



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 249

Tuesday 29th September 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. D. Humphries (DH)

Ms R Bramble
The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

1. Virtual Meeting Protocol

Action

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.

2. **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr. D. Parsons (DP), Borough Cllr. M. Humphries (MH).

Not Present: 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) DH - Unitary Authority Consultation - WCC alleged that all districts and parishes had confirmed support for this change, but there was no support. It was discussed by the PC in 2015 but not supported. The Association of Local Councils were not in favour of this change in 2015. Number of councillors would be reduced to around a quarter of the current number. PC to respond to the consultation. Clerk
- ii) Damage to pavement in Townsend Close - already reported to County Highways by DW. DW

5. **Declarations of interest** – None

6. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 7th July 2020** – agreed and will be signed at the first opportunity.

7. Matters Arising:-

- i) Community Grant - DH can apply for funding for sports equipment if space allows. DH/DC
- ii) Gap in playground matting - GH to fill once he has checked the material content. GH
- iii) Pavement in Townsend Close - DW has notified County Highways. DH

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

a) Applications:

- i) PAP/2020/0160 - The Potting Shed, Seckington - Retrospective change of use
- ii) PAP/2020/0400 - The Cottage, Seckington - Two Storey Rear Extension

b) Determined:

- i) PAP/2020/0010 - Austrey Lane, No Man's Heath - Two Storey Rear Extension - granted
- ii) PAP/2020/0345 - Rose Cottage, Seckington - works to 5 trees - no objections

c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:

None

- i) PAP/2020/0020 - 9 houses behind Townsend Close - deferred. - NWBC Planning Board will consider this application on 5/10/20.

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

○ General Account	£407.43
○ Playing Field Account	£98.62
○ Deposit Account	£10,738.56
○ Reserve Account	£6,012.20
	£17,256.81

<u>Cheques for Signature after the meeting:</u>		
29.9.20	Playsafety Ltd (#504)	£99.00
29.9.20	N Allton - Zoom Meeting Subscription 14.39 & Salary Arrears 27.04 (#1164)	£41.43
<u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u>		
9.7.20	Lloyds Bank - Cheque Fee (Automatic)	£7.00
10.7.20	Eon - Unmetered supply (#1161)	£468.00
10.7.20	N Allton - Covid Playground signs (#500)	£18.00
10.7.20	South Staffs Water Business - Playing field water (#501)	£193.43
31.7.20	N Allton - Salaries July 20 (SO)	£185.12
25.8.20	Information Commissioners Office - Data Protection Renewal (#1162)	£40.00
25.8.20	N Allton - Printer Ink (#1163)	£51.00
31.8.20	N Allton - Salaries August 20 (SO)	£185.12
15.9.20	Thorpe Estate - Field Rent (#502)	£300.00
15.9.20	JMG Amenity Ltd - Weed Control, fertiliser, loam (#503)	£315.60
<u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u>		
13.7.20	Thistle Bowls Club - Playing Field Water	£156.23
25.8.20	Newton Regis Village Hall - Playing Field Water	£37.20
9.8.20	Interest - July & August	£0.98
18.9.20	NWBC - Precept	£5,450.00

a) **Clerk's Salary** - Annual increase was agreed, with arrears paid for April to September 2020. Point 9 + 1% = £189.63 per month.

10. Playing Field

a) Playground

- i) RoSPA inspection - 3 risks identified. The nest swing is set too low. Clerk has contacted Sutcliffe Play, who Clerk recommended to adjust it ourselves. Clerk to take measurements and photos and write back to Sutcliffe requesting a better solution. Clerk
- ii) Spring horse clamp needs replacing. DW to source a supplier. DW

b) Tamworth CC

- i) The club have not played any matches at Newton Regis this year. DW to check with CC what their intentions for next season are. DW

c) Appleby Girls CC

- i) The girls team have used the pitch for practice for several weeks. It is a well supported team, as the former ANRJCC players are now playing at Appleby Magna. A formal agreement to be worked out with Appleby Magna CC next season.

d) ANRJCC Equipment

- i) The nets and containers are still owned by ANRJCC. Clerk to contact Julie Patrick to find out whether the club wants to sell them. Clerk to find out what is in the ANRJCC constitution regarding ownership and disposal of assets. A copy to be supplied to the PC. Clerk

11. Community Speedwatch / PCC

PC Sarah Fretter training more trainers, so can't prioritise further training to the PC at the moment. Simon Ackroyd has the paperwork and has visited Newton Regis to make measurements. Volunteers still awaiting laser training. Speed gun available to be borrowed from Shuttington PC.

12. Crime

There seems to be an increase in low level crimes and attempted burglaries locally.

a) Neighbourhood Watch

The NHW has been less active recently. Wendy Morris coordinates the paperwork. Clerk to pass details to GH for rural crime alerts. Clerk

13. Training

DW asked DH if any training could be arranged to help the Parish Council through the process of removing travellers from PC land. DH said he could.
The County and Borough is protected by a high court injunction.

14. Diversity Policy

All councillors to read the draft Diversity Policy and consider adopting at the next meeting.

15. Village Voice

Sadly, Mrs O'Connor has passed away and the Village Voice correspondent on the Tamworth Herald has not been replaced. DW to contact the Tamworth Herald to find out if an interim correspondent from the Parish Council can be nominated. GH to put an announcement in News and Views to keep the village updated. DW
GH

16. Duckpond

The harvest was late this year, due to the weather, so there wasn't been anywhere to dispose of the duckpond silt in August. Garlands are able to accept the silt at the end of October. SW to make contact with the contractor to arrange the pond clean in October. GH has fish holding tanks ready. SW

17. Flower Tubs

Clerk to write to all residents that maintain the flower tubs, thanking them for their contribution. GH to publish a list of names in the News and Views. DW
Clerk
GH

18. Grit Bins

Councillors to check grit bins. NWBC will re-fill them. All

19. Christmas Lights

The lights need to be re-hung. Need to work out best way to reach them safely or leave them as they are. DW to speak to Mrs Faulkner as to whether a Christmas tree can be sited on church ground and access the church electricity supply for the lights. DW

20. Mercia Park

MR has withdrawn from the funding group due to work commitments. MR to send Clerk Louise Cotton's details (funding group contact) to enquire if an alternate member from the PC can join the group in place of MR. MR
Clerk to write to Peter Snelson to enquire if he is also on the group. Clerk
New signage warning of traffic delays has been installed along the Ashby Road by the Mercia Park.

21. Correspondence -

- No Man's Heath Village Hall - List of contacts
- NWBC - Draft Local Plan additional documents - Clerk to email link to Councillors. Clerk

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) Dog Signs - DW to purchase 6 x A5 and 1 x A4 for £35+VAT. DW
- b) No Man's Heath Village Hall - Minutes from a meeting held in 1983 stated that a Parish Council representative is required by the Charity Commission to be on the committee.
- c) Mrs Campbell (NMHVH Chair) has updated the trustees on the Charity Commission website. The NMHVH committee has agreed to close the village hall due to Covid-19 without reference to the Parish Council, as MR has not been invited to any committee meetings. Can Mrs Bramble find out why MR has been excluded from recent committee meetings?
- d) Next Newton Regis village litter pick - 17 October 2020. DC to contact Mark Kennell for equipment. DC
- e) Mrs Edge asked if the hedge can be cut back at the bottom of Hames Lane. Clerk to contact Mike Newnham. Clerk
- f) Playground benches are in hand with the Clerk and Mrs Porter. Clerk

23. Confirmation Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 7.30pm. Via Zoom app.

The meeting closed at 21.34

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman
Date