highways Department to give them an update of the situation.
- c. 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.

19/053 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. Cllr Presland to contact Hastoe regarding progress of the proposed development in Alston Close.
- e. A static caravan has appeared on Lilly Fields, Rotten Row. Clerk to contact Lee Parker for more information

19/054 Planning

- a. NPC supported the application: **DC/19/01815 / DC/19/01816**. Building Application / Listed Building Consent - Erection of orangery (following demolition of existing conservatory). 1 Potash The Green, Newton.
- a. Updates on existing applications are contained in the Appendix.

19/055 Finance

- a. The councillors agreed that Income and Expenditure would now be reviewed every 2 months, beginning in June 2019.
- b. The Auditor's report had not been received and would be reviewed at the next meeting.
- c. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (See Appendix), were authorised by the councillors.

19/056 Reports

- a. Newton Trust – Abbey House dealt with under Public Forum.
- 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 financial return has been accepted by Babergh District Council.

19/39 Questions to the Chair

- a. Cllr. Finch requested that the installation of speed limiting signs in Newton be added to next month's agenda. Clerk to contact the Suffolk Highways for further details.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 12th June 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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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 5 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.

Clerk's Report

	Action	Complete
	Organise New bench to be installed at end of Playing Field	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Organise Installation of defibrillator – Order form to be completed	
	Application for grant completed – CIL – Cllr Presland to complete	

Planning Status

Application Reference	Address	Planning Details	Babergh DC Comments
DC/19/00844	Site Off Alston Close Newton	Full Planning Application - Erection of 4no dwellings.	Awaiting Decision
DC/18/03924	Marks Meadow Rectory Road Newton	Outline Planning Application- Erection of 3No dwellings with garages and creation of new accesses	Awaiting Decision

Financial Report

Cheques for signing:

- Babergh District Council - £705.32
- Clerk's Expenses - £72.61

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