



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 264

Tuesday 15 November 2022
Village Hall, Newton Regis

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

Mr. A Walsh (resident)
Mrs S Downes, Mrs B Cox (Clerk vacancy candidates)

The meeting commenced at 7:28 pm

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. R. Thirlby, Cllr. M Ruston, County Cllr. M. Humphries

Not Present: Police.

2. Police Items - DW spoke to Sgt. Skelsey, asking whether we can be notified when travellers move sites - not possible. MH suggested contacting Steve Maxey to be added to the WhatsApp Group. DH suggested contacting the PCSO to get put onto his contact list.

3. Welcome to Clerk candidates and update on vacancy - DW welcomed Mrs Downes and Mrs Cox.

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.

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- a) Mr Walsh informed the PC that Cameron Homes have offered to pay for mince pies and mulled wine for the 3rd December Christmas light switch-on. Agreed to accept their kind offer. Clerk to send receipt and invoice to Cameron Homes. **Clerk**
- b) Mr Walsh asked the Parish Council if would accept a further grant from Cameron Homes towards News and Views. All Agreed.
- c) Dog fouling sign - Mr Walsh suggested screwing the sign to the post near the kissing gate. DW had replaced the sign and it was ripped out within 24 hours. The sign was recovered.
- d) Gambions to block Salt Street - a farmer offered these to block off Salt St. The Parish Council can not be involved in any blocking of Highways or By-Ways.
- e) Speeding - Mr Walsh asked what the Parish Council has done regarding traffic calming. DW referred to meeting no. 263 minutes. DC has agreed with PC Ackroyd, 2 sites where the speed gun can be deployed. Mr Walsh asked that the Parish Council fund a speed survey. The cost is £500. The Parish Council will consider it, but DC suggested that a more cost effective method would be to use the speed gun to assess actual speeds. DC feels that speeding is not as bad as people imagine it is. DH suggested that a SatNav survey could be possible to find a mean speed. DH will move this forward. HS2 community fund may be able to fund a survey. **DH**
- f) Mr Walsh offered to organise a raffle to support fund raising at the Goosewalk in January. This was gratefully accepted by the Councillors.
- g) Parish Council to request that the County Council renew the road markings next financial year.

5. Declarations of interest – None.

6. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 27 September 2022 – agreed and signed.

7. Matters Arising:-

- i) **DH** Contact PCSO to be added to their WhatsApp group. **DH**
- ii) Spinner in playground - DW has fixed it and is back in working order.
- iii) Nest swing - RoSPA report. DW emailed Sutcliffe Play - no reply received. DW to contact Trading Standards. **DW**
- iv) DW will ask Highways if a 7.5T restriction can be placed on Kings Lane. **DW**

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

a) Applications:

- i) PAP/2022/0493 - Manor Farm - variations and change of use. No comments.
- ii) PAP/2021/0681 - St. Mary's Hall - conversion of building into 2 dwellings - SW access is maintained by current residents. - not relevant to the actual planning application. No comments - leave it to residents.
- iii) PAP/2022/0536 - The Old Rectory, Seckington - installation of secondary glazing. - no objections
- iv) PAP/2022/0545 - School House, Newton Regis - works to trees - no objections
- v) PAP/2022/0568 - The Old Forge, NMH - replacement garage - DH to check with enforcement officer, whether previous building has been built to the planning application. No comments other than concerns raised by Mr Snelson.

b) Determined:

- i) PAP/2022/0424 - White Cottage, Newton Regis - erection of single storey extension - granted

c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals: None

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

○ General Account	£849.84
○ Playing Field Account	£629.15
○ Deposit Account	£5,274.53
○ Reserve Account	£6,014.71
○	
Total	£12,575.28
Allocated to:	
Bowls club costs:	£1,000.00
Duckpond project	£2,045.00

	<u>Cheques for Signature after the meeting:</u>	
15.11.22	Newton Regis Village Hall - Room Hire (#1259)	£24.00
15.11.22	N Allton - Stamps (#1260)	£5.44
15.11.22	Friends of St Marys on the Heath - contribution towards Christmas tree (#1261)	£50.00
15.11.22	D Waithman - ready concrete for dog fouling sign, postage (#1262)	£11.95
	<u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u>	
30.9.22	N Allton - Salaries September 22(SO)	£192.95
9.10.22	JA Walsh - re-issued cheque for News and Views (#1252)	£360.00
9.10.22	N Power Commercial Gas - unmetered electric supply (#1253)	£69.42
9.10.22	Sure-Track Europe - Battery exchange (#560)	£82.80
15.10.22	No Mans Heath Village Hall - Grant towards audio equipment (#1254)	£500
15.10.22	Flow Plates Ltd - Height barrier for carpark at NRVH (#1255)	£1,819.50
15.10.22	Gareth Johnson Contracting - Hedge cutting (#561)	£480.00
29.10.22	CPRE - Annual Subscription (#1256)	£36.00
29.10.22	Garfitts International - tractor parts (#562)	£55.09
31.10.22	N Allton - Salaries October 22(SO)	£192.95
1.11.22	CANCELLED (#1257)	
5.11.22	BHIB Ltd - Additional premium for bowls club building (#1258)	£91.77
	<u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u>	
7.10.22	Newton Regis Village Hall - Playing Field Rent	£60.00
12.10.22	Compensation from Lloyds Bank	£40.00
17.10.22	Tennis Club - Playing Field Rent	£60.00
7.11.22	Grant received from the dissolution of the Bowls Club	£1,000
7.11.22	Credit from E.On	£6.55
9.11.22	Interest - Oct & Nov	£1.70

- a) **Budget for 2023/24** - Cash flow projection shows that the Parish Council may make a deficit in the coming year. SW suggested that Band D properties bring in £47 per house. With 20 new properties in Newton Regis, increasing the precept by 10% would be absorbed by the new properties once they are occupied. Extra money is needed to maintain the bowls club building. Regular groups are needed to self-fund the room. Several suggestions have been made but nothing firm agreed. Precept agreed at - £12,000 for 2022/23. To be revised if election costs are greater than £1,000.

10. Village Issues

a) Newton Regis

i) Bowls Club. Discussed above.

b) Seckington - None.

c) No Man's Heath - None

11. Playing Field

a) **Changes to Suretrack service** - tractor tracker is provided by Suretrack. Tracker will no longer be monitored 24/7. DW to make enquiries about alternate services. **DW**

12. Duckpond

i) GH is meeting with Wrights of Twycross Director to get a new quote for silt removal. £2045 is ring fenced from the budget for pond cleaning.

ii) Lorry delivering to Cameron Homes has knocked down the concrete post and destroyed the railing around the pond. Insurance may pay for improved railing.

13. Goosewalk 2023 - Mr Walsh has offered to hold a raffle to raise funds at the Goosewalk.

Clerk to contact police and insurers to inform about the Goosewalk.

Georgina at The Queens Head is happy to provide use of the carpark to start the Goosewalk from. GH to ask Georgina if soup can be heated near the pub.

**Clerk
GH**

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) Christmas Lights - 3 December - agreed date for light switch on.

ii) DW to purchase largest tree available from Grendon Farm Shop.

iii) DC to buy mince pies and mulled wine. Church will be open. Rev. Jo is arranging choir. Switch on is 6pm. DC to leaflet village.

DW
DC
DC

iv) As this was the last meeting for the current Clerk, Nicola Allton before retiring from the position, the Chair thanked her for over 9 years of service.

16. Confirmation Date of Next Meeting - 10 January 2023 at No Man's Heath Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21:30

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman
Date