

MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

All Present

Councillors: Paul Presland (Chairman), Russell Bower, Sue Crawte (Vice Chairman), Rita Schwenk, Phil Taylor.

Attending

James Finch (Suffolk County Council), Adrian Beckham (Clerk), and 9 members of the public.

18/137 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Colin Poole, Lee Parker sent their apologies.

18/138 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

None.

18/139 Minutes of meeting held on the 14th November 2018

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

18/140 Public Forum

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

- a. A multi-million pound programme to upgrade busy road junctions in Sudbury is being considered by Suffolk County Council, as part of its works to ease traffic congestion in the town.
- b. On 7 November, it was announced that Clare, Brantham, and Hintlesham and Chattisham have scooped the honours in this year's Suffolk's Most Active Community Awards.
- c. On 5 November, it was announced that the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership has received a national award for supporting local communities to be more energy efficient.
- d. Construction of The Hold building is well underway, with groundworks, piling, and foundations all part of this phase of construction. The Hold will deliver a new home for most Suffolk's unique archival collections, as well as state-of-the-art public facilities including seminar rooms and a 200-seat auditorium.
- e. On call firefighters are constantly being recruited and recruitment for full time firefighters is expected to take place again in 2019. For more information, search for Suffolk Fire and Rescue on www.suffolk.gov.uk.
- f. 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

18/141 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **DC/18/03962 Fairways, The Green, Newton**. Application for Outline Planning Permission – Erection of 5no. dwellings. The councillors resolved to object to this application (See details in Appendix).
- b. The councillors reviewed **DC/18/05083 Farm Shop, Wheldons Fruit Farm, Joe's Road, Newton**. Application for change of use from shop to Restaurant, establishment of 6 shepherd's huts, and erection of new shower unit and storage hut. The councillors resolved to support this application.
- c. Updates on existing applications are contained in the Appendix.

18/142 Hastoe Update

Hastoe have arranged an Open Meeting regarding Proposed New Build Properties in Newton, at Newton Village Hall at 4.00-6.30pm on Wednesday 16th January 2019. A representative of Hastoe also hopes to attend the next meeting of the Council on 9th January 2019.

18/143 Finance

- a. The councillors reviewed the revised Budget Proposal (Appendix) and resolved to set an Expenditure Budget of £11,403 for 2019 / 20
- b. Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Tree, especially Mr Gordon Kennett for donation of the tree.
- c. 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.
- d. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix), were authorised by the councillors.

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18/144 Meeting Dates for 2019

The councillors agreed the meeting dates for 2019 – See Appendix

18/145 Community Allotment Scheme

The councillors agreed to pay the rent for 4 allotments for 2 years at a cost of £120.

18/146 Reports

- a. Newton Trust – A date for the cleaning of the Saracens Head Pond will be announced in 2019. Also, a new bench is planned to the top of the recreation field.
- b. Newton Village Hall – Bookings are looking good, and a new cooker will be purchased.
- c. NNPT – Nothing to report.

18/136 Questions to the Chair

The Councillors agreed that the clerk could purchase a new printer.

Next Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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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 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.

Agenda Item 6 Clerk's Report

Minute	Action	Complete
	Clerk to investigate to cost of installation of a defibrillator at the village hall.	
	Clerk to contact Hastoe for a progress report	
	Gaskins Field bund and static caravan still on-going	

Agenda Item 8b – Budget Proposals

Please find below tables which show a comparison between 2017 / 18 budget and actual, 2018 / 19 budget, actual to date and that **anticipated at year end** and the proposed budget for 2019 / 20.

