



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 248

Tuesday 7th July 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present:	Cllr. D. Waithman	(DW) (Chair)
	Cllr. G. Hunt	(GH) (Vice-Chair)
	Cllr. S. Wilson	(SW)
	Cllr. D. Cox	(DC)
	Cllr. M. Ruston	(MR)
	Mrs N. Allton (Clerk)	(NA)
	Borough Cllr. D. Humphries	(DH)
	Borough Cllr. M. Humphries	(MH)

The meeting commenced at 7:48pm following the AMPC.

Action

1. Virtual Meeting Protocol

Participants were shown a slide with the following information:

- Participants will be held in the waiting room until admitted by the host.
- All members of the public must have their microphones on MUTE.
- If you wish to speak, please raise your hand physically or using the virtual RAISE HAND button, then UNMUTE yourself to speak.
- The meeting will be recorded to allow the clerk to write up accurate minutes.
- Participants may LEAVE the meeting at any time.

2. Apologies for Absence: None.

Not Present: Cllr. R. Thirlby (RT), County Cllr. D. Parsons (DP), Police.

3. Police Items - None.

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.*

Covered in item 16.

- i) Speeding on King's Lane. DH has passed on speeding concerns to the County Council. It was noted that training/briefing was completed on the use of a speed gun on 3/3/20. There also appears to be an increase in HGVs using King's Lane and Main Road. Clerk to write to County Highways. Clerk
- ii) Community Grant - DC is looking into sport equipment costs. GH asked if money can be made available for help with maintenance of the tennis and bowls clubs. DC to meet with DW and GH at the playground. DW/GH/DC

5. Declarations of interest – None

6. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 3rd March 2020 – agreed and will be signed at the first opportunity.

7. Matters Arising:-

- i) Speed camera van - Clerk to enquire with Police if it can be deployed along King's Lane. Clerk
- ii) Kings Lane flooding - no progress to date.
- iii) Open Gardens 2020 - postponed due to Covid.
- iv) Playground bench - Mrs Porter to contact Clerk to select and order.
- v) Strimmer - original order cancelled. DW has purchased an alternative.
- vi) Community Speed Aware - briefing took place on 3/3/20.

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

a) Applications:

- i) PAP/2020/0268 - Tree reduction - 10 St. Mary's Grove, Newton Regis
- ii) PAP/2020/0296 - Works to trees - Kings Cottage, Main Road, Newton Regis
- iii) PAP/2020/0211 - Reduction of beech tree - Newton House, Newton Regis

b) Determined:

- i) PAP/2020/0021 - Vehicle Access - Kings Gambit, St. Mary's Grove Newton Regis - Granted.
- ii) PAP/2020/0012 - Extension - 2 St. Mary's Grove, Newton Regis - Granted.
- iii) PAP/2020/0179 - Extension - 1 Seckington Lane, Newton Regis - Granted.
- iv) PAP/2020/0210 - Extension & garage - Duncroft, Ash Lane, No Man's Heath - Granted.
- v) PAP/2020/0001 - Change of use to bungalow - Warren Farm, Hickey Lane, Newton Regis - Granted.

c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:

- i) PAP/2020/0020 - 9 houses behind Townsend Close - deferred. - DW attended a meeting at NWBC, with the following points: there is enough affordable housing in Newton Regis, the planned development is outside the village development boundary, there is in excess of 5.8 years of housing earmarked, the village lacks amenities. Clerk to send a copy of the submitted objections letter to DH. The planning application has been sent back to Highways for comment. SW questioned the size of the proposed site. Noted that there was space for further development beyond the proposed nine houses. DH to contact Jeff Brown for an update on further meetings.

Clerk

DH

Manor Farm - 106 money has now been agreed and development should go ahead.

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

o	General Account	£179.52
o	Playing Field Account	£331.22
o	Deposit Account	£6,588.04
o	Reserve Account	£6,011.74
		£13,110.52

