

No 274 - Minutes

Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm The Village Hall, Newton Regis

Present:

Cllr. G Hunt (GH) Chair Cllr. D Cox (DH) Vice Chair Cllr. M Ruston (MR) Cllr. S Wilson (SW) Cllr. R Thirlby (RT) Cllr H White (HW) Mrs B Cox (BC) Clerk

County Cllr. M Humphreys (MH) PC Mike Redman

8 Residents

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

- Apologies for absence Borough Cllr .D Humphreys
- 2. Police Items- PC Mike Redman advised that he is still working in the area and using No Man's Heath Village Hall as a base and that an additional PCSO, Mollie is now also working in the area. It had been a quiet month with no major incidents. HGVs attempting to turn into No Man's Heath are being turned away. Cross border working had been going well. MH advised that signs prohibiting HGVs are being installed in No Man's Heath.
- 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 Residents are very concerned about the recent incidents of flooding in Kings Lane. Photographs had been sent to Steve Maxey. SW is to speak to the local land owner about clearing the ditches and culverts. MH advised that the issue had been listed at the County Council for investigation but it is currently taking between 6 to 9 months

ACTION: SW

- 4. Declarations of Interest None
- 5. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting 23rd January 2024

These were agreed unanimously and signed by the chairman

6. Matters Arising:

The Chairman introduced and welcomed our new Councillor Harry White.

- a) HGVs in No Mans Heath MR had met with Mercia Park and evidence of the issue was provided Signs are to be installed and JLR had written to contractors.
- b) The damaged mirror has been repaired
- c) Welcome Gates at NMH MH is to check with DH about this.

- d) FONR have fixed dates to tidy the village and are asking for volunteers to pick up jobs. Bins could be painted but really need replacing. MH agreed to ask for a new bin
- e) Garden waste has been dumped in Henney's pond. GH is keen to speak with those concerned. Maybe a note from the Parish Council to those living in the area might be a solution. SW is to speak with Thorpe Estates about the problem initially.

ACTION: SW

- f) Volunteers are needed to clear the bowling green area so that the Wildflower Meadow can be sown. The seeds will be funded by a grant received from WCC
- g) A cricket trophy, to be known as the David Waithman Trophy, is being chosen by Mrs Waithman.
- h) Grass cutting could be done by the village residents in NR if the council could provide 2 extra green bins. MH is to follow this up with DH.
- i) MH has the work schedule for the traffic junction of Hangman's Lane/Ashby Rd. This is to be lined out and is currently being designed.
- j) The recently installed stile was discussed. MH had spoken with the Rights of Way authority to check the legislation. She is to update the Parish council when she has any information. DH had mentioned Kissing Gates might be a preferable option.

7. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions

There has been no update regarding the Planning Applications for the 39 new homes or the application next to Lime Grove

a) Applications:

- i) PAP/2024/0040 Newton House, Main Rd, Newton Regis. Replace UPVC windows with framed box sash.
- ii) PAP/2024/0038 Barn conversion, 275m SW of Newton Lodge Farm, Austrey Lane, NMH, application to vary condition 2 of PAP/2921/0287 relating to change of use of barn to dwelling.
- iii) PAP/2024/0042 Newton House, Main Rd, Newton Regis Listed building consent for replacement of UPVC windows

b) **Determined**

- i) PAP/2023/0533 The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Seckington Listed building consent for proposed garage -Granted.
- ii) PAP/2023/0532 The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Seckington Proposed detached garage Granted

1. Financial matters:

i) bank balances, payments made since last meeting & expected bills.

