

Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm on 28th May 2014 at The Village Hall, Newton.

1. **Present:** Dave Carter (DC), Anne Davies (AD), Frank Preston (FP), Jim Hotten (JH)
2. **Apologies:** Judith Leggatt (JL), PC S Crabbe-Bailey, Cllr. Leigh Hunt (LH)
3. The newly elected councillors signed their declarations of acceptance of office and gave their returned forms to the clerk to keep on file. The councillors were reminded to return their declarations of pecuniary interests to Rugby Borough Council. As JL had given her apologies the clerk was to ensure her declaration of acceptance was duly signed at a later date but before the next meeting.
4. **Election of chair:** Frank Preston proposed Dave Carter. Jim Hotten seconded the proposal. As all were in agreement Dave Carter was appointed Chair and took control the meeting.
5. **Election of Vice chair:** Anne Davis was proposed by Frank Preston and seconded by Dave Carter. As all were in agreement Anne accepted the role of vice-chair.
6. **Declarations of Interests:**
 - a. Jim Hotten declared an interest that he has invested in the village pub
 - b. Frank Preston declared an interest that he had invested in the village pub
 - c. Dave Carter declared an interest that he works for the fire service.
7. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2014:** The minutes were agreed and signed as correct.
8. **Items arising from minutes of meeting held on 26th March 2014:** There had still been no news on the landfill site.
9. **Appointment of sub committees / miscellaneous representatives:**
 - a. Burial Committee: Judith Leggatt
Jim Hotten
 - b. Charities: Anne Davis
 - c. Allotments: It was decided that the parish council's representation was not needed and the clerk was asked to write to the allotments committee to ask that if they needed input from the parish council, they should write via the clerk rather than through representation.
 - d. Emergencies: Anne Davis
Dave Carter
 - e. Village Hall: Frank Preston

It was decided that as the parish council has very little input to the allotment committee that the clerk would write to the allotment committee and say that although there was no parish councillor appointment to attend allotment meetings, they could still write or telephone the parish council via the clerk with any queries.

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10. Correspondence: No decisions were required and the clerk gave the correspondence to councillors for circulation.

11. Picnic Site: The clerk was awaiting the RBC's decision regarding the grants.

12. The litter pick: The litter pick had gone very well

13. Highways:

- a. **State of the roads update:** Patching had been done and there are yellow marks so there is likely to be further improvements shortly. Severn Trent are also working in the village
- b. **Requests for agricultural vehicles turning signage update:** the clerk had spoken to WCC who assured her that the signage works had been ordered and were imminent.
- c. **Damaged kerbstones repair:** The clerk had raised the issue with WCC and the repair was being scheduled.
- d. **Footpath number R108 Issue number A00756:** The complaint has been logged.
- e. **Surface dressing due 23.07.14:** The clerk explained that the date is an estimate depending on weather conditions and whether there are any unforeseen delays to the surface dressing programme.

14. Planning: R14/0855 application for the installation of a mobile home for residential use. The council agreed that they had no objection providing that the mobile home is not replaced with a permanent structure and doesn't set a precedent of permanent buildings nor further caravans for residential use on the land or the surrounding area.

15. Consultations:

- a. **RBC Speed Limit review for roads in Clifton Upon Dunsmore:** After discussion DC proposed that the response be that the parish council is not opposed but question the need, reinforcement, environmental impact of new signage and the costs. JH seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and the clerk asked to action.
- b. **WCC West and Shires Permit Scheme Consultation:** No response required.
- c. **Electoral Review of Warwickshire:** JH was concerned that Rugby's representation would be reduced. It was decided that the clerk would not respond until the councillors had considered the information further.
- d. **Fire Service consultation:** After discussion AD proposed and JH seconded the response that the parish council express concerns for the depth and scope of cuts and are concerned about the safety of residents in Newton and the more remote areas of Warwickshire.

16. Finances:

- a. Statement of accounts: Latest bank statement shown and accounts circulated. It was agreed that AD would approve and sign audit after internal audit.
- b. Accounts for payment: Payment approved and cheques signed for:

i	Insurance	£361.11
ii	Eon Street Lighting	£48.09
iii	Seeds and plants for picnic site	Kindly donated by JL and Dc

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17. Items for inclusion at next meeting: It was requested that the clerk send a letter to thank Richard Greenaway for his years of service to the parish council. The clerk to action immediately.

JH wished to discuss the provision of LED street lights as a cheaper alternative to the existing traditional lights.

18. Date of next meetings:

09th July 2014 at 8pm at Village Hall

27th July 2014 at 8pm at Village Hall

08th October 2014 at 8pm at Village Hall

19. Motion to exclude public:

It was agreed that a working party needed to be set up but no decision was able to be taken.

Signed

Date