

Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Newton and Biggin Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday

The 25th of August 2016 at Newton Village Hall

1. Public recording of proceedings: to be included at the next parish council meeting
2. Present: Parish Councillors: Dave Carter (DC), Jim Hotten (JH), Ann Davis (AD) and Frank Preston (FP)
3. Apologies: PC S Crabbe-Bailey, Cllr Leigh Hunt (LH), Philip Morris-Jones
4. Declarations of interest:
 - a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda: none
 - b. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate: none
5. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday the 30th of June 2016: One minor alteration suggested by Ann Davis, correction of the surname 'Davies' to be changed to Davis. Agreed and signed thereafter.
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday the 30th of June 2016:
 9. The bus schedule is as yet still undecided. FP has been in contact with the bus services in Lilbourne. The service from Lilbourne only runs twice a week so would not be of any value to the public of Newton. Options were discussed as how to move forward since no further information has been received regarding the project at the leys (this was put down as a general problem within the development industry since the Brexit) and their proposed funding of a bus service under section 1.
It was further discussed that unless the Parish Council invests its own money there was no way forward on the matter.
It was requested to add this item on the next meeting's agenda.

Other matters arising:

Ray and Carole Moyle put several matters to the council.

- a. Ray expressed concern in regards to a young ash tree that appears to be dying and which he believes should be saved with the appropriate treatment after a disease prognosis. However after discussing whose property it belongs to it emerged that the farmer responsible for that patch of land very likely resides in Ireland so no action can be taken as yet.
- b. Ray referred to an article in the advertiser publishing an article commenting on the proposed building of a car plant and installation of wind turbines. He questioned why

there was only a partial consultation happening and feels the need for the village community to be included in any further consultation.

The clerk was instructed to put forward further questions in regards to size and all other enquiries to the Harborough District Council.

- c. Again Ray referred to an article published in the advertiser showing a photo of Butler's Leap that did not resemble the reality. It was expressed that the village community should be proud of the rugby heritage and should therefore depict are true resemblance.
 - d. The matter of most concern from the Moyle's that was put forward to the Parish Council was the security issue regarding the fencing that has been provided by the farmer between their adjoining properties. It is believed the fencing does not provide enough security for calves and lambs alike to be contained in the farmer's property. A discussion followed between councillors and villagers present how to tackle the issue accordingly and how the Parish Council can be of assistance. It was concluded that DC would contact PC Sharon Crabbe-Bailey to establish any assistance the Council could provide on the issue in future.
7. Appointment of new clerk: Dee Schindler (10 Main Street, Newton, Rugby, CV23 0DY) was appointed as the new clerk to the Parish Council. The clerk was introduced to the Council and contracts have been exchanged.
8. Casual Vacancy
 - a. To consider any nominations for the casual vacancy and to point accordingly: Ian Davis expressed interest in the position and after a mutual agreement by all the councillors was appointed accordingly. The clerk was instructed to write to the electoral services to update their records accordingly and provide the new councillor with all new information necessary.
 - b. Suspension of standing order
9. Street Lighting: JH updated the Parish Council on the status of the installation of the new LED lights. Installation is currently in progress and should be completed by the second week of September (weather depending). It was agreed to cancel the current maintenance contract and review the electricity charges to be adjusted.

After receiving complaints about the brightness of the new LED bulbs it was concluded that some adjustments in the brightness of individual lights might needed to be taken.
10. Correspondence: Where possible any correspondence was circulated by e-mail beforehand.
 - a. An e-mail was send to the clerk from the Warwickshire Voluntary Snow Warden Scheme 2016/2017 to kindly ask for assistance in organising a snow warden for the village. It was concluded by the Council that the villagers of Newton should be alerted to the 2 grits containers provided by the Parish to use freely when needed. The clerk was instructed to put a note on the notice board.

- b. Notification of future road works on A14 at Welford between A14 junction and M1 junction 19/M6 was circulated amongst the councillors
- c. Grants application forwarded by Warwickshire Council: not applicable for The Parish
- d. Fosse grant application: to be applied for

Police Report: Incident Number 339 27/07/2016

Newton Road: A theft occurred between 11pm 26/07/2016 and 3pm 27/07/2016 unknown offenders have entered a rear garden and removed two metal sun loungers from the patio area.

11. Planning:

Re 16/ 1548 for yard17 Euro Park

The clerk could not provide adequate information for the Council, the clerk was therefore instructed to gather more and circulate any information in regards to the planned proposal and should any objections arise, should be forwarded to the concerning planning officer.

Further planning:

Re 16/ 1738

The clerk presented the Parish Council with an e-mail sent by Dave Gower in regards to the proposed hedgerow removal at Newton Manor Lane. Again the clerk is to investigate this further and gather more information.

12. Finances:

- a. Statement of accounts: the clerk could not provide the council with an up to date statement however JH will forward all received bank statements (copies of the account statements provided by the bank) for the clerk to update the records accordingly
- b. Accounts for Payment: A cheque for the sum of £72.36 for the E.ON for Street Lighting Electricity was double-checked by all members (issued on 11/08/16 by JH and DC due to an outstanding account) and agreed upon.
The Laptop and Hard Drive purchased for the clerks assistance was approved by all members.
- c. Update on the Audit: DC and JH informed the council that now all necessary information have been forwarded to the necessary officer and are still awaiting the outcome of the audit.

13. Electronic Banking: The clerk was instructed to investigate further the introduction of electronic banking and all problems that could arise from such banking method.

14. Items for inclusion at the next meeting: Clifton and Newton Burial Committee to be discussed

15. Date of next meeting: 8pm on Thursday the 13th of October 2016 at the Newton Village Hall

Dee Schindler

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