

# Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 at The Village Hall, Newton.

1. **Present:** Dave Carter, Judith Leggatt, Anne Davies, Richard Greenaway, Cllr P Morris-Jones, Cllr L Hunt
2. **Apologies:** PC S Crabbe-Bailey
3. **Declarations of Interests:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013:** The minutes were agreed and signed.
5. **Items arising from minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013:** There were no matters arising.
6. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Items for information and circulation distributed
  - b. Rugby Borough Council a "picture of Rugby" – request by Mayor for photographs, pictures and drawings. Judith Leggatt suggested the PC run a completion at the village fete and the clerk was to re-send the information to the councillors.
7. **Community Asset:** Dave Carter gave a brief update and confirmed that the pub has now been registered as a community asset.
8. **Picnic Site:** Dave Carter, Judith Leggatt and Richard Greenaway have met Rugby Borough Council Mick Stent's replacement, Paul Merner, at the picnic site. They were shown around the site and it is looking good. Judith Leggatt is to look into sponsors for the planting scheme, e.g. Tebbs and Rugby Borough Council. Leigh Hunt suggested applying to PMJ £5000 fund details of which had been given to Dave Carter. It was decided to apply for a grant of £250 to seed and plant the picnic site and the clerk was asked to do this.

Other suggestions for items to complete the picnic site included 3 or 4 picnic tables, a dog waste bin, a prickly holly bush for under the arc and a speed bump to prevent cars "donutting" . It was also suggested that perhaps triangles could be used to plant memorial trees although a concern was raised that the leaves dropping would make the path treacherous.

Paul Merner was going to also provide a low lockable barrier that was not on the original plan.

Dave Carter said that a bridge name could be put up and Judith Leggatt suggested "Newton Bridge" and Richard Greenaway suggested the original bridge number.

Dave Carter said that when the work was completed the council would write to thank Rugby Borough Council for the work.
9. **Highways:**
  - a. **Gritting route update:** The clerk was asked to send a copy of the original letter concerning the gritting route that she sent to Bryn Patefield to Cllr.Morris-Jones.

Dave Carter had written to the scrutiny committee and was concerned as the issue is getting urgent with the approach of autumn and winter.

Leigh Hunt asked Cllr Morris Jones whether the review had taken place yet and he thought that the gritting routes were normally printed in October and could Peter Butlin help influence the decision.
  - b. **State of roads:** It was reported that there was a large hole in the road by St. Thomas's Cross. Dave Carter is meeting the new surveyor, Dan Perkins next Wednesday as the surface dressing is already failing.

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## 10. Consultations:

- a) **DIRFT – invitation to submit written representations, evidence and questions by 14th August 2013 (letter circulated to councillors via e-mail prior to meeting):** Qu. 3.4 page 11 - It was decided that clerk would write to the enquiry to ask them to include the junction of the A5 and Newton Lane as this is a dangerous junction that is just 200 yards from the brow of a hill giving drivers less than 7seconds to turn into traffic that is travelling at 60mph. The hazard is even worse in the icy conditions as the road remains ungritted. The clerk is suggest a filter lane is provided. It was also commented that satellite navigation systems route people off the motorway to Newton via this junction.  
Qu 3.11 page 12 -The clerk was also asked to include, in her letter to the enquiry, Newton Manor Lane which is a cut through between the A426 and the A5.  
Dave Carter asked for suggestions on how to raise Newton's profile and it was suggested that the clerk write to Adrian heart at Warwickshire County Council.
- b) **The Waste Core Consultation:** This is being held on 20.08.13 and the clerk was asked to write to Barry rose of Rugby Borough Council and Ian Grace of Warwickshire County Council stating that since the planning application, the councillors have observed a substantial increase in tipping activity at the A5 site.

## 11. Planning:

- a. Ref: R13/0175 Springpools Fishery, Newton Lane Newton CV23 0AQ Certificate of lawfulness for use of building as a residential dwelling had been received.

## 12. Finances:

- a. **Audit: Update and internal auditor's invoice:** The internal audit had been completed by the new internal auditor and then by Anne Davies. Dave Carter proposed that Ken Maycock's invoice was paid and Judith Leggatt seconded the proposal. A cheque was signed for the payment.
- b. **Statement of accounts:** The clerk was asked to bring a half year budget to next meeting.
- c. **Accounts for payment**
  - i. Midland Admin – Payroll £16.20
  - ii. Clerks salary March – June £168.00
  - iii. PAYE March – June £42.00
  - iv. Clerk's expenses not presented.

13. **Items for inclusion in next meeting:** Richard Greenaway said that there was a road sign down opposite Watling Crescent at the end nearest the A5 by the grit bin. The clerk was asked to notify Dan Perkins at Warwickshire County Council.

14. **Date of next meeting:** 11.09.13 at 8pm at the village hall.

15. **Motion to exclude the public:** Item not required as no update available yet.

Signed

Date