

**MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday 14th February 2018 at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

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

**Attending:**

Adrian Beckham (Clerk) and 6 members of public.

**18/016 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Lee Parker (Babergh District Council) and Cllr James Finch (Suffolk County Council).

**18/017 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

No requests for dispensation or declaration of interests have been received.

**18/018 Minutes of meeting held on the 10th January 2018**

The minutes of the meeting which had previously been circulated were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

**18/019 Public Forum**

A member of the public brought to the NPC's attention that he intended to make a planning application on Marks Meadow in Rectory Road. The application will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**18/020 Clerks Report**

- a) Register of Interests forms to be re-sent to councillors.
- b) Hastoe has confirmed that their application for affordable housing is proceeding slowly. Clerk to update NPC at the next meeting.
- c) Babergh & Mid-Suffolk have produced a preliminary consultation: "One Council For The Heart Of Suffolk" to promote the amalgamation of the two councils. Further information is expected.
- d) Suffolk Highways wish to allow the local community to take responsibility for repairs around Newton. Clerk to contact Suffolk Highways to see how we can cooperate.
- e) A special tribute is planned for 11<sup>th</sup> November as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War. More information to follow.

**18/021 Vaughan & Blyth (Opposite the Saracen's Head)**

Councillors expressed concern that the hedge at the rear of the Vaughan and Blythe site had been removed. This was contrary to their understanding. The Clerk was asked to clarify the developer's plans.

**18/022 Neighbourhood Planning**

NPC wished to express their thanks to all villagers who came along and participated at the first meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January. We now have 15 volunteers. The next meeting will be held on 22/02/18 at the Saracen's Head, starting at 8.00pm.

**18/023 Finance**

- a) Cheque for lap-top approved No.101134 - £379.99

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**18/024 Planning**

- a) Planning Application **DC/18/00190**. Erection of 9 No. residential units. Adjacent to Red House Farm, Newton CO10 0QH. NPC resolved to support the application.
- b) Planning Application **DC/18/00404**. Sub-division of dwelling into 2 No. semi-detached dwellings. The Yew, Assington Road, Newton CO10 0QU. NPC resolved to support the planning application.
- c) Prior Approval Application under Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 **DC/18/00187** - Excavation to provide farm reservoir for crop irrigation. Land To The North Of Valley Farm Valley Road Newton Suffolk. The Council had queries regarding the environmental aspect of this work, what was the intended water source to fill the reservoir, and that it not be used for any other purpose. NPC would still like to comment and the Clerk to investigate the feasibility of their request.

**18/025 Renewal of Footpath and Grass Cutting Contracts**

As it has been 3 years since the previous contracts were issued. The Clerk to advertise and put both contracts out to tender.

**18/026 Newton Trust**

At the recent meeting it was noted that fence panels have been dumped on trust land in the "Hollow". The Trust Chairman has liaised with the Golf Club manager and the offending items have been removed

**18/027 Community Achievement Award**

The award will be announced at the annual general meeting in April.

**18/028 Insurance Renewal**

Clerk to update the Asset Register. Insurance not due for renewal until September 2018.

**18/029 Questions to the Chair**

- a) A tree lying across phone lines in Rotten Row has been made safe. Another tree lying across power lines in the footpath leading to the allotments in Church Road has been reported to the UK Power Networks.
- b) The ditches along Rotten Row are in a "poor state". Clerk to contact the relevant authorities.
- c) As part of the November 11 tribute it was proposed that a new bench be purchased for the War Memorial. Clerk to report back with options at the next meeting.

**18/030 Next Meeting**

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

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

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*Newton Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 13th May 2015.*