



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No 271

Tuesday 24th October 2023

The Village Hall, No Man's Heath

Present:

Cllr. G Hunt (GH) Chair

Cllr. D Cox (DH)

Cllr. M Ruston (MR)

Cllr. S Wilson (SW)

Cllr. R Thirlby (RT)

Mrs B Cox (BC) Clerk

County Cllr. M Humphreys (MH)

PCSO Simeon Hodson

1 resident

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr. D Humphreys
2. **Police Items** - PCSO Hodson went through the report he had provided. He advised about a male trying to sell tarmac locally and about a break in at Old Hall Farm, Seckington. The police have held a crime prevention day due to high levels of car crime in Polesworth and Birchmoor. PC Redman is using the village hall as a base, working, and responding from the area.
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.*
MH advised that the path outside the church in Seckington does belong to the Borough Council and the potholes are on a list to be done. If residents were able to be specific and complain about trip hazards the job could be escalated. DC suggested sending a note to local residents advising them of this.
4. **Declarations of interest** - None
5. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting – 5 September & Extraordinary Meeting - 3 October 2023**
These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:** -
20 miles per hour speed limit - this issue will be re-considered once we have the planning decision regarding the new housing development.
Height barrier – any work to the barrier is also dependent upon the new housing plan. GH will investigate the issue still outstanding regarding the missing parts for the barrier.
ACTION: GH
Footpaths – the brambles have been cut and the stream is flowing. There is an issue with the way markers and a bridge off Hames Lane needs repair. DC is to report this to Footpaths.
ACTION: DC
MH advised that the flooding issue in Salt Street is still to be done but had been delayed due to the recent floods. She is to remind her officer about it. She acknowledged that the police were doing a good job with the bike issue on Salt Street.
Ashby Road junction – this is much busier and has become dangerous. There were discussions about what could be done. MH is to ask Reece to look at it. Photographic evidence of the traffic backing up in the area would help and the residents are to be asked to do this.
Footpath Church Lane – the hole has been covered over but the soil heap is still there. RT to chase up.
ACTION: RT

Streetlights – MH is to chase up the issue with the street light in Seckington Lane. The borough council are having ongoing discussions about the streetlight in Townsend Close. The light outside the Cameron Home site has been re-instated and is fully working.

The contact list is being collated by the clerk.

ACTION: BC

The clerk had written to Mercia Park regarding the coffee shop and other facilities but had not had a reply. MR is to raise the matter at the next meeting in January.

ACTION: MR

The Planning Committee is to visit the site of the proposed 39 new houses. There will be no decision until the visit takes place. MH is to speak to DH.

Trees - The trees near the kissing gate Newton Fields still require attention. The May tree is looking much better. The Parish Council will replace the blossom tree near the village hall as a replacement for the Poplar to be felled. GH is to photograph the tree that was badly pruned by Western Power and discuss it later.

ACTION: GH

As the borough council are not making a very good job of grass cutting the Parish Council considered using a contractor instead. MH advised that, should we do this, it is very unlikely that we would get a rebate from the the Borough Council. She suggested that we contact the Council and ask if they would provide two green bins for community use free of charge. The clerk is to enquire.

ACTION: BC

Hedges at the tennis pavilion have been cut back by residents for which the Parish Council is very grateful. Duckpond – We still have no funding in place and no contractor to do the job. It is hoped that it can be done as a properly managed project by some villagers. The vegetation on the wall still needs to be cut back.

7. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions

a) Applications:

- i) **PAP/2023/0409 – School House, Main Rd, Newton Regis. Mature Lombardy Poplar (T3) - fell due to root encroachment damage to neighbouring garden wall.**
- ii) **PAP/2022/0547 – St Mary’s church, No Man’s Heath – works to Oak tree. Cutting back 2 metres overhanging branches**

b) Determined:

- i) **PAP/2023/0024 – 9 New Dawn Cottage, Seckington Lane, Newton Regis. – Repair to chimney flue & rear canopy. Granted**
- ii) **PAP/2023/0180 – Newton House, Main Rd, NR, - proposed cart hovel to provide parking & store and PAP/2023/0181 – listed building consent for cart hovel - Withdrawn – valid application.**
- iii) **PAP/2021/0681 – St Mary’s Hall, Main Road, NR – Conversion of building into two dwellings with parking. Conservation area works for demolition of part of wall & removal of steps – Granted.**
- iv) **PAP/2023/0307 – The Old Rectory, Ashby Rd, NMH – erection of extensions with alterations and conversion to existing outbuilding to provide annex living – Granted.**
- v) **PAP/2023/0253 – Land rear of duck pond , Main Rd, NR. Works to trees in Conservation area Lombardy Poplar (T1) and Holly (T2) to fell. No objection**

8. Financial matters:

- i) **bank balances, cheques for signature, cheques raised since last meeting & expected bills.**

Bank Balances (adjusted for cheques to be signed at meeting)

➤ General Account	£ 338.86
➤ Playing Field Account	£ 368.45
➤ Deposit Account	£ 6,002.64
➤ Reserve Account	£ 7,052.03
Total	£13,761.98

£2045.00 has been earmarked for the Duckpond Project

Cheques for signature at the meeting

- 1305 - NPower - £79.83 Unmetered Electricity
- 1306 - B Cox - £49.58 Ink cartridge, MS Office, stamps
- 1307 – NMH Village Hall - £27.00 Room Hire
- 1308 - Smith of Derby – repair to village clock £1556.40
- 596 - NR Tennis Club - £55.90 – Electricity pavilion

Cheques Raised & Payments Made Since Last Meeting

DD - Hugo Fox - £11.99 September
SO - Clerk - salary September £176.10
1303 - HMRC £44.00 PAYE September
1304 – Avon Planning Services £588.00
592 – Thope Estates £300 – Rent
593 – JMG Amenity £228 – Herbicide to play area
594 – KTM Electrical £745.20 - Pavilion Electrics
595 – M Draper £100 – works to cricket pitch
DD – Hugo Fox £11.99 - website October

Income Received Since Last Meeting

NWBC – Precept £7000
Interest – Deposit account £2.89 for September
Interest - Reserve Account £6.58 for September
Rent - Polesworth Flying Club £120
Rent – Newton Regis Tennis Club £60

Financial Forecast

The chairman went through the financial forecast and highlighted several large, unexpected payments. This will be discussed more at the next meeting or when a decision is made on the Precept requirement for 2024/2025.

ii) Banking Arrangements

It was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for online banking in order to streamline the payments process. Clerk to arrange with Lloyds.

ACTION: BC

iii) Clerk's travelling and home working allowance

It was agreed that the clerk be allowed to claim for travel on production of a petrol receipt.

9. Village Issues:

a) Newton Regis

- i) A meeting had been planned to discuss Christmas arrangements and share ideas
- ii) The next litter pick will be held on 11th November. GH offered to organise as DC is unavailable.
- iii) Bins are to be emptied when people are in the vicinity.
- iv) There were discussions generally about the Halloween decorations in the village.

b) Seckington

- i) Flower Planters – a local resident has offered to weed and plant these..

c) No Man's Heath

It was agreed that £50 be donated towards the Christmas tree. The clerk will draw cheque.

ACTION: BC

10. Playing Field - none

11. Bowls Club House - none

12. Duckpond - discussed above

13. Duckpond wall and trees – discussed above

14. Goosewalk

GH will be attending as a representative of the Parish Council. The clerk to email Police and Insurance Company.

ACTION: BC

15. Correspondence

- i) Electric Vehicle Chargers - This will be discussed later.

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.

17. Confirmation Date of next Meeting

Tuesday, 12th December at the Bowls Pavilion, Newton Regis at 7.30pm

The Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Chairman Cllr.....

Date.....