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Thank you for subscribing to Around the Green, which is produced by the Parish Council for the residents of Newton. In this edition, we have the following updates for you:

Precept

At the January meeting the councillors reviewed the agreed Expenditure Budget and NPC Reserves policy before resolving to set a Precept of £21,451.10 for 2024 / 2025. This will mean that a Council Tax Band D household will pay an increase of £11.96 per annum.

Bus Shelter

On the 1st February 2024, the bus shelter on the Green was replaced after 50+ years of service by one matching the bus shelter on the opposite side of the road by Links View. The rubbish bins by the sides of the two shelters will be replaced by the end of March.



Allotments

The Parish Council has once again signed the legal papers for transferring the land comprising the allotment gardens from Michael Oliver. The transaction is expected to be completed in March. The council is currently contacting the existing tenants to see if they wish to continue renting the allotment gardens in 2024.

ANPR Camera

Last October, Suffolk County Council Highways installed the ANPR camera at the Manders end of the village. The data collected by the camera has been updated to the [SID page](#) on the Newton website which can be compared with data the council collects from the SID machine. The ANPR camera will be deployed again in the village later in the Spring.

Village Survey

From 20th January to 4th February 2024, Newton Parish Council conducted a survey with its residents on the priorities of projects identified in the Newton Neighbourhood Development Plan, the council and the Village Hall Management Committee. It was also an opportunity for residents to raise their views on other issues in the village. The survey was hand-delivered to all dwellings in the village by councillors, and there were options for residents to return their completed survey to the council. Of the 240+ surveys delivered, 75 were returned from approximately 73 dwellings, and the table below shows the priorities allocated on a 1, 2 and 3 basis:

Rank	Project Name	Priority		
		1	2	3
1	Traffic calming measures through Newton. (NNP)	39	21	1
2	Zebra crossing on A134 in Newton. (NNP)	24	22	1
3	Develop more circular footpaths within parish boundary. (NNP)	3	17	21
4	Maintain and protect the diversity of species across local green space. (NNP)	2	2	19
4	Superfast broadband in Village Hall. (NNP)	4	6	5
6	New Car Park for Village Hall	3	1	4
7	Little Green Track Repairs	0	1	3

The table below shows the responses from residents concerning issues they want the council and other village organisations to consider.

Survey ID	Group	Comment
10; 25	Bus Stops	Bus stop at start of village from Sudbury.
19	Bus Stops	Bus stop at Sudbury end of village to travel to Sudbury.
57	Bus Stops	Bus stops either side of A134 at Sudbury End of village.
21; 22	Drainage	Improve drains and ditches throughout the village.
25	Drainage	Ditches by A134 / A1371 junction require maintenance by new barn.
38	Footpaths	Footpaths to Assington, Waddingfield and Edwardstone.
1	Miscellaneous	Evening Entertainment 6pm onwards for people who work - Games night, Village Fete
5	Miscellaneous	More enforcement of dog fouling. Restrictions on dog walkers using golf course when in play.
8	Miscellaneous	Ecological plan required for village.
37	Miscellaneous	Please weed pavements.
37	Miscellaneous	Keep buses running.
39	Miscellaneous	Real Christmas Tree.
43; 45	Neighbourhood Plan	Deny development on residential gardens
17; 18b; 45	Neighbourhood Plan	No more building in village.
38	PCC	Solar Panels on Church Roof or Cemetery for community electricity.
8	Road Safety	More than 1 safe crossing point required. Bypass of village required.
14	Road Safety	Resurface some parts of Mill Lane.
18a; 18b; 28; 29	Road Safety	Wide paths on main road
18b; 28c	Road Safety	Pavements on Golf Course side of road.
29	Road Safety	Rat Friendly street lighting along A134.
31	Road Safety	Pavement from Red House Farm to Blacksmith's Close.
64	Road Safety	Resurfacing of Links View.
60; 62; 66	Traffic Calming	Permanent SID at both ends of the village.
62; 66; 70	Traffic Calming	White Gateways at each end of village.
73	Traffic Calming	Mini roundabouts at A134 junctions with Valley Road, Church Road, Links View and Airey Close.
18a; 18b; 18c	Trust / Village Hall	Link Village Hall Car Park resurfacing with Little Green Track resurfacing.
18a; 18b; 18c	Trust Land	Difficult to walk in Recreation Ground with golfing practicing
20	Trust Land	No golfers to use Recreation Ground.
39	Trust Land	Flowers in planters on Green's.
39	Trust Land	Bike riding surface in Recreation Ground.
20; 47	Trust Land	Path around Recreation Ground for bikes & buggies etc.
13	Village Hall	CCTV at Village Hall site.

