

Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Newton and Biggin Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 26th November 2015 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.

Anyone wishing to report on the meeting should notify the Clerk or Chairman so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities.

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), Ann Davies (AD),
3. **Apologies:** Cllr Leigh Hunt (LH) RBC, PC Sharon Crabbe-Bailey, Cllr Philip Morris-Jones, WCC (PM-J)
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 15th October 2015 at 8pm.** Agreed and signed as correct after "green woodpecker" typing mistake altered
6. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2015 at 8pm:** JH will send the clerk a list of people who have helped at the picnic site to be thanked and mentioned on the website.
7. **Correspondence:**
 - a. **Items for circulation:** Most of the correspondence for circulation had been sent via email, including a timetable for the bus service, which the clerk will put on the website.
 - b. **Police report:** A number of incidents and burglaries have occurred and the report was circulated.
 - c. **Gritting routes:** The gritting route for this winter has been published by WCC and the situation remains the same as previous years for Newton.

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- d. **Eon street lighting maintenance:** A letter has been received to say the annual inspection and maintenance of street lights has been done.
- e. **Lloyds bank:** A letter had been received outlining changes to financial services compensation and was added to items for circulation.
8. **Bus Service Update:** All members had been forwarded the numerous emails about the bus service since the last meeting. The timings of the bus service was discussed and suggestion including making the service a circular and possibly profitable route between newton, Rugby town and the new shops at Elliot's field and back to Newton. Currently the 3 hour gap and wait in Rugby where other than banks, dentist and doctors are based, but the shopping centre has moved a couple of miles away to Elliots Field is not a good service due to lack of transport links. It was felt that a good bus service is essential to prevent people becoming house bound and a potential drain on services such as the health service. JH suggested a community bus such as Lilbourne's could be considered as a last resort.
9. **Planning**
- a. **R15/2319, 31 Betony Road, Retention of 1m high fence posts and provision of ornamental rope between posts with planting behind. Retention of fence panels for temporary period of 4 weeks: comment by 08.12.15.** It was decided to object on the grounds previously submitted.
- b. **R15/2303 25 Gentian Way, Erection of a first floor side extension: comments by 07.12.15** : It was decide that no comments were to be made.
- C: The Leys:** The planning application is due to be considered at the RBC planning committee on Tuesday 02.12.15. It was agreed to ask LH to mention on NBPC behalf, that the bus service, on which the planning application was in part due to recommended on, is now only service that is due to continue for six months.
10. **Consultation: Warwickshire County Council Consultation under under regulation 18 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Warwickshire Minerals Plan (2017 - 2032) comment by 5pm 04.12.15:** It was decided to circulate the information to allow individual to comment on if they wanted to.
11. **LED Lightening: To discuss progress re: providing trial light.** It is hoped that the trial of the first LED street light is to be in The Hollies. JH is to get a firm quotation and two other quotes to ensure best value.
12. **Picnic site: To give update of progress and approve quotations as necessary:** There had been a site meeting yesterday and more progress was expected in the new year, with tree thinning, 3 dams to be put in the pond and railway drains to be capped. Steve Cook from RBC has said that he help with a matching gate to stop motor cycles from spoiling the area. RBC's Paul Merghan is to provide trees and put rubble in the pot holes. RBC are also clearing the board walk and unfortunately another picnic table has been stolen. There are crumbling banks to be addressed too. JH is to make a report to Aviva by 09.12.15 on how the grant has been spent. DC thanked FP and JH for their hard work on this project. The clerk handed JH a copy of the picnic site accounts as below:

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Income

16.07.14	grant	171.00
23.03.15	grant	1000.00
20.07.15	Aviva grant	975.00
		2146.00

payments made

			VAT	Total
07.07.15	petrol	4.75	0.95	5.70
06.10.15	type 1	452.00		452.00
06.07.15	strimmer	166.66	33.33	199.99
06.07.15	safety hat	24.99		24.99
31.01.15	chainsaw	166.66	33.33	199.99
10.07.15	strimmer line	8.33	1.66	9.99
09.07.15	barrier tape	7.74	1.55	9.29
26.11.15	plant hire and fuel	338.40		338.40
		1169.53	70.82	1240.35

13. Highways:

a. State of the roads: The heavy lorries based in the Tripontium business park has large lorries turning on to A5 and taking up the road as they turn. Cars going over the hill have very little time to react to a large lorry slowly turning from a small junction with no feeder lane. Residents have reported hearing the lorry driver feel unsafe making this turn and are choosing to come through the village instead on roads that have a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes and are unsuitable for heavy traffic. There is a fear that a lorry will get stuck or cause an accident

b. St Thomas's Cross update: LH has been asked to pursue options

14. Finances:

a. Statement of account: presented

b. Accounts for payment agreed and cheques signed for:

i. Reimbursement to JH for R Hyde £338.40 for hire of digger and fuel.

ii. Midland Admin Payroll £14.10

iii. Eon Street lights electricity £74.77

15. Burial Committee Funding: To discuss precept request and the future funding of burial committee:

As the burial committee was not quorate yesterday, due to the non-attendance of all the Clifton Parish Councillors, a budget has been unable to be set. It was reported that Clifton were asking for the ratio of precept given by each parish council is to be looked at in relation to current size of villages. It was commented that both villages were expected to a lot of new properties built in the near future due to large scale development within each of the parishes' current boundaries. It was decided to allow up to £700 in budget for the burial committee and to wait and see what Clifton PC decide at their up-coming meeting.

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16. **Items for inclusion in next meeting:** Budget setting, a possible talk by WCC transport re bus service at 7.30pm

17. **Date of next meetings** 17.12.15 and 18.02.16l at 8pm in the village Hall