



# NRS&NMHPC

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

*Three villages, one community*

## No 268

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

No Man's Heath Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr. D Waithman (DW) (chair)

Cllr G Hunt (GH) (vice-chair)

Cllr. D Cox (DC)

Cllr. S Wilson (SW)

Cllr. R Thirlby (RT)

Cllr. M Rushton (MR)

Mrs B Cox (Clerk) (BC)

County Cllr. M.Humphreys (MH)

Mr P Horobin.(PH) Mrs. V Abbott.(VA)

1. **Apologies for absence** - Cllr. D Humhreys

2. **Police Items** - None. Police not present

3. **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.**

a) PH advised that Henney's pond was very overgrown and was being used as a tip.

SW is to speak to Thorpe Estates about it.

**Action SW**

b) PH had noticed that the grass had been cut albeit very badly. MH said she had received lots of complaints regarding No Mow May and the dangers this caused on road junctions, so she had given instructions that the grass be cut.

c) PH had tried but had not been able to speak to anyone at the council about the garages and footpath at Townsend Close. MH is to pass the issue onto Cllr D Humphreys. PH suggested that the parish council may need to carry out a risk assessment on the footpath. GH said we would need to establish who is responsible for the footpath.

d) DW volunteered, on behalf of the Village Voice, to place an advert with the Tamworth Herald advertising the Open Gardens Event.

**Action DW**

e) VA enquired about the streetlamp in Seckington Lane that was knocked over. DC is to forward an email trail to MH regarding the requests that had already been made for the light to be repaired. GH advised that the road sign sited on the light also need repairing as the bracket expands in the heat and slips down the post.

**Action DC**

4. **Declarations of interest** - GH declared a possible interest in item 14.

5. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.** Agreed and signed.

6. **Matters Arising: -**

a) DW raised the issue of the weight limit on Kings Lane. The PC's request for a weight limit has been refused by Highways but as the request has the support of the police MH said she would continue with it. GH reported that there was a drain cover that had been damaged by the heavy traffic. MH is to arrange for the drain cover to be inspected. GH is optimistic that the volume of traffic may reduce once the building work is finished.

b) DW gave an update on the height barrier. The issues have not been rectified but the Clerk is to write to the company again warning them that we will invoice them for the costs of the missing parts.

**Action BC**

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- c) DW and GH are to paint the swings and would agree on a date to do it.  
**Action DW GH**
- d) SW advised that Cameron Homes have the railing for the duckpond and hope to get it replaced before the Open Gardens Event.
- e) Cameron Homes and the County Council need to liaise with each other regarding the re-instatement of the streetlight. MH suggested that she ask Street Lighting to contact SW to arrange a site visit and to co-ordinate this with Cameron Homes.
- f) GH asked MH about the possibility of installing solar panels in the bowling green. This could lead to a reduction in the precept if enough income could be generated. MH agreed that it would be good for the community and would try and find a suitable solar panel company to speak to the PC.
- g) There were discussions around potential use of the pavilion – nursery, after school club, man shed.

### 7. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions

#### a) Applications:

- i) **PAP/2023/0084 - Arland, Clifton Road, No Man's Heath. – agricultural building to house livestock & store fodder. No objections**
- ii) **PAP/2023/0156 - Queen's Head, Newton Regis. – Consent for the erection of illuminated & non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. Objections** to be submitted around the suitability in Conservation area relating to the lights, colour, signage, unsuitable pictures, site of fixed signage.  
**Action Clerk**
- iii) **PAP/2023/0180- Newton House, Main Rd, Newton Regis. – Cart hovel to provide parking and store no objections**
- iv) **PAP/2023/0219 – 30 Austrey Lane, NMH proposed dropped kerb access to domestic house frontage no objections**

#### b) Determined:

- i) **PAP/2023/0017 – Works to trees in conservation area at the Old Post Office, Main Road. Objection to works TPO required.**
- ii) **PAP/2022/0387- Erect New Gates to front of 16 Austrey Lane, Newton Regis – Granted**
- iii) **PAP/2023/0033 – Removal of a Sycamore Tree 8 Hames Lane – No Objection to works.**
- iv) **PAP/2023/0039 - Erection of log cabin for Tourists , Shuttington Lane.- Refused**
- v) **PAP/2022/0615 – The erection of a single dwelling, detached double garage & associated parking Newton Close Farm, Austrey Lane , Newton Regis. – Refused.**
- vi) **PAP/2022/0207 – Change of use of land to residential garden & new building Meadow House, Austrey Lane, Newton Regis – Granted**

