

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In Attendance: Cllr James Finch (Suffolk County Council), Cllr Lee Parker (Babergh District Council), Teresa Devine (Locum Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

19/110 Apologies

An apology for absence was sent by Cllr Philip Taylor.

19/111 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

None received.

19/112 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th November 2019

The Minutes of the meeting were agreed by the Council and will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting in January 2020.

19/113 Public Participation and Reports from Borough and County Councillors

- a) **Cllr Parker** (Babergh District Council) confirmed that Babergh were expecting a change of use for the Wheldon Fruit barns.

Cllr Parker also informed the Council that he had reported to Babergh Council the anti-social behaviour exhibited by a youth riding a motor bike over the farmland.

Although the District Council was aware of the matter, it was really a matter for the police and any further incidents should be reported on telephone number 101. The Chairman agreed to draft a letter on behalf of the Council, to be sent to the local landowner, about the problem.

- b) **Cllr Finch** (Suffolk County Council) presented his report to the Council.

Please see appendix.

Cllr Finch expressed his appreciation that a lot of people in Suffolk are doing good things in the community and are “unsung heroes”.

Cllr Parker thanked Cllr Finch for facilitating a visit to the Energy from Waste Facility in Ipswich.

The Fatal Accident on the A1070

Cllr Presland and Cllr Taylor wrote to Suffolk Highways about the dangers of this road but are still awaiting a reply.

Public Sign: 14th Century Church

Cllr Finch agreed to enquire as to who is responsible for erecting signs in the Parish with regard to the sign for the 14th Century Church. The sign is in a poor state of repair.

19/114 Planning

- a) **No: DC/19/05490 Application for a Lawful Development Certificate as Proposed, 11 Links View, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0QT**
The Council supports the application.
- b) **No: DC/19/05340 – Replacement of Children’s play equipment; Creation of an outdoor fitness area and multi-use games area at Playing Field, The Green, Sudbury, Suffolk**
The Council supports this application.
- c) **No: DC/19/05291 – Discharge of Conditions application for DC/19/01816 - Condition 3 (Materials), Condition 4 (Frame and Glazing), Condition 5 (Doors), Condition 6 (Roof Lights), Condition 8 (Rainwater Goods) at 1, Potash, The Green, Newton, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0QN**
The Council supports the application.
- d) **No: DC/19/05651 – Discharge of Condition Application for DC/19/03875 (Historic England Building Recording), 1 Tudor Cottages, Sudbury Road, Newton, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0QJ**
The Council supports the application.

No: DC/19/05523 – Application for Listed Building consent – Construction Of Brick Plinth, Insulation to external cladding on external frame. Lime plaster and replacement timber board to match existing. Valley Farm Road, Newton, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0QQ.

The Council supports the application.

- e) **Planning permission had been approved for application number: DC/19/05659 – Creation of dropped kerb to form new vehicular access. Little Bungalow, Sudbury Road, Newton, Sudbury, Suffolk.**
The Chairman informed the Council that a re-application had been made as Babergh had refused the initial one which the Parish Council had supported. Support had been forthcoming from the Highways Department for this application.
It was agreed that the Council supports this application also.

19/115 Actions on Correspondence and Emails Circulated to the Council

No correspondence.

19/116 Finance

- a) **No RFO Report was available for this meeting.**
- b) **Review of Firework Event held on 9th November 2019**
It was unanimously agreed that the Firework Event had been successful.
A sum of £599 had been paid for the fireworks and a sum of £1064 had been received in admission fees, providing a profit of £465.

The Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved, with particular thanks to Cllr Parker who had taken a large part in organising the event.

The Council agreed to organise another Firework Event for Saturday, 7th November 2020. Efforts would be made to purchase quieter fireworks.

c) Christmas Tree Expenses

The Council agreed the expenses for the provision of a Christmas Tree.

d) Payments and Cheques

In the absence of a RFO, the Chairman informed the Council of details relating to the cheques to be signed. A discussion took place, and it was agreed that Tenders will be invited for Footpath Cutting in 2020 owing to rising costs. Quarterly bills will also be requested.

19/117 Neighbourhood Planning Team, Newton Green Trust and Village Hall Representatives' Reports

a) Neighbourhood Planning Team

The Chairman informed the Council that a pre-draft of the Neighbourhood Plan had been sent to Mr C Bowden, a consultant from Navigus and also to Babergh District Council. Feedback had been received on December 10th. The Village would be consulted again once the submission had been evaluated by an external assessor following agreement from the District Council.

It was hoped that the Referendum stage would be reached by July 2020.

b) Village Hall

Cllr Schwenk presented her report.

- i) Discussion was made about the correct way to use the tags on the new defibrillator.
- ii) The new sample chairs were now available to try before purchase.

c) Newton Green Village Trust

A meeting of the Trust had not taken place for several months. The Trust's Terms of Reference state that meetings should take place twice a year. A short discussion took place concerning the importance of the Trust to meet more frequently and it was agreed that the Chairman will write to the Trust officially concerning this matter.

19/118 Questions to the Chair

a) Land to the right of Plampin Close

A short discussion took place about the piece of land which is owned by the District Council. It was agreed that Cllr Parker would talk to Babergh District Council about the possibility of the Parish Council assuming responsibility for the land, with a view to creating new parking spaces.

b) Litter Pick

Thanks were given to all who took part in the Community Action in Plampin Close. The following dates were agreed for forthcoming Litter Picking: **Saturday, 28th March 2020 and Saturday, 24th October 2020.**

c) Speed Limit Sign

An item will be placed on the next Agenda to discuss purchasing Speed Limit warning signs.

d) Welcome Booklet

The Welcome Booklet that used to be given to new residents may need to be updated and re-printed.

d) Affordable Housing – Rural Enabling Team

Concern was expressed over the lack of feedback from Hastoe. The Rural Enabling Team also had not contacted the Parish Council again about plans for more affordable housing. The Chairman and Cllr Parker had made investigations and would try to ascertain further information as to the status of the project.

19/119 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Newton Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 15th January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chariman thanked everyone for attending and wished them all a very Happy Christmas.

The Meeting ended at 8.53 pm.

Signed:(Chairman)

Date: 15th January 2020

