



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 222

Tuesday 28th February 2017
Newton Regis Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Waithman	(DW) (Chairman)
Cllr D Cox	(DC) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Wilson	(SW)
Cllr D Davies	(DD)
Cllr C Vincent	(CV)
Mrs N Allton (Clerk)	(NA)

County Cllr. D Parsons (DP) (departed at 8.10pm), Borough Cllr. D. Humphries (DH), Parishioners: Ms L Mutch (LM), Ms K Barton, Chris ?

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

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| 1. Apologies for Absence: None.
Not Present: Borough Cllr. P Davey (PD), PC Kim Stafford (KS). | |
| 2. Police Items – No one present. | |
| 3. Open Forum – Ms Mutch (LM) (resident of Seckington) has serious concerns with overnight parking on the B5493 lay-by and litter within Seckington. LM collecting litter around the village regularly. DH to check if NWBC are collecting litter every Tuesday. DW reported that Highways dept will not allow 'no overnight parking' signs to be erected. Can the lay-by be permanently blocked off or closed? DH and DP to take up with Borough and County Council.
Speeding on Hangman's Lane and the Ashby Road is a police issue. A 30mph cannot be implemented on Hangman's Lane. LM asked how the 40mph limit can be enforced. There is only one camera safety van in the north area. Volunteers can man speed cameras. DP and DH to speak to Police. DP to write to Police Commissioner about speeding across the whole area. Flashing speed aware signs are not proven to work. DH recommended LM write to Craig Tracey MP with her concerns.
LM asked if any progress on flower tubs for Seckington. Ongoing as Highways dept. must approve tub design and placement.
Potholes / poor repairs – LM to report using WCC pothole reporting website. | <p>DH</p> <p>DH/DP</p> <p>DP/DH</p> |
| 4. Declarations of interest - None | |
| 5. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting –Minutes of meeting 221, held on Tuesday 17 th January 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. | |
| 6. Matters Arising:-
i) Dragon's Teeth Markings on Main Road – DW to meet with DP and Highways to confirm location. DP to investigate whether double white lines can be installed at the Thorpe Lane/Hangman's Lane junction of the B5493.
ii) Playground Maintenance – It has been too wet to make any improvements. Ongoing.
iii) Atherstone Hunt – It has not possible to find the date of the next hunt.
iv) Duck Pond Cleaning – CV to arrange for a sample of pond water to be collected and tested.
v) Village Hall Carpark – CV to meet with contractor next week to look at drainage problems.
vi) SWIFT transport proposal – CV to update Arnold on advice from the insurers. | <p>CV</p> <p>CV</p> <p>CV</p> |
| 7. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions.
a) Applications:
i) PAP/2017/0027 – Old Hall Farm, Seckington – Removal of hedges
ii) PAP/2017/0036 – Garden Centre – extension
b) Granted:
i) PAP/2016/0511 – Old Post Office - Sunroom
ii) PAP/2017/0017 – 6 St Marys Grove – Garage extension
c) Enforcement: | |

DH

PAP/2015/0272 – Queens Head Signage still awaiting removal. DH to progress with NWBC Planning Enforcement Officer.

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

○ General Account	£239.97
○ Playing Field Account	£590.90
○ Deposit Account	£4,779.50
○ Reserve Account	£4,002.33
	£9,612.70

❖ **Cheques for Signature:**

○ 28.2.17 Newton Regis Village Hall - Room Hire	£24.00
○ 28.2.17 Decorscape – Repairs at village hall and installation of bin	£180.00

❖ **Cheques raised since last meeting:**

○ 23.1.17 South Staffs Water – Playing field	£194.39
○ 31.1.17 N Allton - Clerk's Salary (SO)	£175.05
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❖ **Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting**

○ 19.1.17 NR Tennis Club – water	£11.43
○ 19.1.17 NR Village Hall – water	£96.05
○ 19.1.17 Thistle Bowling Club – water	£86.91
○ 9.2.17 Interest	£0.71

9. Duckpond Willow Tree – NWBC tree officer advised that the tree nearest the road needed to be taken down. Arborcare disagreed. Ongoing inspection required. A replacement could be planted now, but it would obstruct the maintenance ramp into the pond. Replacement to be planted if existing tree is removed.

10. Playing Field –

- ❖ Tractor serviced.
- ❖ Rollers – ongoing.
- ❖ Cricket – fixtures list available.
- ❖ South Staffs Water is changing to a Business from April 2017. May affect cost of water. Ongoing.
- ❖ Tamworth Cricket Club to discuss whether help is available to mow the field. Mole – inactive.

11. Carpark and Pond Inspections – DC is not prepared to sign off that carpark is safe as she feels the checklist criteria are too vague. CV will not sign off on carpark being safe as he does not agree that the carpark surface is safe. – Noted.

12. Litter Pick – The next litter pick will be on Saturday 4 March 2017. DC has leafleted villages with details. NWBC to drop of bags as before. **DC**

13. Unmetered Electricity Supply – Clerk reported that Western Power have changed the supply certificate to reflect the new low energy bulbs.

14. Dog Fouling in Newton Regis – Wendy Morris has circulated an email to most residents, encouraging the reporting of any dog fouling to the dog warden. At the end of this year, the dog control order expires. DW to ask if we are automatically transferred to the new scheme. **DW**

15. Fouling of Lay-by on B5493 – covered in Item 3.

16. B5493 Road Closure before Browns Lane junction – the Parish Council were not notified of this closure, but agreed that all statutory requirements have been met. Closed 6 March 2017 for 4 weeks.

17. Mud on the Road – on B5493 near the Barleyfields development. Tamworth and Staffordshire Councils are not involved in keeping the road clear of mud. This is down to the developers.

18. Preparing for emergencies in Warwickshire – leaflet – the Parish Council has tried in the past to identify vulnerable residents, but no one was prepared to identify themselves. Noted.

19. Devolution / Engaging with your community – Noted.

20. Action Plan / Information Leaflet – sub group met on 23/2/17. It is at a rough draft stage. DC to formalise with ideas from other attendees. **DC**

21. Local Council Award Scheme – ongoing. **Clerk**

22. Correspondence – no written correspondence received

23. 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) SW has been charged for a new dustbin even though the refuse lorry damaged it. DH to enquire
- ii) Hedge cutting at Village Hall – roadside has been cut. DW to contact Alan Passey to trim inside.
- iii) Kings Lane – Lighting dept. will cut the hedge where it is obstructing the light over the gulley.

DH
DW

24. Confirmation Date of next Meeting - Tuesday 11th April 2017 at Newton Regis Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:35

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman

Date