



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 244

Tuesday 17th September 2019
Village Hall, Newton Regis

Present:

Cllr. D. Waithman	(DW) (Chair)
Cllr. G. Hunt	(GH) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. D. Cox	(DC)
Cllr. M. Ruston	(MR)
Borough Cllr. M. Humphries	(MH)
Mrs N. Allton (Clerk)	(NA)
3 x Parishioner	

The meeting commenced at 7:32pm

1. Apologies for Absence: Borough Councillor D. Humphries, Cllr. S. Wilson, Cllr. R. Thirlby
Not Present: County Cllr. D. Parsons, Police **Action**

2. Police Items – None. Clerk to contact Police to make contact and ask for regular updates. Contact PCC if no appropriate communication. **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.

Mrs. G Speakman (GS) - thanked the Parish Council for their support in objecting to the Jaguar Landrover planning application at J11.

Mr. P. Horobin – has contacted the organisers of Open Gardens but not yet had a response. Also no response from the church regarding maintenance.

4. Declarations of interest – None

5. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 6th August 2019 – signed.

6. Matters Arising:-

i) Litter Pick – Many thanks to the small number of volunteers that turned out in the torrential rain. 8 bags of litter were collected.

ii) Verge cutting – Warwickshire CC appear to cut only 1m back from the road. NWBC cut the verges right back. Ongoing to next meeting.

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

a) Applications:

i) 18/01443/FULM – IM Properties/ Jaguar Landrover (JLR) – This application was granted by NWLDC.

An appeal is possible, but neither the Parish Councils nor RAPM have the funds to fight this.

Clerk to make contact with IM Properties and Jaguar Landrover to ensure the Parish get the maximum benefit from the developers, including more landscaping at the NMH end of the development. **Clerk**

GS and MH to liaise with Primary school headteacher to involve local children in engagement with JLR, for example with nature surveys at the site. **MH**

b) Determined:

i) PAP/2019/0355 – Institute House – single storey extension – granted.

c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:

i) PAP/2019/0446 - Old Hall Farm – Replacement rooves – no objections.

ii) PAP/2019/0445 - Old Hall Farm – Listed Building Consent – no objections.

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

○ General Account	£469.81
○ Playing Field Account	£57.99
○ Deposit Account	£386.00
○ Reserve Account	£5,009.70
	£5,923.50

❖ **Cheques for Signature:**

○ 17.9.19 Broxap Ltd – Dog Waste Bin (#1129)	£192.00
○ 17.9.19 Sutcliffe Play Ltd – Playground Equipment (#1130)	£15,847.91
○ 17.9.19 NWBC – Uncontested Election recharge (#1131)	£100.00
○ 17.9.19 Mrs G. Speakman – Protest signs Planning meeting NWLDC	

	(#1132)	£176.40
o	17.9.19 NWAC – Annual Subscription (#1133)	£17.50
o	17.9.19 Newton Regis Village Hall – Room Hire 17/9/19 (#1134)	£24.00
o	17.9.19 E.On – Unmetered supply (#1135)	£292.42
o	17.9.19 Information Commissioners Office – Data Protection registration (#1136)	£40.00
o	17.9.19 Thorpe Estate – Playing Field Rent 09/19-03/20 (#473)	£300.00
o	17.9.19 A. Passey – Playground strimming (#474)	£300.00
o	17.9.19 M Draper – Field Maintenance September 19 (#475)	£130.00
o	17.9.19 Hughie Willett Machinery Ltd – Tractor blades (#476)	£120.00
❖	<u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u>	
o	31.8.19 N Allton – Clerk’s Salary Aug 19 (#SO)	£185.12
o	1.9.19 South Staffs Coach Hire – Coach to planning meeting (#1128)	£242.31
o	1.9.19 Nuneaton Signs Ltd – Cricket warning signs for playing field (#472)	£112.32
❖	<u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u>	
o	9.9.19 Interest	£1.86
o	9.8.19 Newton Regis Village Hall – Playing Field Water	£72.73
o	9.8.19 Thistle Bowling Club – Playing Field Water	£165.43
o	9.8.19 Newton Regis Tennis Club – Playing Field Water	£4.65
o	14.8.19 Mrs A Porter – Playground Funds	£531.00
o	15.8.19 Newton Regis Village Hall – Playground Funds	£1,661.00

i) **Agree updated Model Financial Regulations 2019** – agreed by all.

ii) **Assets List** – Updated asset list was agreed by all.

