

# Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm on 03rd September 2014 at The Village Hall, Newton.

1. **Present:** Parish Councillors: Dave Carter (DC), Anne Davies (AD), Frank Preston (FP), Judith Leggatt, WCC Councillor Philip Morris-Jones.
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
  - a. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**  
FP declared an interest in the village pub.  
DC declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11a; Finances Statement of accounts.
  - b. **To receive written requests for the dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests:**  
None received
  - c. **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**  
None received
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28th May 2014 at 8pm:** The minutes were agreed and signed.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2014 at 8pm.** Regarding item 12, grass verge cutting DC has asked WCC to put him on the mailing list for updates and further information.
6. **Correspondence:**
  - a. **Items for circulation:** Items circulated
  - b. **Police Report:** None
    - c. **Flood resilience workshop 16.09.14 at 7pm in Warwick:** circulated
    - d. **NALC conference in Bristol:** circulated
    - e. **WWI Centenary commemoration :** Parish council decided no.
    - f. **Upcoming WALC events:** circulated
7. **Picnic site: Update of progress of planting and grant applications:** It was agreed that a working party should be formed to oversee and progress the completion of the picnic site, in partnership with RBC and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT). FP and JL agreed to form the working party and all were in agreement.  
Chris Horton of RBC is to liaise with WWT and RBC will maintain the site.  
The clerk reported that although she had requested an as built plan of the site again, she had not received a reply, so LH said that she would ask for one on the parish council's behalf.
8. **Highways**
  - a. **State of the roads update:** The surface dressing to roads stopped at The Leys, like the gritting route. This caused concern as the surface on the M6 crossing deteriorates quickly.  
The clerk was asked to contact Daniel Perkins at WCC to find out why the surface dressing stopped at The Leys instead of continuing to the A5.
  - b. The speed limit review of roads in Newton was discussed again and the clerk was asked to make this response: It is disappointing that the speed limit is to be reduced to 50mph as it hardly seems worth the money for a reduction of 10mph.  
Without reinforcement it does not seem a sensible or worthwhile use of public funds.  
The additional will also clutter the route.
  - c. The road signs and cones have been removed.

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- d. The bus service has been reduced and it was thought that the 3 hour gap between services was too large. JL suggested that the parish council ask WCC to get a county links service one day a week at about 10.30am from the pub to either town or Tesco. The clerk was asked to research this possibility.
- e. Floral tributes at the victim site was discussed and it was reported that the police are dealing with the issue, not the parish council. The police are due to remove the tributes left at the road side to Winfield cemetery within 2 weeks.  
There will be no plaque or tree at the site.

9. LED Lighting: Item not discussed in JH's absence as he was supplying the information.

### 10. Planning:

- a. **R14/0781 application for the retention of 1m high boundary fence at 1 Betony Road:** permission was refused by RBC.
- b. **R14/1279 proposed development at 34 Main Street:** no comments to be made to RBC
- c. **A5 site:** Dc has made a response to RBC after consulting councillors in between meetings. The response had been agreed. Cllr LH said that Cllr P M-J was looking into it as well.

### 11. Finances:

a. **Statement of accounts:** presented to parish council with bank statements

#### b. Accounts for payment

- i. £106.68 Eon street lighting electricity maintenance
- ii. £192.35 Eon Street Lighting Electricity
- iii. £168.00 Clerk's salary
- iv. £29.42 Clerk's expenses
- v. £42.00 PAYE
- vi. £68.42 Dave Carter re-imburement of Tech Factory invoice for web and emails
- vii. £114.54 RBC uncontested election
- viii. £14.10 Midland admin Payroll

### 12. Items for inclusion in next meeting:

LED street lighting

Bus service

13. **Date of next meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 8pm in village hall.

14. **Motion to exclude public:** FP did not participate. Ad and JL are to be the working party and start making enquiries regarding feasibility and advice how other parish councils have achieved funding, installation and maintenance. The clerk is to make enquiries regarding insurance costs.

Signed

Date