



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 265

Tuesday 24 January 2023

No Man's Heath Village Hall

Present: Cllr. D Waithman (DW) (chair)
Cllr. D Cox (DC)
Cllr. S Wilson (SW)
Cllr. R Thirlby (RT)
Cllr. M Rushton (MR)
Mrs B Cox (Clerk) (BC)

County Cllr. D Humphreys (DH)

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

Mr D Curry (Model Flying Club) (DC)
2 members of Model Flying Club

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence Cllr. G Hunt (GH) (vice-chair), C. Cllr. M Humphreys
Not present : Police

2. Police items – DW had spoken to a new police contact PC Mike Redman who had hoped to be at the meeting but was unable to do so today. It is his intention to either attend himself, or have PCSO Hodson attend whenever possible, the Parish Council meetings in the future but will supply a beat report anyway. DH asked if the police had mentioned that County Lines were operating in Warton. More police patrols were needed and cameras need to be switched on but there is an issue connecting to electricity supply. There is an issue with not enough police bikes to cover areas with off roaders. Lots of Section 59's had been issued.

3. New Clerk - DW welcomed the new Clerk Mrs B Cox to the Council.

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.

a) Mr Horobin advised that Open Gardens was going ahead on 1st and 2nd July. Plans are progressing but requested help to improve the visitor experience to the village. The garages are a mess and need painting. The gulley leading to Kings Lane is not safe and needs tidying and a handrail installed. He asked if the grass could be cut a couple of times before the Open Gardens Day and that the road be swept. He also asked about Public Liability Insurance to cover the visitors to the gardens. Clerk and DW to have a further chat with a view to speaking to insurance company.

Action: Clerk/ DW

DH agreed to chase the Borough Council with regard to the garage doors that need repainting, cleaning of the roads and grass cutting but advised that road sweeping only takes place once or twice a year.

Action: DH

b) Mr Walsh thanked the PC for their help with processing the grant of £360 from Cameron Homes. There are enough funds to print the next issue. He also thanked and congratulated the PC on the success of the Christmas lights and the Carol Concert. Further thanks were offered for the Goosewalk although numbers were down this year.

Mr Walsh asked the PC to continue to support the Goosewalk going forward. If the PC could take the lead Friends of Newton Regis could provide the manpower.

Mr Horobin suggested that if alternative charities were to benefit from the proceeds of the Goosewalk it may encourage more support.

c) Mr Walsh asked if the PC intended to replace the duckpond railings like for like.

SW advised that it was Cameron Homes that were replacing the railings for the village and planning permission would be needed to change the style and that concrete posts were still available to replace the two that were damaged. The rail needs to be vehicle proof. The PC decided to go with replace like for like rather than change styles.

d) Mr Walsh asked if a decision had been made regarding the speeding restrictions previously considered. DW shared the report from the County Council regarding average speeds in the village which indicated that there is not a problem. DH confirmed that the CC will not consider any restriction unless there is a trigger. No accidents had been reported. DH offered budget from his allowance in May to put processes in place to check speeding should the council wish. DW thanked him for the offer. DC suggested that the Speed Watch be re-instated and results passed onto the CC if necessary.

e) Mr Curry and 2 other members of Polesworth Model Flying Club had approached the PC with a view to fly model aircraft on the village field. Mr Curry offered the PC a demonstration later in the year. He wanted to address any concerns regarding noise and intrusion and said that nearly all their models are now electronically powered. There are legal constraints around drones. All the members are competent pilots and are insured for £25m. The PC agreed on a 3 month trial period from the end of March, weather permitting. The club is to contact DW and GH prior to starting the trial and the PC will inform immediate neighbours before any trials start. Mr Walsh asked if they could do a demonstration on the Open Garden event and this was agreed in principal.

5. Declarations of Interest - None.

6. Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting – 15th November 2022 - agreed and signed

7. Matters Arising: -

a) The rusting chains on the nest swing had been picked up in the ROSPA report. DW had asked for their comments but had received no reply. DW had tried Trading Standards and CAB. He had taken advice from their solicitor at a cost of £50 but the solicitor said that it wasn't a case that Trading Standards would act on.

b) Suretrack – DW had tried the Police and Rural Crime for advice on a better tracker. He is going to speak to our new police contact for advice. Mr Horobin said he knew an alternative company and DW asked if he could advise him of the details.

