



# NRS&NMHPC

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

*Three villages, one community*

## No. 260

Tuesday 17 May 2022  
Village Hall, Newton Regis

**Present:**

Cllr. D. Waithman	(DW) (Chair)
Cllr. G. Hunt	(GH) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. S. Wilson	(SW)
Cllr.R. Thirlby	(RT)
Cllr. M. Ruston	(MR)
County Cllr. D Humphries	(DH)
County Cllr. M. Humphries	(MH)
Mrs N. Allton (Clerk)	(NA)

Public: Mrs Barney (AB), Mr Walsh (AW)

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

### 1. Apologies for Absence:, Cllr. D. Cox (DC)

**Not Present:** Police.

**2. Police Items** - DC has had contact with Simon from Speedwatch. More training to take place. Clerk to contact police to ask them to attend PC meeting. **Clerk**

**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.***

**i) Salt St. / Unregistered off-road vehicles** - AB reported that there is still a problem with unregistered off-road vehicles using Salt St, but there has been a police presence at NMH VH. Off-roaders can be reported to police and drones can be deployed if they are reported. GH asked if trail cameras could be installed and if so, who would pay for them. Has an increase in local crime been noticed? DH reported that statistics show crime in our area has actually reduced. There are 1059 police officers in North Warwickshire. **Ongoing DH**

**ii) Jubilee Road Closures** - AB asked who will put barriers up on Church Lane Jubilee Day? DH to check.

**iii) Bus from Mercia Park** - there is a bus to Tamworth. It has not been publicised and not clear where it stops.

**iv) Village Entrance Gates** - AB asked if gates can be installed at No Man's Heath village entrance? No. Not on 40+ mph roads.

**v) News and Views** - AW reported that a new edition is out this week. It will include NMH in Sep/Oct. AW talk to AB.

**vi) Playing Field** - AW reported that new Crof sets could be bought from eBay and distributed to interested families. Cost to set up approx £250. He asked if a boules/petanque pit could be built on playing field. Funding could be available through CAVA. **Ongoing**

**vii) Bus Shelter** - AW has installed a seat in the bus shelter. He requested the repayment for the materials. Granted.

**viii) Speeding** - AW is very concerned with speeding through Newton Regis. There are no flashing school warning signs. Traffic from Newton Manor will increase once completed. MH as County Councillor said that speed bumps are not an option. They will not be installed by CC. When speed checks have been carried out, the majority of vehicles have been travelled below the speed limit. MH to request a speed survey be installed. MH reported that the safety officer for schools had asked for a meeting to look at all schools in area. Look at whether the grass area can be utilised. The CC has not been helpful before. **MH**

### 4. Declarations of interest – None

**5. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 1 March 2022** – agreed and signed.

### 6. Matters Arising:-

**i) Litter Pick** - next litter pick on 18 June. DC is not available. DC can request the equipment if someone else can organise it on the day. - **All**

**ii) May Tree** - PC to provide a plaque for dedication of the May Tree. DW shared a design. Ongoing.

**iii) Playing Field** - Aston Unity wish to book the field for the coming 2 years. **DW to liaise.** **Ongoing DW**

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

**a) Applications:**

- i) **PAP/2022/0062 - Church Farm - entrance hall and conversion of outbuildings** - no objections. Could be a highways issue.
- ii) **PAP/2022/0144 Newton Cottages - Install black railings** - Objection. Railings are not in keeping with development and should remain open plan.
- iii) **PAP/2022/0091 - Manor Farm - Listed building consent change of use barn to 3 bed house** - Highways issue asked that total number be reduced, now they want to increase the number. No objections.
- iv) **PAP/2022/0287 - Austrey Lane - Barn conversion** - no objections

**b) Determined:**

- i) **PAP/2022/0039** - Newton Farm - fell beech tree - granted
- ii) **PAP/2022/0050** Newton Cottages - works to trees - granted
- iii) **PAP/2022/0086** - Newton Cottages - works to trees - granted
- iv) **PAP/2022/0031** - The Hillfield Seckington - garage, extension etc - granted
- v) **PAP/2022/0124** - 12 Austrey Lane, NR - demolition of existing property - granted. Up for auction again.

**c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals: None**

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

o <b>General Account</b>	<b>£244.28</b>
o <b>Playing Field Account</b>	<b>£448.99</b>
o <b>Deposit Account</b>	<b>£11,542.98</b>
o <b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>£6,013.20</b>
	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£18,249.45</b>
	Allocated to: Duckpond project
	£1,915.00

- i) **Agree Annual insurance** - Agreed to continue with BHIB Ltd and cheque signed.

