



Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Village Hall

1. Present. D. Carter (Chair), J. Hotten (Vice-Chair), F. Preston, A. Davis and Borough Councillor L. Hunt.

5 members of the public were present.

2. Apologies were received from I. Davis.

3. There were no declarations of interest.

4. Charities.

a) The Jenaway Charity was inactive.

b) The Elkington and Sherriers Charity had given 2 donations but not to anyone in Newton. Ann Davis reported that there were plans to broaden the use of both sets of funds to make them available to groups as well as individuals.

c) The Village Hall report was read out by Frank Preston. They had plenty of bookings and were in a sound financial state. The financial summary was handed to the clerk.

d) The Burial Committee was reported by Jim Hotten to be financially secure and not needing a precept from Clifton and Newton Parish Councils. There were plans to use the new part of the cemetery once the remaining 4 graves had been used. Fees had been quadrupled to keep up with other burial grounds. The water supply was to come from the allotments. Accounts to be passed to the chair later.

5. The chairman reported on the appointment of a new clerk, the retirement of J. Leggatt after 35 years, the filling of a casual vacancy by Ian Davis, and he thanked L. Hunt and retiring County Councillor Phillip Morris-Jones. The 2017 precept had somehow resulted in a reduction in charges for residents.

The street lights had been changed to LED ones which would cost a lot less to run for electric and would remove the maintenance charge.

As part of the Capital programme it was planned to add a few more street lights.

The Leys development it was believed would go ahead in the coming year. It was also believed the developer would be contributing to the Newton Bus service under section 106. The chairman meets regularly with the chairman of Clifton Parish Council to discuss mutual concerns. He finds this very beneficial.

Broadband had been improved for residents of Newton. L. Hunt was thanked for her help with this.

6. The chairman explained that there were no minutes for last year's meeting as none had been made by the then leaving clerk.

7. A financial report was not given as the clerk had only just been appointed and had not been able to obtain bank statements to make the bank reconciliation.



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8. A report was read out by Borough Councillor L. Hunt. The weight limit was discussed. Heavy vehicles will have right of access but not right to travel through Newton.

9. Items raised by members of the public.

a) Victoria Andrews asked if a sign could be put up in her field to advise walkers to keep to the footpath and not wander around unsettling her animals. The chairman agreed to find out who we could contact at WCC about this.

b) A resident asked if there was going to be WIFI installed in the village hall. The chair explained that the parish council had decided that it was up to the Village Hall Committee whether they would install this.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman

Date