	2017 / 18		2018 / 19			2019 / 20
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual to Date	To year end	Budget
Income						
Grants	207.00	309.83	207.00	4,690.00	4,690.00	0.00
Recycling	500.00	293.51	500.00	370.20	370.20	370.00
CIL/Other	0.00	18,428.89	0.00	1,371.61	1,371.68	0.00
Bank Interest	25.00	31.94	25.00	50.24	60.00	60.00
VAT Repayment	0.00	616.52	554.28	554.28	554.28	0.00
Total Income	732.00	19,680.69	1,286.28	7,036.33	7,046.16	430.00
Precept		9,282.64		10,372.81		
Expenditure						
Clerks Salary	£3,816.00	£5,129.42	4,080.00	2,363.45	4,081.28	4,162.00
Admin	£1,900.00	£910.74	1,900.00	289.00	1,000.00	1,806.00
Grants	£800.00	£600.00	800.00	50.00	800.00	800.00
Annual Subscriptions	£425.00	£243.84	425.00	350.47	425.00	425.00
Footpath Maintenance	£300.00	£350.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	360.00
Insurance	£320.00	£316.35	320.00	379.00	379.00	400.00
Inspection	£245.00	£236.00	245.00	270.00	350.00	350.00
Maintenance	£2,000.00	£1,047.77	2,000.00	695.99	1,200.00	1,200.00
Projects	£1,400.00	£880.17	1,400.00	991.31	1,400.00	1,400.00
Other	£0.00	£41.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Village Hall	£0.00	£467.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VAT Paid	£0.00	£554.28	0.00	284.54	350.00	0.00
Contingency	£500.00	£0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Youth Council	£0.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	£11,706.00	£10,777.51	11,970.00	5,673.76	10,785.28	11,403.00

Expenditure

The following should be noted: A Training Budget is proposed at £500 and a £1,900 budget is proposed for projects (and Contingency) that NPC may wish to undertake in 2019 / 20

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Agenda Item 5a – Objection

Re: Planning Application – DC/18/03962

Newton Parish Council strongly object to the above planning application. This application lies outside Newton's Built Up Area Boundary (BUAB). All proposals outside the BUAB must demonstrate compliance with all the criteria set out in Policy CS11.

- Newton is classed as a Hinterland Villages. Referring to Policy CS11, new housing developments:
- The existing bungalow (which will be demolished), is of low impact, connected by a single non-classified road, not suitable for heavy goods vehicles and not up to the standards laid-down by the Highways Department.
- The existing road already connects 6 households with the A134. Further development will adversely affect the highway and natural ambience of Newton Green.
- Five two-storey houses are of excessive size, out of character, and will have a detrimental impact on the surrounding rural nature of Newton Green
- There is no other existing development connected with the application. Hence, the proposed properties will be visible from all aspects. This will affect the historical and natural setting of Newton Green
- The 2015 survey of Newton demonstrated that there was no need for large 4/5 bedroom houses. Existing housing developments in the area already contain enough properties to meet Newton's needs.
- This development is in an area of natural beauty. It will detrimentally impact on the environment and spoil the unique setting of Newton Green.

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Agenda Item 5f Planning Status

Application Reference	Address	Planning Details	NPC Minute	Parish Council Comments	Babergh DC Comments
DC/18/04659	Brooke House Sudbury Road Newton	Application for Listed Building Consent - new traditional softwood lathes and fibre lime plaster	18/131a	Supported	Awaiting decision
DC/18/04540	Valleyfields Valley Road Newton	Application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act DC/18/02033 to enable repositioning of outbuilding	18/131b	Supported	Awaiting decision
DC/18/03924	Marks Meadow Rectory Road Newton	Outline Planning Application- Erection of 3No dwellings with garages and creation of new accesses	18/119a	Not supported	Awaiting decision
DC/18/02135	Valley Farm Valley Road Newton	Listed Building Consent - Reconstruction of roof structure.	18/081a	Supported	Awaiting decision
DC/18/02157	Valley Farm Valley Road Newton	Listed Building Consent. Renovation of timber framed barn	18/081a	Supported	Awaiting decision
DC/18/03754	Land North East Of Valley Farm Valley Road Newton	Notification for Prior Approval Application under Schedule 2 Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - Erection of agricultural building.	18/105a	Comments made	Decided
DC/18/00187	Land To The North Of Valley Farm Valley Road Newton Suffolk	Prior Approval Application under Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 - Excavation to provide farm reservoir for crop irrigation.		Supported	Granted
DC/18/02465	1 Tudor Cottages Sudbury Road Newton	Application for Listed Building Consent - Remove full patched render and replace with Lime render; Replace like for like box sash windows	18/081d	Supported	Refused
DC/18/00725	Gothic House Sudbury Road Newton	Application for Listed Building Consent. Replacement of side elevation upstairs bedroom window and porch windows.		Supported	Withdrawn
DC/18/00190	Site Adjacent Red House Farm Newton	Planning Application. Erection of 9 No. Dwellings.		Supported	Awaiting decision

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Agenda Item 10 – 2019 Meeting Dates

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019

January 9th

February 13th

March 13th

April 10th

April 24th - AGM

May 8th

June 12th

July 10th

September 11th

October 9th

November 13th

December 11th

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