



NRS&NMHPC

Newton Regis, Seckington and No Man's Heath Parish Council

Three villages, one community

No. 249

Tuesday 17th November 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present:

Cllr. D. Waithman	(DW) (Chair)
Cllr. G. Hunt	(GH) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. S. Wilson	(SW)
Cllr. D. Cox	(DC)
Cllr. R. Thirby	(RT)
Cllr. M. Ruston	(MR)
Mrs N. Allton (Clerk)	(NA)
Borough Cllr. M. Humphries	(MH)

Mr P Snelson, Mrs A Campbell

The meeting commenced at 7:33pm

1. Virtual Meeting Protocol

Participants were shown a slide with the following information:

- Participants will be held in the waiting room until admitted by the host.
- All members of the public must have their microphones on MUTE.
- If you wish to speak, please raise your hand physically or using the virtual RAISE HAND button, then UNMUTE yourself to speak.
- The meeting will be recorded to allow the clerk to write up accurate minutes.
- Participants may LEAVE the meeting at any time.

Action

2. Apologies for Absence: Borough Cllr. D. Humphries (DH).

Not Present: County Cllr. D. Parsons (DP), Police.

3. Police Items - None.

4. Open Forum- *Parishioners of Newton Regis, Seckington and No Man's Heath Parish are invited to address the council on any relevant matter for a maximum of three minutes per person.*

Covered in item 16.

- i) Speed Gun / Training - DC updated that PC Ackroyd may be able to recommence training after Christmas. The PC can borrow Shuttington's speed gun. Clerk to continue research into suitable model of speed gun to purchase. Clerk

5. Declarations of interest – None

6. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 29th September 2020 – agreed and will be signed at the first opportunity.

7. Matters Arising:-

- i) Unitary Authority - little support from smaller councils across the country. No decisions imminent.
- ii) Damage to Pavement in Townsend Close - DW to check if repair completed. DW
- iii) Community Grant - DC / DH ongoing. DH/DC
- iv) Gap in playground matting - GH to check repair will be suitable - ongoing following spring horse repairs. GH
- v) Tamworth Cricket Club III Team will be playing at Newton Regis next year. Not clear yet whether IV team will play. Appleby Girls team are keen to play next season.
- vi) Village Voice - DW has contributed a piece.
- vii) Dog signs purchased and four placed along Main Road.
- viii) No response from ANJRCC as yet, regarding disposal of equipment at Newton Regis Playing Field. Clerk Clerk
to try alternate methods to make contact.

8. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions.

a) Applications:

None

b) Determined:

i) P^{AP}/2020/0020 - Development behind Townsend Close - Refused

ii) P^{AP}/2020/0160 - The Potting Shed, Seckington - Granted

c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:

None

9. Financial matters: bank balances, cheques for signature, cheques raised since last meeting & expected bills.

○ General Account	£103.56
○ Playing Field Account	£308.62
○ Deposit Account	£9,438.44
○ Reserve Account	£6,012.30
	£15,862.92

<u>Cheques for Signature after the meeting:</u>		
17.11.20	N Allton - Zoom Meeting Subscription 14.39 & Stamps 7.80 & Stationary 2.50 (#1172)	£24.69
17.11.20	R Cox - Repairs to Telephone Box (#1173)	£30.00
<u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u>		
29.9.20	N Allton - Zoom Meeting Subs 14.39 and Salary Arrears 27.04 (#1164)	£41.43
30.9.20	N Allton - Salaries September 20 (SO)	£185.12
3.10.20	Cancelled (#1165)	0
13.10.20	E.On - Unmetered Supply (#1166)	£56.03
13.10.20	Smith of Derby - Village Clock Maintenance (#1167)	£291.60
13.10.20	PFK Littlejohn LLP - External Audit (#1168)	£240.00
17.10.20	Defib Store Ltd - Defibrillator Battery (#1169)	£208.80
31.10.20	N Allton - Salaries October 20 (SO)	£189.63
3.11.20	CPRE - Annual Subscription (#1170)	£36.00
3.11.20	DG Business Machines Ltd - Signs (#1171)	£42.00
3.11.20	HAGS - Playground spares (#505)	£150.00
<u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u>		
10.11.20	Thistle Bowls Club - Playing Field Rent	£60.00
9.11.20	Interest - September & October	£0.22

- Budget for 2021 / 2022**- Unanimously agreed by all that precept for 2021/22 will remain at £10,900.
- All agreed to provide 2 x £50 voucher for field / maintenance volunteers.
- Surplus - where to allocate the surplus to be discussed in April.

