



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chair), Sue Crawte (Vice Chairman), Russell Bower, Colin Poole, Lee Parker and Philip Taylor

Attending: Lee Parker (Babergh District Council), Adrian Beckham (Clerk) and 5 members of public.

18/001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Rita Schwenk and Cllr James Finch (Suffolk County Council).

18/002 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Parker declared a non-pecuniary interest (8A) and Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest (7A). No requests for dispensation had been received.

18/003 Minutes of meeting held on the 13th December 2017

The minutes of the meeting which Cllr Presland had previously circulated were approved as a true record.

18/004 Public Forum

- a) It was brought to the Council's attention that the footpath from Church Road to the Allotments was in poor condition as previously recorded (17/168A). Also, that a tree may cause damage to the overhead lines. This will be investigated by Cllr Presland and progress will be reported at the next meeting on 14/02/18.
- b) It was brought to the Council's attention that the path adjacent to the Vaughan and Blythe building site, Sudbury Road was covered in mud and was causing an obstruction to the public. This will be investigated by Cllr Presland and progress will be reported at the next meeting on 14/02/18.
- c) A village landowner made the Councillors aware that, in the very near future, he intends to put in a planning application to BDC to build 9 houses in Newton. This was not on agenda and so, if and when, NPC receives the planning application it will then become an agenda item for discussion.

18/005 Babergh District Council

Cllr Parker gave an up-date on the recent elections. Cllr Ward, of the Conservative Group was elected as leader of Babergh District Council. The election was held following the resignation of former Leader Cllr Jennie Jenkins. Cllr Ward plans to have a referendum regarding the relationship between Babergh and Mid-Suffolk Councils. More details to follow.

Newton Parish Council wish to express their gratitude to Cllr Jennie Jenkins for all her support.

18/006 Clerks Report (Cllr Presland - Appendices)

1. Application for a donation to Sudbury Newstalk to be deferred until 14/02/18 .
2. Confirmation that the NPC transparency application has been sent to NALC.
3. Confirmation that Section 106 funding stands at £7103. It is reserved for Newton and ring-fenced until 2034.

Signed _____

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4. There has been no progress regarding the Byway between Rotten Row and Joe's Road due to "staffing shortages".

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18/007 Finance

- a) All cheques approved and signed as required.
 1. Kernos Centre - £50.00
 2. J. Taylor - £100.00
 3. P. Taylor - £48.00
 4. G. Flowers - £60.00
- b) The purchase of a new laptop (£380.00) for the use of clerk was approved.
- c) A full financial report will be provided by the clerk at the next meeting on 14/02/18.

18/008 Planning

Planning Application DC/17/05747 Land To North Of St Michaels Rotten Row The Green Newton - Erection of detached stable block in connection with continued use of paddock for equine purposes. NPC resolved to support the planning application

18/009 Local Housing Needs Scheme

Hastoe Affordable Housing. Further delays have occurred regarding the issue surface water drainage. The Clerk was asked to speak to Hastoe as a matter of urgency to find out if the most recent land drainage issues had been resolved and secondly to ascertain when NPC could legally go public on the location of the building plot for the 4 affordable dwellings.

18/010 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 20/01/18

Cllr Parker to give a presentation and provide maps of the parish.
Clerk to collate existing surveys.

18/011 Village Christmas Tree

Cllr Bower reported that it would be possible to have a permanent electrical supply for lighting.

18/012 Firework Event 2018

It was agreed that a Fireworks event will take place in November 2018, and more consideration would be given to providing amenities for the children.

18/013 Newton Trust

It was resolved that there will be no changes made regarding NPC representation on the Newton Trust.

18/014 Questions to the Chair

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1. Cllr Taylor to investigate improvements to the playground equipment.
2. A proposal for funding for Little Green Track to be added to the agenda for 14/02/18
3. Clerk to report pothole to Suffolk County Council at the junction of School Lane and A134.

18/015 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting in on Wednesday 14th February 2018 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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