<b><u>Cheques for Signature after the meeting:</u></b>		
17.5.22	A Allsopp - Internal Audit (#1230)	£120.00
17.5.22	BHIB - Annual Insurance Premium (#1231)	£1,037.46
17.5.22	WALC - Annual Subscription (#1232)	£237.00
17.5.22	Newton Regis Village Hall - Room Hire (#1233)	£22.00
17.5.22	N Allton - Stamps (#1234)	£16.32
17.5.22	A Walsh - Seat for bus shelter (#1235)	£85.93
17.5.22	Cllr. D Waithman - Concrete breaker hire and stickers (#544)	£61.90
17.5.22	M Draper - Petrol for mower (#545)	£9.38
17.5.22	JMG Amenity Ltd - Weed treatment to field (#546)	£516.00
<b><u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u></b>		
22.3.22	NWBC - Bin emptying (#1227)	£206.95
22.3.22	N Allton Pay Rise Arrears (#1226)	£39.82
22.3.22	JMG Amenity Ltd - Moss Treatment (#538)	£450.00
22.3.22	Thorpe Estate - Field Rent (#539)	£300.00
22.3.22	P Hopkins - Repairs to shed (#540)	£335.00
22.3.22	CANCELLED CHEQUE (#541)	
31.3.22	N Allton - Salaries Mar 22 (SO)	£189.63
13.4.22	Smith of Derby Ltd - 30% deposit for clock repairs (#1228)	£1,551.60
19.4.22	N Power - Unmetered supply (#1229)	£93.41
19.4.22	JMG Amenity Ltd - Fertiliser (#542)	£60.00
19.4.22	Gareth Johnson Contracting - Hedge cutting (#543)	£120.00
30.4.22	N Allton - Salaries April 22 (SO)	£192.95
<b><u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u></b>		

9.3.22	VAT Repayment	£1,477.12
11.4.22	Mercia Fund - Grant for clock repair	£4,310.00
19.4.22	SJ Turner - Donation towards May Tree	£200.00
19.4.22	B Taylor - Donation towards May Tree	£200.00
20.4.22	NWBC - Precept	£5,500.00
23.4.22	J Scott - Donation towards May Tree	£200.00
	Interest - Feb, Mar, Apr	£0.34

**9. Village Issues**

**a) Newton Regis**

**i) Village Clock** - the hammers have been taken away for repair. Expected to take 4-6 weeks. They won't be returned before the Jubilee. **Ongoing**

**ii) Damage to gateway signs, Kings Lane** - ongoing MH talking to CC. Tamworth Have A Heart have agreed to take ownership of the current defib cabinet. **Clerk to write transfer of ownership letter to THAH.** Clerk

**iii) Dog mess** - There is a lot of dog mess on the track past the village hall. Can the dog bin be moved from the cricket pitch to the start of the track? **MH to look into.** MH

**b) Seckington** - the defibrillator and cabinet have been installed by THAH. THAH will provide refresher AED training. **Ongoing.** Ongoing

**c) No Man's Heath** - Nothing further to report.

**10. Playing Field**

**i) Mowers** - The mowers have been returned. Problems with starting the tractor. Not a battery problem. Ongoing

**ii) Junior Cricket Club** - they have installed a storage container. PC have access to it. If Appleby Juniors fold, the container will be passed in to PC ownership.

**a) Confirm Field Rents** - same as last year.

**b) Diesel** - HMRC require Non agricultural vehicles to use white diesel. There are very few exceptions.

**11. Duckpond**

GH to approach Cameron Homes for help with the cleaning. GH has another contact to approach. Aiming for July/August. Timing is difficult to dispose of the silt. GH Ongoing

**12. Community Speedwatch** - DC has spoken to Simon. Not agreed a date yet, but training will be available for interested people. - **Ongoing.** DC Ongoing

**13. Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

GH/DC posted a leaflet to the village. Asked for suggestions. 200 leaflets were circulated. There were only 18 responses. WI will provide cake and coffee on the Thursday cake and coffee. There is a cricket match on the Saturday.

**14. Correspondence**

None.

**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.**

**i) Drone photography for Cameron Homes** - GH has written to Cameron Homes about a drone hovering directly over village houses. GH

**16. Confirmation Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21 June at 7.30pm. at No Man's Heath Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21:45

Chairman .....  
 Cllr D Waithman .....  
 Date .....