

Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Newton and Biggin Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 18th February 2016 at Newton Village Hall.

1. **Announcement read by Chair regarding recording or filming of parish council meeting:** In the interests of openness and transparency, councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its committees when they are open to the public. This does not extend to live verbal commentary.

Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent.

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People under the age of 18 or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chairman and should sit in the area designated for this purpose. Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting.

2. **Present:** Cllrs Dave Carter, Chair (DC), Jim Hotten, Vice Chair (JH), Frank Preston (FP), Judith Leggatt (JL).
3. **Apologies:** Leigh Hunt (LH) RBC, Ann Davies (AD).

4. **Declarations of interest and dispensations**

- a. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:** None
- b. **To receive written requests for the dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests:** None
- c. **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate:** None

5. **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday Thursday 17th December 2015 at 8pm.** Agreed and signed as correct.

6. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th December 2015 at 8pm:**
Clerk to request update from RBC regarding NBPC's precept request.

7. **Correspondence:**

- a. **Items for circulation:** given to parish councillors.
- b. **Police report;** none
- c. **Lloyds Banks, change to term and conditions**
- d. **Public Health Warwickshire: planning for health :** letter circulated for comments

8. **Consultation**

- a. **Local Plan :** After a long and detailed debate it was agreed to send the following response to RBC:

After careful consideration at their meeting this evening, Newton and Biggin Parish Council (NBPC) would like comment and object to the Local Plan's proposed development that will impact greatly on the village of Newton as follows:

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- *Should the proposed urban sprawl be approved NBPC would like a dividing strip, of a width of at least 20-25m along the length of the development to separate the urban sprawl from the village. This strip should be planted with a mix of high trees, shrubs and vegetation in order to screen light, air and noise pollution.*
- *Ideally, for every single new house a tree should be planted on the above densely wooded strip of land.*
- *The environmental impact of air, noise and light pollution will worsen. Newton is already adversely affected by the noise of lorries reversing at Coton Park House. At times the noise is already frequently very intrusive in the village.*
- *NBPC understand that warehouses are planned to border the motorway and would like the warehouses to be built at lower levels so to be less intrusive and less out of character with the village. The lower levels should be sufficient to reduce the noise from industrial activities, including the nuisance of the sound of lorries reversing.*
- *NBPC would prefer to see a mix of logistic warehouses and technology industry to ensure a broad range of employment opportunities.*
- *The urban sprawl is of such high density and quantity of buildings that Newton's village status is being eroded and is threatening the future viability of NBPC as well as the village's services being reduced.*
- *NBPC would like safeguards put in place to preserve the village status, parish council and services now and beyond 2031.*
- *NBPC feel that development surrounding the village of Newton is excessive when compared to the lesser amount of development in other areas of Rugby such as Dunchurch and Ashlawn Road areas.*

NBPC would like the opportunity to be more closely involved with any future consultations including in July 2016, when more detailed plans are due to be published for consultation. NBPC would like a full set of plans sent to them and a visit from a representative from the planning department to discuss the proposals, answer any questions and listen and consider NBPC's views and concerns.

The clerk was asked to send response immediately after the meeting via email to RBC, so that NBPC's views were received before the deadline of 19.02.16.

b. RBC Statement of Community Involvement: Formal Consultation 23.01.16 to 06.03.16. The documents were circulated so that the councillors could decide whether or to make any comments. It was decided that if comments were wanted then the clerk would be notified and extra meeting would be arranged if necessary to discuss proposals.

9. Burial Committee: Report and update by members of the burial committee: It was reported that at the last meeting two representatives from Clifton Parish Council attended for half an hour, before they left for another meeting.

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10. Finances:

a. **Statement of accounts:** Clerk is present the end of year accounts at the next meeting.

b. **Accounts for payment :** The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed.

i. **Eon street light electricity:**

ii. **Village Hall grant for LED lighting:**

iii. **Midland Admin Payroll :**

iv. **Clerk's salary:**

11. **Items for inclusion in next meeting:** LED lighting quotations

12. **Date of next 2 meetings:**

- 07th April 2016 at 8pm in the village Hall preceded at 7pm by the Annual Village Meeting.
- 19th May 2016 at 8pm for the Annual Parish Council Meeting at the village hall

13. **Exclusion of public:** The item was discussed and it was decided that NBPC were unable to offer any help.