



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 266

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Bowls Pavilion, Newton Regis.

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)

PC Mike Redman (MR)

Mr A Walsh (resident) (AW)
Mr P Horobin (resident) (PH)

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence None

Not present : Cllr. M Humphreys, Cllr D Humphreys

- 2. Police items** – PC Mike Redman introduced himself to the PC. He is keen for the meetings to continue and will also provide monthly beat reports. He updated the PC about a Stop and Search in Salt Street and is sure that the message is going out that there is a regular police presence in the area. Vehicle crime is a big issue currently, but arrests have been made and there are pro-active vehicle ops during the nights. There have been no recent reports of ASB in the area but a theft from the building site had been reported. A 7.5-ton weight limit on Kings Lane would be supported by the police. He offered to do a speed check in the village if the PC could provide dates. PCSO Simeon Hodson is still also a point of contact. DW thanked him for attending the meeting.

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.*

Open Gardens Mr. Horobin asked the PC if the Open Gardens could be a PC led event so that it would be covered by the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance. DW advised that as the proceeds from the event go the church this was not possible. The PC's insurance policy would not cover the event. It is normal for individual household insurance policies to include Public Liability Insurance. There were discussions around directing some of the proceeds to village events and making it a bigger event organised by the village. GH suggested looking into it further with the insurance company. Mr. Walsh asked if the PC would consider making a grant towards the cost of buying insurance specifically for the event. This will be considered again by the PC if quotes are produced. The PC had not had a update regarding the tidying of the garages but DW would make further enquires. DW advised that it may be possible to use the tractor to tidy the grass if the borough council don't do it in time for the event. DC advised that there was a Litter Pick planned for 24th June.

ACTION DW and ONGOING

4. Declarations of Interest - None.

5. Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting – 24th January 2023 agreed and signed.

6. Matters Arising: -

- a) GH felt that more enhanced railings around the duckpond would have been better. He was disappointed that the original decision made by the PC to enhance them had subsequently been overturned. SW said planning permission was needed to change the design and that Cameron homes would be replacing the railings like for like. Mr. Walsh suggested that there should be consultation with parishioners in the future if the aesthetics of the village were to be changed.
- b) The height barrier installation has been delayed as a part is missing. DW was speaking with the installer to arrange a date for installation.
- c) The pot holes in the gateway of the village hall still need attention.
- d) Permission has been granted to move the dog waste bin close to the gateway of the village hall where it will be more convenient.
- e) The road sign at Seckington had not yet been re-instated but RT advised that he had seen 2 people inspecting it so was hopeful that it would be done.
- f) DC advised that litter picks were planned for 11/3/2023, 24/6/2023 and 11/11/2023 and that she hoped to arrange a Speed Watch.

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

a) Applications:

i) PAP/2023/0017 – The Old Post Office, N.R. Works to trees in Conservation Area to remove Norway Maple and Silver Birch.

ii) PAP/2023/0033 – 8 Hames Lane. Removal of Sycamore tree in Conservation Area.

iii) PAP/2023/0039 – Land 100 mtrs SW of Newton Regis Garden Store, Shuttington Lane
Erection of Log Cabin for tourists. – DW to check with Land Registry regarding ownership

ACTION: DW

b) Determined:

i) PAP/2022/0536 – The Old Rectory, Seckington. Installation of secondary glazing to windows. GRANTED

ii) PAP/2022/0568 – The Old Forge, Austrey Lane, No Man's Heath. Detached garage to replace existing. GRANTED

iii) PAP/2018/0413 – Shuttington Lane, N.R. Erection of Log Cabin. – WITHDRAWN

iv) PAP/2023/0017 – The Old Post Office, N.R. Works to trees in Conservation Area to remove Norway Maple and Silver Birch. OBJECTION TO WORKS TPO REQUIRED

ii) PAP/2023/0033 – 8 Hames Lane. Removal of Sycamore tree in Conservation Area. GRANTED

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

Bank Balances (adjusted for cheques being signed at Meeting)