<u>Cheques for Signature after the meeting:</u>		
7.7.20	Suretrack - Tractor (#497)	£144
7.7.20	Maurice Draper - Petrol & Field Maintenance (#499)	£124.00
7.7.20	Cllr. D Waithman - Strimmer, fittings and timber (#498)	£146.01
7.7.20	N.Allton - stamps, paper, Zoom app (#1159)	£33.04
7.7.20	AA Efficiency - Internal Audit (#1160)	£120.00
<u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u>		
28.3.20	Thorpe Estate - Field Rent (#489)	£300.00
28.3.20	JMG Amenity Ltd - Moss treatment (#490)	£468.00
31.3.20	Salaries March 20 (SO)	£185.12
20.4.20	RWA Thirlby - Fuel (#491)	£214.50
20.4.20	Wayne Hawkins - Pest Control (#492)	£20.00
20.4.20	Cancelled (#1153)	
20.4.20	Eon - Unmetered supply (#1154)	£167.48
30.4.20	Salaries April 20 (SO)	£185.12
18.5.20	WALC - Subscription Renewal (#1155)	£235.00
18.5.20	BHIB Ltd - Annual Parish Council Insurance (#1156)	£928.33
26.5.20	Hughie Willett Machinery Ltd - Mower spares (#493)	£44.02
26.5.20	Arborcare Tree Surgery - Duckpond willows (#1157)	£408.00
31.5.20	Salaries May 20 (SO)	£185.12
5.6.20	Hughie Willett Machinery Ltd - Mower spares (#494)	£207.93
5.6.20	WALC - Training (#1158)	£18.00
27.6.20	JMG Amenity Ltd - Weed Control (#495)	£504.00
27.6.20	Garfitts International Ltd - Mower parts (#496)	£49.94
30.6.20	Salaries June 20 (SO)	£185.12
<u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u>		
26.3.20	Newton Regis Tennis Club - Field Rent	£30.00
21.5.20	Thistle Bowls Club - Field Rent	£30.00
10.6.20	Newton Regis Village Hall - Field Rent	£90.00
10.6.20	Tamworth Cricket Club - Field Rent	£90.00
29.6.20	Tamworth Cricket Club - Field Maintenance	£110.00
29.6.20	WALC - Refund for unused training	£15.00
	Interest - March, April, May, June	£2.03

a) Clerk's Salary - Annual increase has not yet been agreed by the Unions. Hold until notified by NALC.

10. Playing Field

- a) i) Field Rents & Maintenance - It was confirmed that M. Draper is a sub-contracted by the Parish Council. The Parish Council holds and passes Tamworth Cricket Club's payment to Mr Draper on a monthly basis.
 ii) TCC was not prepared to pay the full amount for maintenance this year, as they are unlikely to play at Newton Regis this season.
 iii) The Appleby Magna girls cricket team of requested the use of the nets at Newton. All agreed they could use the cricket ground except the wicket, free of charge this year. The PC will look into rents and maintenance costs next year if there is still a demand for it.
 iv) The bowls club share an electricity meter with the tennis club. GH to speak with the tennis club to for find a way forward to resolve the recent electricity bill.

- a) i) Playground - the playground re-opened on 4 July 2020 following visual risk assessment. Temporary warning and advice signs in place. Clerk to source correx signs.
- ii) The nest swing has filled with water during recent bad weather. Water should drain through the bolt holes. Bolts to be slackened to see if this cures the problem.
- iii) A full playground inspection has been completed and regular inspections to resume.
- iv) Matting has been cleaned.
- v) DW to re-check matting and GH to investigate a solution to fill the gap in the matting.

DW/GH

11. Mercia Park

MR shared documents from the last liaison group meeting. Despite rumours, Jaguar Landrover, are still believed to be going ahead with the development. MR is awaiting training for committee members to allow them to apply for grants. DC asked if any grant money can be made available to clean and repair Salt Street. MR to apply for funding for a speed gun and Salt Street, if possible.

12. Refurbished council property on Austrey Lane

NWBC will not re-instate the previous driveway that they removed. The tenant can re-instate the driveway at their own cost. This will cause a worsening of the parking opposite the Primary school.

13. Signage at Seckington Lane

A resident had asked that signage be reviewed on Seckington Lane as delivery drivers were confusing the barn conversion addresses with those on Seckington Lane. Residents have updated the signage at their own cost.

14. Litter

- a) **Lay-by on B5493** - HGVs are parking overnight in the lay-by. A resident reports that litter and excrement have increased in the lay-by along with damage to a gateway and hedge. Evidence of times, lorry registrations and photos of damage and litter would be needed for DH to take the problem back to County Highways. The Parish Council have no powers to make changes to the lay-by.
- b) Litter - DC has picked up 15 bags of litter around the triangle, plus an additional bag a week. Next litter pick to be confirmed in October.

15. Duckpond

GH asked SW to make contact with the contractor to move the pond cleaning forward. The 2nd or 3rd week of September is possible if the fields are at a point to receive the silt. SW to confirm the actual costs, not including the water to refill the pond. GH to check with fire service whether the hydrant can be accessed. The new duck house will then be installed. Another platform is also required. There has been a heavy loss of ducklings this year.

16. Correspondence - None.

17. 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.

Vehicles have been using the pavement at the entrance to Townsend Close as the entrance is quite narrow. This has caused the tarmac to crumble. DW to photograph the area and send to WCC Highways.

DW

18. Confirmation Date of Next Meeting

TBA - early September. Venue dependent on the Covid-19 situation.

The meeting closed at 21.00

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman
Date