



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No 270

Tuesday 5th September 2023

All Saints, Church Seckington.

Present:

Cllr. G Hunt (GH) (vice chair)

Cllr. D Cox (DC)

Cllr. R Thirlby (RT)

Cllr. S Wilson (SW)

Mrs B Cox (Clerk) (BC)

8 Residents (Mr D Clarke, Mr N Willmott, Mr J Harlow & partner, Mr R Scully & partner - all from Newton Regis and Mr & Mrs Ulliott from Seckington

Meeting Commenced at 7.30pm

The chair was taken by GH

1. **Apologies for absence** - David Waithman (Chair), Cllr. M Rushton (MR) Borough Cllr. Brynne Ririe, PC Mike Redman.
2. **Police Items.** No police were present at the meeting.
DC advised that she had spoken to the Speed Awareness Officer, and he confirmed that he is willing to come out to the village and do some training. Volunteers are needed to be trained to use the speed gun. The speed gun will need calibrating.
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*

Newton Regis

a) A resident asked about a 20mph speed limit through Newton Regis village. Perhaps this could be looked at again.

b) The issue regarding the colour of the height barrier at the entrance to the Village Hall was raised. GH said that the parish council would come back to this after the decision around the planning application for 39 new homes is announced. The barrier would need to be moved if the planning application is granted.

c) Mr D Clarke advised that the public footpaths and gates were not being cleared and were becoming impossible to use. DC suggested that the parish council pay someone to clear them. 2 parishioners kindly offered to do the job if the parish council could pay for the fuel required which was agreed.

Seckington

d) Mr & Mrs Ulliott raised their concerns about Seckington Village and its general state of untidiness. There are large pot holes near the church.

The traffic on the Ashby Rd has increased and it is dangerous to access from Seckington. They felt that the junction needs re-designing. The footpath from Church Lane to the Green by the Farm shop is virtually impassable due to overgrown holly and brambles. RT will take a look and see what needs to be done to clear.

A ditch had appeared at the end of the lane near to the notice board and post box.

It appears to be some sort of water supply. The holes remain exposed and are dangerous. The farm equipment and scrap metal stored at the end of Church Lane is becoming more of an eyesore.

GH is to take photographs and speak to those concerned.

ACTION: GH

4. **Declarations of interest** – none
5. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting – 25 July 2023** these were agreed by all and signed by the Chair.

6. **Matters Arising -**

a) Damaged streetlight in Seckington Lane. The clerk was asked to follow this up with David Humphreys.

ACTION BC

b) Light outside Cameron Homes Development. SW thinks that someone from street lighting may have been out to look at it. The clerk was asked to check with David Humphreys and chase regarding all outstanding issues since the last meeting including the dog waste bin.

ACTION BC

c) Potholes Issue. Discuss at next meeting.

d) A list of emergency contacts to be compiled. – Discuss at next meeting

e) The clerk was asked to contact Mercia Park regarding the promised gym and coffee shop which is no longer going ahead

ACTION BC

7. **Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions**

PAP/2023/0314 – Land NW of Newton Regis VH. Outline planning permission for erection of up to 39 dwellings. (All matters reserved except for access.

The parish council have submitted their objections to the application.

GH updated the council and residents about the application. He had attended a meeting the day before and was optimistic but will continue fighting. If this application is denied it may well set a precedent for any future applications.

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

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

➤ General Account	£ 383.75
➤ Playing Field Account	£ 117.55
➤ Deposit Account	£ 2999.75
➤ Reserve Account	£ 7045.45
Total	£10,546.50

£2045.00 has been earmarked for the Duckpond Project

Cheques for signature at the meeting

1301 – WALC – training £48.00

590 – KTM Electrical – 40% deposit for works to electrics at pavilion £496.80

591 – J Owen – Install gate in fence £389.98

1302 - Clerk -GoDaddy website renewal, stamps, MS Office £37.77

Cheques Raised & Payments Made Since Last Meeting

SO - Clerk - salary July £176.10
SO - Clerk - salary August £176.10
586 - A Salt - work to tractor £90.00
587 - KTM Electrical Services - electrical report for pavilion £186.00
588 - Newton Regis Tennis Club - electricity for pavilion £75.33
~~589 - PGM - instal gate in fence at tennis court - £389.98 - cancelled~~
1297 - HMRC - PAYE August £44.00
1298 - ICO - GDPR data protection £40.00
1299 - Clerk - Printer Ink, MS Office, Memory Stick £58.32
1300 - All Saints church - hire of church - £25.00

Income Received Since Last Meeting

Interest - Deposit account £3.03 for August
Interest - Reserve Account £5.21 for August

Expected Bills

Smiths of Derby - Village clock £1556.40 (inc. VAT)
KTM electrical - balance of cost for works to electrics at pavilion £745.20 (inc. VAT)
Arborcare - Poplar Tree Removal £864.00 (inc. VAT)

9. Village Issues-

a) Newton Regis

1) SW advised that the trees on the highway near the kissing gate on Newton Fields needed cutting back. Mr. N Willmott said he would speak to a resident who lives nearby to see if he would be kind enough to cut them.

2) The May tree on the green is not looking too healthy. The clerk will ask Arborcare to look at it when they are in the village lopping the Polar trees.

ACTION BC

3) a resident had noticed that it appeared as though Western Power had damaged one of the trees near the village hall. GH is to get some photos of it.

ACTION GH

4) a resident asked if the blossom tree that had been removed could be replaced. As a condition of removing the Poplars, near the pond, the council is required to replace them. This site may be an option. SW suggested an alternative site near the back of the Old Post Office.

5) The railings near the Old Post Office need attention. Briars and weeds need removing.

GH will look at it.

ACTION GH

b) Seckington - Discussed above

c) No Man's Heath - Nothing

SW raised the point about the Parish Council paying for our own grass cutting. This would be dependent upon how much revenue we could get back from the local authority.

GH raised the issue of the state of hedges and trees near the pavilion. If they were to be cut back the waste would need to be gotten rid of. A resident kindly said he may be able to help with chipping. A date and time are to be arranged.

ACTION GH

10. Playing Field - No update

11. Bowls Clubhouse –

One of the residents asked about removing the conifers at the bowls club and replacing them with something more suitable. This will be looked at and will require a site visit.

12. Duckpond –

GH updated everyone on the background. He has been quoted £8.5k to drain the pond. Cameron Homes have been asked for a contribution of £5k and the council have £2045 earmarked for the project. A schedule of works has been sent to Cameron Homes and GH is expecting a reply within the next week. GH will keep the fish in temporary pools set up in the garden of No17 St Mary's Grove just above the pond whilst the silt is removed. Help will be needed to remove the fish beforehand. RT is to take the silt from the pond.

If the grant is not forthcoming the villagers may need to do the job themselves. The date of 18th September had been suggested but this is too soon. A project plan/schedule will need to be drawn up.

13. Duckpond Wall and Trees –

There is still an issue with the lime mortar. The residents garden wall above the duck pond wall is cracked possibly due to the pond wall below it being unstable. A resident suggested shoring it up but more investigation is needed.

14. Correspondence –

1) Website. The council's website Hugo Fox will no longer provide their service free of charge. It was agreed that going forward we will use their Bronze Package at a cost of £9.99 a month plus VAT. The clerk to arrange this.

ACTION BC

15. 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. None

16. Confirmation date of next meeting. 24th October at 7.30pm at No Man's Heath Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman
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