	£
❖ General Account	502.65
❖ Playing Field Account	554.90
❖ Deposit Account	4,278.03
❖ Reserve Account	6,018.66
❖ Total	11,354.24

£2,045.00 has been earmarked for the Duckpond Project

Cheques for Signature at the Meeting

#1277 B Cox - Printing and envelopes	£20.64
#0569 D Waithman- Solicitors Fees & Keys	£93.89
#0570 M Draper – Fuel	£11.13

Cheques Raised and Payments Made Since Last Meeting

1276 North Warwickshire Council – Bin Emptying	£215.04
SO B Cox – Salary January	£201.07
SO B Cox – Salary February	£201.07

Income Received Since Last Meeting

Newton Regis Tennis Club – Water	£18.25
Newton Regis Village Hall - Water	£112.15
Interest – Deposit Account	£2.35
Interest – Reserve Account	£2.57

9. Village Issues

a) Newton Regis –

i) Open gardens - see above

b) **Seckington** – none

c) **No Man's Heath** - none

10. Playing Field –

i) Tractor Security – The police had provided an alarm for the tractor shed. There is no replacement for the current tracking system that we have but there is an alternative available at a cost of £84. It was agreed that this should be purchased.

ACTION: DW

ii) DW advised that some of the playground equipment needs attention, notably the swings need painting. GH agreed to help.

ACTION: DW/GH

iii) The safety matting in the playground needs attention and it was agreed that this would be organised by the PC. There have been two grass cuts to the field to date.

iv) DW will be speaking to Rory Green from the Tennis Club regarding giving access to the Tennis Club for those wishing to play.

11. Village Hall Car Park.

The PC had been asked about resurfacing of the carpark. DW calculated that it would cost at least £54k. There had been discussions with stakeholders around community funding but there appears to be a lack of funding available for maintenance. DW has approached an organisation called "Get Grants" about funding that may be available and is awaiting a response.

MG Groundworks have been asked to provide a quote for the resurface of the car park and will also quote to turn the bowls green into allotments.

12. Bowls Club House.

There were discussions about using the green for raised beds or community gardens which may avoid the need for the removal of the hardcore. This will re-visited once the PC have seen the quote from MG Groundworks. No Dig Cultivation was also mentioned.

DW advised that the electrics in the clubhouse need to be checked. The PC agreed that this should be done. There is also an issue with setting the alarm and DW is trying to find a company who could attend to it.

Appleby Juniors want to use the Pavilion for cricket matches for which they will pay rent to the PC. They are applying for grant funding for ladies' sport and may well spend some of the grant on the club house if they get the grant.

Football is also an option, especially for Ladies and Juniors both boys and girls teams.

13. Duckpond

GH advised that the quote was £7.5k to remove 1ft of silt and he knew that there was at least 2 ft, so at least £15k. He is hopeful of receiving a lower quote from Wrights of Twycross. He is trying to arrange a time with the director of the company to give the PC a firm quote. He is hopeful that the job could be done quickly.

Cameron Homes will tidy and plant around the duckpond once the silt has been removed.

14. Correspondence - none

15. 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.

i) The PC has not organised anything for the Coronation due to the lack of interest for similar events in the past but DW advised that there are grants available so if anyone has a plan the PC could apply for a grant of £500. MR advised that the parishioners of NMH had events planned.

ii) DW advised that the new clerk's 3 month trial period was almost at an end and offered the role to her on a permanent basis. All agreed and the clerk gratefully accepted.

iii) The elections this year require that people will be required to provide ID at the Polling Station. Information is available and the clerk is to publish the information on Facebook and the Website.

ACTION: BC

iv) SW asked if Cameron Homes will be repairing the duckpond railings before the Open Gardens Event. He will speak to Neil at Cameron Homes about getting the street light re-instated.

ACTION: SW

16. Confirmation Date of next Meeting :- Wednesday 17th May 2023, Bowls Pavilion Newton Regis

The meeting closed at 21.40.

Chairman

Cllr D Waithman

Date