8. Planning Applications

a) Applications:

i) PAP/2022/0607 – St. Mary’s Church - Works to trees in conservation area

b) Determined:

i) PAP/2022/0493 – Manor Farm - variations and change of use - granted

ii) PAP/2022/0607 – St Mary’s Church – Works to trees in conservation area – no objection

iii) PAP/2022/0545 – School House, Newton Regis – Works to Trees – no objection

c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals: None

9. 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	£640.47
❖ Playing Field Account	£529.52
❖ Deposit Account	£4,775.68
❖ Reserve Account	£6,016.09

Total **£11,961.76**

£2,045.00 is earmarked to Duckpond Project

Cheques for Signature at the Meeting

#1273 No Man’s Heath Village Hall - Room Hire	£27.00
#1274 WALC – Training for Clerk	£72.00
#1275 B Cox – Stamps, Printing, Stationery	£27.87
#0566 D Waithman – Screws	£4.90
#0568 D Waithman – Padlock	£29.71

Cheques Raised & Payments Made Since Last Meeting

#1263 WCC County Fund - Repayment of Bowls Club Grant	£1000.00
#0563 A Cox – Strimming	£40.00
S/O N Allton – Salary - November	£192.95
#1264 D Cox – Refreshments Christmas Light Switch On	£47.80
#1265 WALC – training For Clerk	£30.00
#1266 JA Walsh - Grant re News & Views	£40.00
#1267 NWAC – Subs	£17.50
#1268 Smithy Farm Shop - Christmas Tree	£160.00
S/O B Cox – Salary December	£201.07
#1269 N Allton – Salary December/backpay/stamps	£356.55
#1270 SLCC – Membership B Cox	£80.00
#0564 Hinckley Lawnmowers -Service	£280.00
#0565 Source For Business- Water Supply Playing Field	£250.38
#0567 A Passey – Ground Maintenance	£815.00
#1271 N Power – Electricity	£56.63
#1272 JA Walsh – Grant News & Views	£360.00

Income Received Since Last Meeting

HMRC – VAT repayment	£2380.36
Thistle Bowls Club – Water	£120.00
Cameron Homes – Grant re News & Views	£360.00
Interest - Deposit Account	£1.13
Interest – Reserve Account	£1.38

a) Review of Precept – DW advised that the PC had returned the £1000 grant originally received by the Bowls Club from Warwickshire CC. The grant, which the Bowls Club had given to the PC, was to be used for repairs to the slabs around the green. WCC weren't prepared for the PC to use it for other work on the site.

The PC had earmarked £1000 for the May elections but the Borough Council indicated that it is likely to be £2287. DH is to chase the BC on how that figure has been calculated.

An increase in precept can probably be absorbed by the new houses at Manor Farm.

It was agreed that the precept be set at £14,000 for 2023/2024.

Action: DH

b) Clerks Salary – agreed

10. Village Issues

a) Newton Regis –

i) Open Gardens – discussed above

ii) The notice board is looking very tatty, and it was agreed that the residents would get it tidied up and re-instate the gold lettering.

Action: SW

iii) DW has asked the County Council to check the lighting in the village. The light needs to be re-installed at the Cameron Homes site.

DH advised that he is chasing up CC regarding all street lighting issues.

Action: DH

iv) DW advised that Tamworth IV team won't be playing cricket at Newton Regis this year but Appleby are interested in playing 10 times a year. DW is waiting to hear back from them. They may have a match planned for the weekend of 1st and 2nd of July which would clash with the Open Gardens event.

v) Still waiting for the company to supply the height barrier for the car park. DW is chasing them.

vi) There are potholes again at the entrance to the car park RT will speak to Mr Arnold.

Action: RT

vii) Tees along the hedge need removing RT will have a look.

Action: RT

viii) DC is looking to organise litter picks and proposed one be done prior to Open Gardens. She will advise of the dates later and will leaflet drop the village. Mr Walsh is to publish in News and Views. The bus shelter needs to be tidied up and Mr Walsh offered Friends of Newton Regis for help.

Action: DC

ix) DC has been advised that lorries are still using Kings Lane. DH is arranging for a weight restriction, but it won't be done until the Spring

b) Seckington –

i) The sign post that had been knocked over is still there. DW is to contact Reece Berry at the CC with a view to getting it re-instated.

Action: DW

c) No Man's Heath – none

11. Playing Field - discussed above

12. Bowls Club Pavilion –

Discussions are still ongoing.

DW advised that the roof still has a guarantee, and the rest of the building is ok. Appleby Junior team want to continue to play here and use it and the senior Appleby team want to play here and also use it. This should generate some income and that is the main concern. It may be that the Model Flying Club will wish to use it. A gate in the fence may be needed to improve accessibility. DC suggested that an open day is held.

To turn the bowling green surface into allotments would create a lot of work due to the brick and stone underneath and removal would be at some considerable cost.

Mr Walsh asked if it could be used as a putting/croquet green.

DW said it would require upkeep and asked Mr Walsh to firm up his ideas.

13. Duckpond –

GH is still having ongoing discussions.

14. Goosewalk - Discussed above

15. Correspondence - None

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.

i) It was felt that it is too early to set a date for the Christmas light switch on.

Mr Walsh asked if it would now be the norm to go into the church rather than outside.

All agreed that it had worked well.

17. Confirmation Date of next Meeting – 7th March at the Bowls Pavilion Newton Regis at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.30.

Chairman

Cllr D Waithman

Date