

Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm on 09th May 2013 at The Church, Newton.

1. Present: D Carter, Frank Preston, Richard Greenaway, Judith Leggatt, Anne Davies, Cllr P Morris-Jones, Cllr L Hunt.
2. Apologies: None received
3. Election of Chair: Judith Leggatt proposed Dave Carter. This was seconded by Richard Greenaway. All present were in agreement and Dave Carter was elected and took over the chair of the meeting.
4. Election of Vice- chair: Judith Legatt proposed Anne Davies. Richard Greenaway seconded the proposal and as all present were in agreement, Anne Davies was elected Vice-chair.
5. Declarations of Interests: None
6. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2013: Typing errors were corrected and the minutes were agreed and signed.
7. Items arising from minutes of meeting held on 11th April 2013: item 12 Regular booking at village hall on council meeting evenings was added to the agenda as item 15a.
8. Appointment of Committee/miscellaneous representatives: The following members were appointed to sub committees:

Burial Committee	Richard Greenaway	Judith Legatt
Charities	Anne Davies	
Allotments	Richard Greenaway	
Emergencies	Anne Davies	Judith Legatt
Village Hall	Frank Preston	

Dave Carter asked Richard Greenaway to present a balance sheet for the allotment at the next meeting

9. Correspondence:
 - a. DIRFT: The clerk explained that she had been told that the DVD supplied to view the plans on was faulty and the councillors could either download the plans or the clerk would send for a new DVD. The clerk was asked to request a new DVD.
 - b. AON Ltd insurance quote received but the council already has a money saving, long term policy in place with Came & co. The clerk said that she had not seen a renewal yet and would chase it up.
 - c. Circulars handed over for circulation of the councillors.

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10. Superfast Broadband: No update was available but Cllr Leigh Hunt said that an announcement was due later this month.

11. Highways:

- a. Gritting: Cllr Leigh Hunt said that Newton was “in the mix” as part of WCC on-going review about gritting. Cllr Philip Morris-Jones has also written to support NPC efforts to get the untreated bus route to the A5 included in the gritting scheme. Cllr Leigh Hunt suggested the council chase the issue up again in August. Judith Legatt suggested that to make a point the photograph of the ice lady waiting at the bus stop sculpture should be sent to Cllr Peter Butlin. Dave Carter and Cllr Philip Morris-Jones suggested waiting as WCC is in a state of flux after the election.
- b. State of roads: A discussion on the state of the roads took place. Judith Legatt has informed Dave Carter that there is a new surveyor. As there have been pot holes and a 20mph speed limit in place for some time it was agreed that the council would make representation to WCC about filling the pot holes and re-surface dressing the road. Judith Legatt gave the name (Kevin Blount) of the new surveyor as well as his telephone number to Dave Carter who is going to arrange a meeting with him to discuss the state of the roads.

12. Planning:

- a. RBC ref 13/0657 Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension Newton House, Newton Road Rugby CV23 0DR. Plans circulated prior to meeting and no comment had been made.
- b. Ref: MET MJ 4437-1-1 Planning Inspectorate application reference TR050001 Notice pursuant to (1) section 56 planning Act 2008 and (2) regulation 13 infrastructure planning (environmental impact assessment) regulations. DVD to be requested and circulated.
- c. Approval for RBC ref 13/0657 had been received and read out.

13. Gritting routes: as discussed in item 11.

14. Finances:

- a. Accounts for payment: The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:
SLCC membership renewal £63.00
- b. Statement of accounts and summary of expenditure was given
- c. Audit: The clerk was concerned that she had been unable to locate last year’s audit form because she needed the figures for this year’s audit form. Frank Preston had a copy and handed it the clerk

15. Consultation: none

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15a: Village Hall Bookings: Judith Legatt is against the idea of moving the parish council meetings to the church on a permanent basis, because the village hall is for public use. If the village hall is fully booked with no evening left free for public meetings then the village will have lost a meeting venue that is available to the public on at least one evening a week. Judith Legatt said that she did not want to discourage letting the village hall but the village does need a place for public meetings and he thought that the church was not an appropriate place to hold parish council meetings.

Dave Carter agreed that the church should not be used all the time.

Frank Preston said that he would ask the tap dancers how many weeks the tap dancers were intending to use the hall on a Thursday for. Judith Legatt suggested that the tap dancers and keep fit groups could use the hall on the same night but at different times, or the tap dancers could use the hall between 6pm and 7pm on Thursdays, thus keeping the rest of the evening free for public meetings including the parish council.

When asked Cllr Philip Morris-Jones, confirmed that different parish councils met on different nights of the week; it didn't have to be a Thursday evening. Cllr Philip Morris-Jones also asked the council to make sure the hall was available for the Fosse Forum on 13.06.13 and Frank Preston was to confirm the booking with Ruth.

It was decided to discuss the matter further at the next meeting when all the options had been considered. The clerk is to include the item in the agenda.

16. Items for inclusion at the next meeting: Bookings for the village hall / parish council meetings, picnic site update (clerk to get the latest from Mick stent as Anne Davies reported that it was thought that asbestos had been found), play area and motion to exclude the public.
17. Date of next meeting 20th June 2013 at 8pm at Church
18. Motion to exclude the public: Item not required as no update available yet.

Signed

Date