



# NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Newton Parish Council followed by the  
May monthly meeting and Annual Parishioners meeting  
held in the ATC Building, off Wellington Avenue, NEWTON, NG13 8HA  
on WEDNESDAY 08 May 2024 at 7.00pm**

**Councillors:**

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jessica Holt

2. **Election of Chairman and vice-chairman for 2024–25**

Cllr Margaret Goulder was proposed to continue as chairman and Cllr Sarah Shaw as vice-Chairman for 2024-25. They were duly seconded and unanimously elected.

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None

4. **Review of Working Group members:** The agreed groups are:

Planning and Village Hall: All Cllrs

Play Areas and village: Cllrs Margaret Goulder and Janet Dobson

Communications: Cllr Janet Dobson

Finance and Assets: Cllr Barry Stockton-Tate

Events: Cllr Barry Stockton-Tate

The Chairman and vice-Chairman are permanent ex-officio members of all working groups.

5. **Chairman's announcements:** None

6. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 March 2024** were approved and duly signed.

*7.12pm Standing orders were suspended*

7. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business**

A resident requested an improvement in the Newton bus services, provision of an extra waste bin and a cycle route link. He also informed members that the balancing pool has some contamination.

*7.24pm Standing orders were reinstated*

8. **Redrow Homes – Land transfer - Village Hall**

There are no new developments to report regarding the provision of a village hall.

The transfer of ownership the memorial site land from Redrow Homes has made some progress and it is hoped this will be moved further to completion in the next month or so.

9. **HGV Hangar operating hours:**

No new developments.

10. **Wellington Avenue – Water flooding**

Cllrs Neil Clarke informed members that Severn Trent had cleared the ditches downstream, but more work was planned to be done once the land had dried some more.

**11. Play Areas - Wellington Avenue and Kestrel Park**

The clerk confirmed that grass cutting and strimming had been delayed because of the very wet conditions but had been done the previous day.

Wet pour quote has indicated a cost of some £41K.

The clerk has started to complete and submit funding applications totalling £40K from NCC and FCC

**12. Bridleway Number 4:**

The Rights of Way Team (NCC) confirm that improvements have been done and once the land has dried further, more work is planned.

**13. Waste Bins**

Two glove dispensers for dog waste have been delivered and members decided where these will be put – thanks to Cllr Martyn Saulter for undertaking to do this work.

As agreed, a waste bin has been ordered and members decided where this could be placed.

The need for a further bin was agreed and its site identified. The clerk will make the delivery order.

**14. Planning Applications:**

None

**15. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:**

None

**16. Finance:**

a) March and April payments were approved and duly authorised

b) Year-end Accounts Annual Return 2023/2024 were approved and signed by the chairman

i) Section 1 – The Annual Governance Statement

ii) Section 2 – The Accounting Statements.

**17. General matters:**

a) Civility and Respect Project – this was discussed, Members agreed unanimously that the Council should sign the pledge.

b) "Lantern of Peace" - 80th anniversary of the D Day landings – June 2024.

Cllr Barry Stockton-Tate raised this matter and members agreed unanimously to support the ATC celebrations.

**18. Councillor's Reports:**

Rushcliffe Borough Cllr. Debbie Soloman reviewed recent activities including reporting about the successful prosecution of fly tippers and the ongoing investigation into the contamination of balancing pool at Newton. She informed members that RBC lorries are being changed to enable them to be run on vegetable oil.

County Cllr Neil Clarke reported on the election of the regional mayor, more funding becoming available to tackle potholes and the car parking terms and conditions being introduced at Bingham.

Cllr Janet Dobson told members that the discarded fridge, referred to in the last meeting, has been removed. She reminded members that the overgrown pyracantha hedge had not been cut back. Cllr Clarke requested the address of the owners so he can arrange for NCC to contact them.

**19. Reports from Outside Organisations: None****20 Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 10 July 2024** at the ATC Building at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: Chairman

Date

The Annual Parishioner's Meeting followed