



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

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

1. 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.

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 gully 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.

ACTION: SW

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.

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

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman Cllr.....

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