10. Playing Field

a) Appleby Girls CC

- Appleby are keen to start playing at Newton Regis next season.

b) Ride on Mower

- Appleby are selling their mower, which is in better condition than Newtons. If the price is good value, all agreed to purchase from Appleby. Mr Snelson pointed out that it may be possible to bid for funding for a new mower from the Mercia Fund. All agreed to bid for one.

11. Playground

- Playsafety RoSPA inspection report** found that the nest swing was set at the wrong height. The supplier said equipment set to correct height. Playsafety reviewed and agreed nest swing was set at the correct height.
- The handle on the springie** has been bent. DW has bent back into correct position.
- Spring Horse** - DW has the clamps to replace. Access is difficult and Adie will help.

12. Mercia Park

- Community Fund** - Mr Snelson reported that there was £350k in the fund. £100k has already been allocated. Proximity to Mercia Park should give priority to applications for funding from NMH. Closing date for applications is 8/2/21. Suggestions for bids: mower for Newton Regis, replacement safety matting for Newton Regis playground. NMH Village Hall and NMH Church are entering their own bids.
- Community Liaison** - last meeting reported that the roundabout on the Ashby Road is next to be completed. JLR are still fully committed to Mercia Park.

13. Salt Street

Existing rights of way and footpaths must be added to the Definitive Map by 2026. A restricted by-way application has been submitted to Leicestershire County Council by the British Horse Society for Salt Street. Change to a restricted access by-way would be a down-grade and prevent access to motorised vehicles. It has no classification at present, therefore any vehicle is allowed to use it. There must be a condition to exempt farm vehicles that need access.

Salt St. classification is not up for consideration at the present time, as there is a waiting list. Maintenance was passed from WCC to LCC and was last maintained by LCC in the 1990s.

The Parish Council can write to LCC in support of the classification and the Clerk to inform the residents of NMH Clerk when it come up at LCC. NWBC can also support the classification.

14. Telephone Box

A qualified electrician needs to look at moving the defibrillator from the wall at Manor Farm to the telephone box. DC DC to ask Mr Hopkins to quote for repairs to wooden roof and re-painting exterior.

15. Tree on St. Mary's Grove

The trunk has split on the bush which leans onto the footpath. Bush needs removing for safety. DW sent photos to Mike Newnham. MH to meet DW to look at bush, but most likely will need to be referred to County Council. DW/MH

16. Wall belonging to Mr and Mrs Smith

This has been resolved with NWBC.

17. Railings Outside Old Post Office

The weeds have overgrown again. Clearance is needed. DW to pass to Mike Newnham at NWBC. DW

18. Litter Pick Dates

The recent litter pick was very successful with an excellent turnout of volunteers. Next litter pick dates will be 13 February, 12 June and 16 October 2021. DC
GH reported a windscreen and cable drum need picking up from Main Road.

19. Christmas Lights

A tree has been ordered to be placed near the church. DW to arrange necessary lights in time for 6pm on 6 December light switch on. DC and GH to print and deliver leaflets encouraging residents to switch their own home lights on at 6pm and take part in a door step Christmas Carol. Covid restrictions prevent residents from attending the tree switch-on. DW
GH/DC

20. Goosewalk

Cancelled until 2022.

21. Correspondence -

- None

22. Business, which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered as a matter of urgency under section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

- a) Newton Regis defibrillator in unavailable and awaiting repair / replacement. Clerk
- b) Duckpond - SW advised if there is a prolonged dry spell during winter the cleaning can be carried out. SW
to check silt can be dumped on fields. GH to supervise fish removal nearer the time. GH

23. Confirmation Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7.30pm. Via Zoom app.

The meeting closed at 21.17

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman
Date