

Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm on 06th November 2013 at The Village Hall, Newton.

1. **Present:** Dave Carter, Judith Leggatt, Anne Davies, Cllr P Morris-Jones, 1 member of the public
2. **Apologies:** Richard Greenaway, PC S Crabbe-Bailey, Cllr L Hunt
3. **Declarations of Interests:** Frank Preston declared an interest that he is the neighbour of a planning applicant due to be discussed in item 7
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2013:** The proposal that "in principle the Newton parish Council will hold off invoking the pub as a community asset on condition that it sold as a trading pub" had been omitted. The meeting date was recorded correctly at the time but had been changed to today at a later date. The proposal was added and then the minutes were agreed and signed.
5. **Items arising from minutes of meeting held on 19th June 2013:** Dan Perkins of Warwickshire County Council had sent an email and photograph of the repaired signpost. The allotment accounts had not been received yet.
6. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Items for circulation were circulated.
 - b. There were no police incidents to report.
7. **Community Asset:** The pub has been sold and is to be run as a pub. Should the present owner decide to sell up in the future, the village can consider listing the pub as a community asset.
8. **Picnic Site:**
 - a. The clerk was asked to get an update from Paul Merner at RBC and also request advice with a planting scheme and details of how much seed should be ordered.
 - b. An offer of help has been received from a member of public who lives just outside of the village, but who regularly visits and enjoys the picnic site. Dave Carter is liaising with him as his and other offers of help is welcomed by the council.

Cllr P Morris –Jones and the clerk have completed the grant application for the seeding and it is to be submitted to the Council. Dc thought that monies from the NPC could be made available to contribute to the picnic site planting. The amount could possibly be up to £1000. Clerk is ask Paul Merner at RBC for an update and advice as to how best to proceed.
9. **Highways:**
 - a. **Gritting route update:** No news had been received as to whether or not Newton lane had been included in the gritting route by WCC as requested. Dave Carter said that Cllr P M-J had offered to write in NPC's support to get the length of road included in the gritting scheme this winter. Concerns about disruption to bus services and children's education were raised again. As the gritting routes for 2013 /4 has not been received yet it was decided to wait and see the published gritting routes before taking further action this year.
 - b. **State of roads:** Other than the sign has now been repaired there was nothing new to add.
10. **Consultations:**

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- a. Application by Rugby Radio Station Limited Partnership and Prologis UK Ltd for an order Granting Development Consent for the proposed expansion of the existing Daventry International Rail Freight Estate (DIRFT III) Notification by the Examining Authority of the time, date and place for an Issue Specific Hearing and an Open Floor Hearing to be held in relation to the above application. The letters received by the clerk were circulated for the councillors to give their consideration.

11. Planning:

- a. BT Mast Site: Dave Carter proposed that the letter sent to RBC concerning this application should be approved. Anne Davis seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.
- b. Copy of order for diversion and stopping of part of R102 and 103 Rugby bridle Paths: The planning ordered for this had been received.
- c. R13/1927 Proposed development at 34 Newton Lane, Newton, Rugby CV23 0DX. After a discussion it was decided that there were no comments to make to RBC concerning this application and no further action was needed.

12. Finances:

- a. Audit Update: The clerk reported that the audit had been approved by the external auditor and requested that she displays notices to view the audit by appointment. The councillors agreed that it could be done this way. The clerk said that the cost of the audit would be £ 240.00 because of the level of expenditure in the last financial year due to the footpath and village hall repairs.
- b. Statement of accounts: the clerk presented the latest accounts and bank statement.
- c. Accounts for payment: Payment approved and cheques signed for
 - i. Eon Street Lighting for October 2013 £48.09
 - ii. Mediashack for website £90.00

13. **Items for inclusion at next meeting:** Dave Carter has spoken to Adam Norburn at RBC concerning setting the budget for 2014 – 2015 and is going to ask for an explanation of how the changes to funding of disability benefits are going to affect the NPC budget and also when the extra 40 houses at Coton Fields will be moved from the parish as this will also impact on the budget for next financial year. The budget needs to be added to the agenda. Items for inclusion in next meeting: Gritting update, and the Watling Street Site, were to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Frank Preston asked if he could include an item requesting a grant of £500 for the village hall committee to fund a new boiler. Dave Carter said there was no need to do that as the grant would be approved and Frank Preston is to let clerk know how much the grant is for

14. **Date of next meeting:** There was a discussion over the availability of the Village Hall for council meetings. A group wish to hire the village hall as a regular booking on a Wednesday night. Judith Leggatt does not think it appropriate for the parish council meetings to be held on a regular basis at the church as this may be a barrier to people of different or no faith attending meetings. Dave Carter suggested that the group who have said they don't mind occasionally using the church were asked to do so instead of the village hall for about one week in six. It was agreed that this was a sensible compromise and Frank Preston is to let the hall booking clerk know.

The following dates were agreed:

- 11th December 2013 at 8pm at village hall
- 08th January 2014 at 8pm at the village hall
- 19th February 2014 at 8pm at the village hall

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Frank Preston to confirm dates with village hall booking clerk when he lets her know of the decision made regarding Wednesday evening bookings and availability of hall for parish council meetings.

15. **Motion to exclude the public:** Item not required as no update available yet.

Signed

Date