

Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm on 08th January 2014 at The Village Hall, Newton.

1. **Present:** Dave Carter (DC), Judith Leggatt (JL), Ann Davies (AD), Richard Greenaway(RG), Frank Preston (FP).
2. **Apologies:** None received
3. **Declarations of Interests:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2013:** A typing error was corrected and signed by the clerk. All agreed that the minutes were correct and signed.
5. **Items arising from minutes of meeting held on 11th December 2013:** The clerk was asked to check with PC S C-B about accident statistics at St Thomas's Cross.
The empty salt bin has been refilled.
The clerk is to check if there is a legal limit on the cash reserves held in the bank account in relation to the annual precept.
6. **Correspondence:**
 - a. **Items for circulation:** presented for circulation
 - b. **Police Report:** none available
 - c. **Yelvertoft Parish Council email re A5:** A thank you for our collaboration had been received with an offer of reciprocal help and support regarding the A5 traffic.
 - d. **Dog bin quotation:** A quotation has been received from RBC for the supply and fix of a black or green dog waste bin to be situated by the allotments in Little London Lane. The cost to NBPC is £204.75 + VAT. The feasibility and cost to NBPC of the emptying the bin at regular intervals is to be advised at a later date. The council are to make a decision when the full costs are known.
7. **Picnic Site:** Three benches, which were not bolted down, have been stolen from the picnic site. RBC is to replace the benches at no cost to NBPC. It was hoped that the barrier might now be installed as a deterrent to other would be thieves.
The clerk has requested a plan of the picnic area from Paul Mernagh and is to chase it up as she has not received it yet.
There has been no news regarding the grants that have been requested for the planting of the picnic site.
8. **Highways:**
 - a. **Gritting route update:** A letter had been received in reply from Graham Fritton to the one sent to him and Monica Fogarty at Warwickshire County Council. The letter said that the road was not going to be included in the gritting route. The letter suggested that in NBPC could contact WCC if the weather was causing significant disruption.
Disappointment was expressed at WCC reply and the decision and options still open to the council to pursue were discussed.
It was suggested that NBPC to find out who operated the new X44 service and discuss the issue with them and find out if the bus route was unpassable could the bus company either contact WCC direct or NBPC to see if it could be gritted. Alternatively could the bus company use the gritted route.
It was decided to find out which bus company operated the new X44 service and discuss further action at the next meeting.

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9. Planning:

- a. R13/0203 Land adjacent to Fir Tree Farm, Watling Street, Shawell, Rugby LE17 6AR: The plans to place and use a container as a mess / canteen and toilet were considered in greater detail and it was decided that the council would not be making a comment so no further action was required.

10. Finances:

- a. Capital Spending Plan: A discussion took place and an idea was put forward that cannot be made public yet. All were in agreement that further enquiries should be made.
- b. Charitable Giving: It was decided to safeguard the charitable giving in the council's budget and the clerk was asked to allow £200 for charities in the budget. It was decided that any charities supported should benefit the local community.
- c. Statement of accounts: The latest accounts and bank statements were circulated.
- d. Accounts for payment: Payment approved and cheques signed for:

i	Eon Street Lighting	£48.09
ii	Midland Admin payroll	£12.00
iii	Clerk's salary	£168.00
iv	PAYE	£42.00
v	WALC Governance and Accountability for Local Councils training	£30.00
vi	WALC Data Protection training	£30.00

11. **Items for inclusion at next meeting:** Concerns about the amount of slurry being spread was raised. It was decided that the spreading of slurry is closely monitored and as too much would pollute the land and would not be in the landowner's interest that no further action was required.

12. **Date of next meeting:** There was concern that the meeting scheduled for 19.02.13 so the meeting was re-scheduled. The next meetings will be on:
08th January 2014 at 8pm at the village hall
26th February 2014 at 8pm at the village hall

13. **Motion to exclude the public:** There were no public present to exclude. No update was available and the Rugby Borough Council planning portal showed no response. The clerk is to ask Rugby Borough Council what the current planning status is and what enforcements are in place.

Signed

Date