Litter Pick and Coffee Morning

The Parish Council will be holding the Spring Litter Pick (starting at 8.30 am) and the NPC Coffee Morning (starting at 10 am) on Saturday, 6th, April 2024

Planning Applications

Here is the status of Planning Applications that the Parish Council has reviewed recently.

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
DC/23/01081	Fairways, The Green - Erection of 1 No dwelling (following demolition of existing annexe and outbuildings).	23/066a	Object	Permission 08/09/2023
DC/23/03525	Little Barn, Sudbury Road - Creation of a vehicular access (re-submission of DC/22/04495).	23/159a	Support	Permission 07/09/2023
DC/23/04058	Stow Cottage, Sudbury Road - Application under S73a for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission B/05/01274 dated 22/09/2005 - Erection of shed and boundary wall. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - To vary Condition 2 to retain white painted exterior instead of approved matt black.	23/171c	Support	Permission 06/10/2023
DC/23/03649	Valley Farm House, Valley Road - Boundary treatments (retrospective) following receipt of Breach of Planning Conditions letter EN/22/00206.	23/171a	No comment	REFUSED 12/10/2023
APPEAL	APP/D3505/W/22/3310476 - Rotten Row Farm, Rotten Row - Refusal of application for the "Continued use of buildings for agricultural, industrial and commercial purposes."	23/047c	All objections still stand.	DISMISSED
DC/23/03194	Wheldon's Fruit Farm, Farm Shop, Joes Road - Erection of equestrian building and construction of menage area. Change use of land for the keeping of horses.	23/171b	Support	Permission 15/12/2023
DC/23/04914	St Michaels, The Green - Erection of outbuilding with garaging and first floor accommodation to be used as a studio / store.	23/202a	Support	REFUSED 20/12/2023
DC/23/05249	Land Adj Assington Road - Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access points to be considered, details for Landscaping, Appearance, Layout and Scale reserved) Town and Country Planning 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 9 no. dwellings (including 4 no. affordable) (resubmission of DC/23/01780)	23/217a	Objected	REFUSED 05/01/2024
DC/23/05409	Land Adj 1 Links View - Application for reserved matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/23/00577 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of 1 no detached single-storey dwelling with parking, new vehicular access and extension of the public footpath to the south of the proposed access.	23/217b	Support	Permission 23/01/2024
DC/23/05898	Hurrells Farm, Boxford Lane - Application under Section 19 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for Listed Building Consent DC/20/04875 - Conversion of and extension to outbuildings to form 1 No dwelling and alterations to vehicular access. To Vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) as per drawing 2565 - P01 and Heritage Statement.	24/007a	Support	
DC/23/05897	Hurrells Farm, Boxford Lane - Application under S73 for the Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of DC/20/04874 dated 10/06/2021 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Conversion of and extension to outbuildings to form 1 No dwelling and alterations to vehicular access - To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) as per drawing 2565-P01 and Heritage Statement.	24/007b	Support	
DC/24/00246	Valley Farm House, Valley Road - Proposed boundary treatments following receipt of Breach of Planning Conditions letter EN/22/00206 (re-submission of DC/23/03649).	24/025a	Support	
DC/24/00389	Otium, Joes Road (part In The Parish Of Great Cornard) - Erection of triple garage with solar panels to roof slope.	24/025b	Object	
DC/24/00388	Willow Farm, Further Street, Assington - Change of use of agricultural land and excavation of a field to create a Private Lake.	24/025c	No comment	

Newton website

Newton's website www.newton.onesuffolk.net has a wealth of information about the village, its organisations and the Parish Council. Here are links that will take you to the Parish Council's:

- [Meeting Dates and Minutes](#)
- [Agendas](#)

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Stay safe.

Regards

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