9. Website – The Clerk explained that the Parish Council website was now off-line and the PC can no longer gain access to it. The domain name has expired and there was no way to re-new it. All agreed that the Clerk/PC needs to have full access and control of a new website. Clerk to purchase a new domain name and use the free web tool Hugo Fox to create a new website. Ongoing.

Clerk

10. Footpaths – The over-growth at the kissing gates has now been cleared. Footpaths are still waiting to be re-instated.
There is an overgrown bush blocking the path just outside the school gate. It’s not clear who is responsible for this path.

Clerk to contact WCC again regarding warning signs for the blind bend where the footpath exits onto Austrey Lane at NMH.

Clerk

In a minuted meeting between GS and the Land Agent, James Daw had agreed to create a “refuge” into the hedge for pedestrians and a bridge, as the current steps are difficult to negotiate for some.

Salt Street – MH reported that police motorcycles had been out to check up on Salt Street. MH will continue to Liaise with the police if residents will collect vehicle registration numbers and times they are at Salt Street.

MH

11. Hedges in Hames Lane – DC reported that the lane that continues from Hames Lane to the B5493 is impassable as the hedge has overgrown across the width of the lane. DC to check with SW who the landowners either side of the lane are. Clerk to find out the Thorpe Land Agent’s contact details and also contact county highways.

**DC/SW
Clerk**

12. Playing Field – new cutting blades are needed for the mower at a cost of around £120. All agreed.
SW to liaise with Gareth to arrange hedge cutting. DW to liaise with A. Passey to arrange other hedge cutting.
Hedge at the top of Kings Lane also needs cutting.

SW

The field roller is difficult to drive to the carpark to roll the filled potholes. Can James Daw improve the track alongside the Village Hall to allow the roller to access the carpark along the track.

Clerk to respond to letter from the Village Hall regarding risks at cricket matches. GH to pass a copy of the risk assessment to DC.

Clerk/GH

i) Playground – All agreed that a petrol strimmer costing up to £100 could be purchased to trim around the playground.

New matting under new equipment has lifted. Clerk to contact Sutcliffe Play.

Clerk

Is the warranty still valid if equipment is inspected on a quarterly basis. Clerk to contact Sutcliffe Play.

Clerk

Is there a post-installation inspection of the new equipment. Clerk to contact Sutcliffe Play.

Clerk

ii) Memorial Bench – The Hepple family have generously offered to donate a memorial bench to the cricket ground. The preferred location is 6’ onto the grass, just outside the side windows of the village hall. Clerk to liaise with the Hepples.

Clerk

13. Duckpond – the damaged post was repaired by Thorpe Estate. All agreed that the repair was not to the required standard. DW to contact Localities Officer at County Highways for further inspection, as the post is within the conservation area.

DW

- Clerk confirmed that a £1,500 had been applied for from the County Councillor’s Grant Fund. MH suggested looking into a Community Heritage Grant. Clerk to check if duckpond qualifies for this grant.

Clerk

- Duckpond cleaning – ongoing with SW to liaise with contractor. It was noted that flooding appeared reduced since cleaning the drainage ditch.

SW

14. Christmas Light Switch-on – DC to liaise with primary school and Queen’s Head pub to confirm a date for the lights switch-on. A Monday evening is preferred. The lights will need some maintenance prior to the switch-on.

**DC
GH**

15. Correspondence

- **Jaguar Landrover – Development at J11 M42**

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.

- Sign warning of horses on the road on Austrey Lane needs to be re-installed. DW to contact highways. **DW**
- No Man's Heath Village Hall has had a face-lift. GS is working to get the interior re-decorated in a blue colour scheme. The village hall should let the parish council know what help is required. A website will be set up to help market the hall is for hire.
- To comply with the charities commission, Cllr. Ruston will join the NMH village hall committee. **MR**
- It was suggested that in the event of the HS2 maintenance depot at Austrey going ahead, a 7.5t weight limit could be considered for Kings Lane.
- DC to speak to Mrs O'Connor about submissions to the Village Voice column in the Tamworth Herald. **DC**
- St. Mary's Grove pavement – an emergence repair has been completed. Still awaiting a permanent repair.
- Speed guns – Clerk to pass details of Shuttington Clerk to DC. **Clerk**

17. Confirmation Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.30pm at Newton Regis Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.57.

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman	
Date