#### c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:

- i) **PAP/2021/0681 - St Mary's Hall, Main Rd, newton Regis. Conversion of building into two dwellings, with associated Conservation Area works for demolition part of wall and removal of steps.**

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

#### Bank Balances (adjusted for cheques being signed at this meeting)

➤ General Account	£527.33
➤ Playing Field Account	£782.68
➤ Deposit Account	£6788.39
➤ Reserve Account	£6031.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,130.21</b>

**£2045.00 has been earmarked for the Duckpond Project**

#### Cheques for signature at the meeting

No Man's Heath Village Hall - Room Hire £27.00  
Andrew Cox – gardening at the duckpond £20.00  
D Waithman -Land Registry Fees £39.90  
D Waithman – cleaning materials & screws £59.26

**Cheques Raised & Payments Made Since Last Meeting**

1278	V Wilson – Installation of Height Barrier	£500
SO	B Cox – salary March	£201.07
571	Thorpe Estates – Rent	£300
1279	B Cox – Printing, Stationery, arrears of pay	£57.77
1280	Npower – Electricity	£58.60
572	JMG Amenity – moss treatment and fertilizer	£454.20
SO	B Cox – salary April	£201.07
1281	WALC – Subs	£249.00
1282	BHIB – Insurance	£1233.92
1283	B Cox – MS Office licence, printing, arrears of pay	£44.66
1284	A Allsopp - Internal Audit	£120.00
1285	D G Signs - Sign for height barrier	£50.00
SO	B Cox – salary May	£220.13
573	A Webb (Thistle Bowls) Electricity overpayment	£50.11
574	D Waithman – keys, bolts, padlocks, electricity reimbursement	£53.65
575	Watertight of Polesworth – Repairs to pavilion toilet	£135.00
576	JMG Amenity - Herbicide treatment to field	£540.00

**Income Received Since Last Meeting**

Interest – Deposit Account April & May	£5.72
Interest – Reserve Account April & May	£7.24
Precept – NWBC	£7000.00
Rent – Appleby Cricket Club	£200
Rent – NR Village Hall	£60
Rent – Tennis Club	£60

❖ **The Council agreed that £1000 would be transferred from the Deposit account to the Reserve Account**

**9. Village Issues**

**a) Newton Regis**

- i) Open Gardens Event – discussed at item 3
- ii) Village Hall Car Park – nothing
- iii) It was agreed that the Flying club could continue as there were no issues
- iv) Cameron Homes would like to put up temporary signs and flags. As they have supported community events and are still discussing support for the duckpond project the PC have no issues, but GH suggested that we would need clarity on the size and siting of the signs

**b) Seckington** - nothing

**c) No Man's Heath** – nothing

**10. Speed aware** – there was nothing to report but DC is to contact the police regarding a timescale for training before volunteers are sought.

**Action DC**

**11. Playing Field** – due to the bad Spring the grass has not been cut how we would want. Adie is not available for mowing, so help is needed. Volunteers from the cricket club are to be trained to help. RT may be able to help if things are desperate.

**12. Bowls Club** - the green desperately needs cutting but there is no access to get the tractor on there. A gate is needed in the fence, some slabs need to be removed and a slope installed. SW agreed to have a look at it.

**Action SW**

**13. Duckpond** - Cameron Homes have asked for a schedule of works before they agree to the grant. MH offered to speak to the Community Officer about a possible grant.

**14. Duckpond wall and trees** - the PC has had a quote of £700 to take down the trees that are potentially doing damage to the wall. There are differing opinions from specialists about the damage. Planning permission is needed to remove the trees. We are waiting to hear back from our insurers regarding any potential claim.

It is unclear if the wall is in the conservation area and investigations are ongoing as to the actual ownership of the wall. It may be that the house wall having been built on top of the duckpond wall could be causing the wall to

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collapse. There is also an issue with vegetation growing on the wall. Costs are likely to be around £10k to remove the vegetation and repair the wall. The maintenance of the vegetation on the wall is an ongoing issue.

**15. Correspondence**

**Application for grant – Newton Regis FPTA** - It was agreed that a grant of £250 be awarded for the Fayre.

**16. 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) Playing Field inspection needs to be done as a matter of urgency.
- b) GH raised the issue of the high kerbs in the village being a potential hazard but as the kerb was raised to prevent flooding of the pathways it is unlikely that it could be lowered.
- c) SW reported that there had been complaints about the state of the footpaths in the fields.

**17. Date of next meeting** - 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm at the Bowls Pavilion , Newton Regis

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Chairman.....

Cllr D Waithman

Date .....