Bank Balances

General Account £ 422.41
Playing Field Account £ 333.05
Deposit Account £1,852.51
Reserve Account £7,089.49

Total £9,697.46

£2045.00 has been earmarked for the Duckpond Project £350.00 has been earmarked for the Wildflower Meadow Project

Payments made since last meeting

950 HMRC £47.90 - PAYE January

951 Clerks Salary £190.40 - January

952 Nuneaton Signs 173.40 – Dog Fouling Signs

953 Village News and Views £100 - Donation

954 Newton Regis Village Hall £24 - Room Hire January

955 B Cox £87.88 – Litter picking kits & printer ink.

956 Hugo Fox £11.99 – Website 957 Clerks salary £190.40 – February 958 HMRC - £47.90 - PAYE February PF470 NR Tennis Club £52.10 – Electricity for Pavilion

Income Received

Newton Regis Tennis Club £18.66 – Water Costs Newton Regis Village Hall £108.80 – Water Costs Interest Deposit Account £2.24 February Interest Reserve Account £7.82 February

9. Village Issues:

a) Newton Regis

- i) Townsend Close There is still no news on the ownership of the garages. It is unlikely that this will be resolved before the Open Gardens event MH advised that she has agreed to spend the budget to get the footpath between Townsend Close and Kings Lane repaired but needs to do a walk through. The damaged barrier is on the list for repair and she will follow up the issue with the garages.
- ii) Footpaths Cameron Home have re-instated the footpath on one side of the road but are not taking responsibility for the damaged footpath near the duckpond. GH is to speak to Cameron Homes

ACTION: GH

iii) Village Hall Car Park- water is collecting on the village hall carpark. The Parish Council hope to install some sort of gulley and pipe to run into the road ditch. A resident has tripped on a raised stone on the car park. The high spots are an issue and need levelling. SW is to speak to Mark Barker.

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- iv) Welcome Sign Kings Lane. Needs a temporary repair.
- v) Dog Fouling This is still an issue on the path at the side of the village hall. New signs are to be put on the gate. Some sort of camera may be a deterrent.
- vi) Plastic bollards to prevent parking there is an issue on the verge near the church. Residents will be consulted before any bollards are installed.
- vii) Litter pick the recent litter pick was a success and the Parish Council wish to thank the volunteers. Next planned dates are 29th June and 26th October.

b) Seckington

none reported. The traffic junction was discussed in Open Forum above.

c) No Man's Heath

Dog fouling signs and litter picking kits have been given to the residents.

10. Bowls Club House/Pavilion

At this point two trustees of the Village Hall were invited to attend the meeting.

The Village Hall have concerns that hirers will want to use the Pavilion rather than the Village Hall which would undermine what was being done by the volunteers.

The Chairman (GH) wanted to assure the trustees that the central core of the village was the Village Hall and would not be undermined by the Pavilion. All activities should be held at the Village Hall if possible. Any hirer who approached the Parish Council with a view to hiring the Pavilion would be directed to the Village Hall first and the Parish Council would work with the Village Hall if they were unable to facilitate. The Chairman re-iterated that the Parish council do not wish, in any way, to undermine the Village Hall and their revenue streams. The Pavilion should not be the first consideration and the Parish Council would need to decide what happened going forward.

A vote was taken by the Parish Council that the Village Hall should be given first consideration. This was agreed unanimously.

11. Waste Collection Contract with NWBC

It was agreed to continue with the contract in its current form.

- 12. Playing Field Maintenance.
 - a)The Parish Council discussed the field and if it was necessary to treat the field with chemicals and herbicide as per the maintenance contract and schedule.
 - A vote was taken on not re-new the contract for this year and to see how the field re-acts.
 - It was agreed unanimously that the field should not be treated for the next 12 months and the contract not renewed.
 - b) GH is to contact Maurice via the cricket club regarding the upkeep of the cricket square
- 13. 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.

Section 106 Funding- £27k is available and Steph Wagstaff has asked the Parish Council for suggestions for spending.

Various ideas were spoken about and this needs to be decided asap.

Chairman Cllr.....

Date.....

14. Confirmation Date of next Meeting - 16 th April 2024 at 7.30pm at No Man's Heath Village Hall
The meeting closed at 9.45pm