



NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Newton Parish Council
held in the ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA
on WEDNESDAY 13 March 2024 at 7.00pm**

Councillors:

Janet Dobson, Margaret Goulder (Chairman), Jessica Holt
Sarah Shaw (vice-Chairman), Martyn Sautler; Deborah Soloman (A) and Barry Stockton -Tate

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and two members of the public. County Councillor Neil Clarke also attended.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Debbie Soloman.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman expressed disappointment that the forthcoming Community Partnership Meeting with RBC had been cancelled at short notice. However, she was pleased to report receipt of £1000 cheque from ATC Memorial group for future maintenance of the airman memorial put in place last year. Members were reminded of the need to recruit two new members to fill the casual councillor vacancies.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 January 2024** were approved and duly signed.

7.05pm Standing orders were suspended
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**

A resident expressed her concerns about the continuous poor state of the Bridleway and hoped that access improvements can be achieved quickly to remedy the problem once the area has had time to dry.
Another member of the public enquired about the provision of a shop facility. Councillors gave assurance of general support for a retail outlet and the enquirer was encouraged to explore options to present to council.

7.25pm Standing orders were reinstated
6. **Redrow Homes – Land transfer - Village Hall**

There are no new developments to report regarding the provision of a village hall.
The clerk was asked to contact Redrow Homes to urge early completion of the land transfer for the memorial site.
It was confirmed that the sports grounds allocated for use with a school would still be available despite the school construction delay.
7. **HGV Hangar operating hours:**

No new developments.
Members were concerned to learn that the problem still persists and feel it will become more apparent as the year progresses.
8. **Wellington Avenue – Water flooding**

Cllrs Neil Clarke informed members that Severn Trent were actively clearing ditches downstream, and he undertook to follow up to get resolution of the problem.
9. **Play Areas - Wellington Avenue and Kestrel Park**

The clerk confirmed that grass cutting starts in April and play equipment inspection was due this month. Because of the persistent wet ground conditions, it was suggested that wet pour quotes be obtained - both for just around major equipment and for the whole area. The clerk will seek quotations.

10. Bridleway Number 4:

The clerk was asked to contact the rights of way team (VIA) to find out about the action they have agreed with the landowners. Members were informed that ditch clearance is needed - the area be allowed to dry out.

11. Dog Bins

It was agreed to purchase a further waste bin and two more glove dispensers for dog waste – the positioning of them to be decided.

12. Planning Applications:

None

13. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:

None

14. Finance:

- a) January and February payments were approved and duly authorised
- b) The clerk informed members of the forthcoming insurance renewal and read the undertaking to be sign off by each member to enable insurers to prepare documents. It was agreed for the clerk to proceed with the sums insured as presented. It was noted that once the land has been transferred the statue of the airman will need to be added to the insurance cover.

15. General matters:

Cllr Jess Holt suggested Council acquire 50 hedgehog road signs at a cost of £150 and this was approved unanimously.

Cllr Barry Stockton-Tate said he would like to organise a 2024 spring clean in late April.

He also raised the matter of village weed removal and it was agreed to find out how other parishes who had a Lengthsman scheme had made arrangements, and whether there was any spare capacity.

Repairs to fencing in Chipmunk Way - Redrow will be asked to attend to this.

The need for an overgrowing pyracantha in Trenchard Close to be cut back was discussed and the matter will be referred to NCC highways for attention.

A large fridge has been dumped at Trenchard Close. It is highly unlikely to be collected by the scrap merchant because of the gases in its pipes so will need to be removed by the TCRC.

It was agreed to proceed to accept a portrait of HRH King Charles 111 at no cost to the council.

The clerk agreed to circulate fresh details that have become available about provision of a Friendship Bench

16. Councillor's Reports:

Borough Cllr Debbie Soloman had sent her apologies. Cllr Neil Clarke confirmed that progress was being made with the installation of traffic calming measures in Main Street - expected Summer 2024

17. Reports from Outside Organisations: None**18. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 08 May 2024** at the ATC Building at 7.00 pm, to include the Annual Council Meeting and Parishioners Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed: Chairman

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