

NEWTON AND BIGGIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2013 in Newton Village Hall at 8pm

1. **Present:** Cllrs. D. Carter (Chairman), A. Davis (vice-Chairman), F. Preston, J. Leggatt, R. Greenaway.
2. **Apologies:** PCSO S. Bailie-Crabtree,
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2012:** The minutes were agreed and the chair signed the minutes as correct.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2012:**
 - a. FP reported that there is no preservation order on the tree at Foxon's Farm.
 - b. RG asked when the dog bin was going to be reinstated. The clerk read out an email from Mick Stent of RBC which reassured us that the bin would be replaced when the works were completed.
6. **Correspondence:**
 - c. Regarding the data protection rules, the clerk was asked to visit www.ico.gov.uk to get certified for handling data.
 - f. Clerk is to forward the email to councillors so that they can comment individually.
 - g. Clerk requested to ask for notes.
 - h: Housing needs survey: LH and Dc recommended that the council write to Rural Housing and Sarah Fisher at RBC and say no to the survey
7. **Council IT**
 - a. There is still a PC available for a village organisation to make use of.
 - b. **Website:** Will Davies is building the website and will keep it updated. Ideas for inclusion were the councillors' names and telephone numbers and a section for agendas and minutes of parish council meeting.

LH said that the council should have an editorial policy to safeguard Will. She also suggested that Will and another nominated person should have the passwords and that there should be a few photos and the file size should be shrunk so it's quicker to download.

DC said that the council would maintain and control the website.

LH said she would send Will a training presentation on websites.

Sarah is to ask Adam Stedman about the email login, which was being problematic.
8. **Update on Super Fast Broadband:** LH reported that BT data was available in November and an extra 450000 properties were included in the consultation, which has been extended to 20.01.13. Newton is not included by BT.

On 22.01.13 invitations to tender will be issued and there will be 40 days in which to respond. The chosen contractor will have until May 2013 to design the network and the details will only be known when a contractor is appointed.

BT would use the existing green-box network but Fujitsu would put fibres in the ground and this would be a better option for Newton.

DC asked if we were included in the Leicestershire and North area would Newton be disadvantaged by being at the end of the line. LH said not as the priority was to get superfast

broadband to as many people as possible and “backfill” the more difficult areas as technology and costs equal out / come down. The expected completion date is March 2015

9. Highways

- a. The letter sent to WCC re the gritting was read out. JL commented that buses were stopped twice last year due to the lack of gritting and DC suggested that councillors keep a record of any accidents and incidents happening because of icy road conditions on this ungritted section of road.
- b. **bus stop:** It was decided that the council could not stop the cars parking and the clerk was asked to respond to SCB to say that although the council were sympathetic to the person’s predicament they do not have the powers to do anything.
- c. **Drain:** Dc reported that the drain was overflowing but in hand.
- d. Kish of WCC called Dc on New Year’s Eve and agreed that the Little London lane drain needed to be rebuilt and resurfaced and was going to talk to his manager.
- e. JL reported that the drain by David Jamison’s had dropped and also needed looking at.

10. Consultation

- a. J19 there is another enquiry due but the least best option is still going ahead and RBC had withdrawn its objections.
- b. DIRFT. Arrived today return..... Clerk to ask Steve Pell to next meeting. T
LH issue raised to specific issue
DC commented that this is a pre application not the actual planning application and gave the following timeline; 31.10.12 submitted plan, 29.11.12 not accepted as not standard, 5.11.12 identified issue, 28.01.12 Clifton invited to holiday Inn presentation (Vince at CPC)
In order to respond within the timeframe it was decided that the councils concerns were about The St Thomas’s road junction and it is likely to become a link road between Hillmorton and Dunchurch and that DC is to look at the website and circulate documents to make the responses councillors so that they comment. DC is to talk to Vince at CPC. DC took the documentation to action.

11. Planning: Fir Trees, Watling Street LE17 6AR. REF: 13/009 04.01.13 Return by 29.01.13

DC commented that he hadn’t realised that the off road driving had been operating for 10 years and thought it was only 3-4 years. It was decided that DC would talk to A Old, the tree surgeon that used to use the land to check on the time scale. AD was to check on satellite pictures on internet to see if any could be found to verify the land use.
AD was to contact the clerk if the council thought, after further research, that there were grounds to Object.

12. Finances:

- a. Sarah to contact VAT

13. Budget: Rugby Borough Council has set the band D base rate at £182.19. It was decided they were more houses in the parish because of the gateway development in Coton Park, which would generate more income, so it was not necessary to raise the rates. After the budget was discussed in detail DC proposed that the budget was kept the same and everyone present was in agreement. The clerk was asked to request to ask RBC for a precept of £7329.00.

14. Items for inclusion in the next meeting:

- a. Dispute about ownership of land between old post office and phone box
- b. Flowers in planter

15. **Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday 07th March 2013 at 8 p.m. in Newton Village Hall.

Chairman
10th January 2013