



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 226

Tuesday 8th August 2017
All Saints Church, Seckington

Present: Cllr D Waithman (DW) (Chairman)
Cllr D Cox (DC) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Wilson (SW)
Cllr D Davies (DD)
Cllr R Thirlby (RT)
Mrs N Allton (Clerk) (NA)
7 x Parishioners

The meeting commenced at 7:33pm

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| 1. Apologies for Absence: Borough Cllr. D Humphries (DH)
Not Present: , Borough Cllr. P Davey (PD), County Cllr. D. Parsons (DP) , PC Kim Stafford (KS) | |
| 2. Police Items – No one present. | |
| 3. Open Forum- Roadwork signs have been abandoned on Kings Lane. DW to contact Jane Pritchard to request their removal. | DW |
| 4. Declarations of interest – Cllr. Waithman declared an interest in Item 7(ii). | |
| 5. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting –Minutes of meeting 225, held on Tuesday 27 th June 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. | |
| 6. Matters Arising:- | |
| a) Defibrillator at NMH Village Hall – Committee happy to have this. Clerk to contact DP to arrange through County Councillors Grant and confirm whether the Parish Council have to apply for the grant. | Clerk /DP |
| b) Village Sign, Austrey Lane – covered by the hedge. | |
| c) Pond Wall Footings – Mr and Mrs Dixon queried who was responsible for the footings of their wall which are below the water level of the pond. Land Registry documents held by the Parish Council states that the boundary of the Village Green / Pond is up to the wall. It does not state that the Parish Council has ownership of any part of the wall. | |
| d) Tree over the bus shelter, NR – this has been cut back and revealed the roof of the bus shelter is rotting and needs repair. SW to check. | SW |
| 7. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions. | |
| a) Applications: | |
| i) P ^A P/2017/0366 – 7 Hames Lane, Newton Regis – conservatory and chimney | Clerk |
| ii) P ^A P/2017/0400 – 12 Main Rd, Newton Regis – Rear extension and dormer window | |
| b) Determined: None | |
| c) Amendements/Re-consultation – | |
| i) P ^A P/2017/0222 – St. Marys Grove, Newton Regis – Demolition of bungalow and replacement with 2 new bungalows. | |
| ii) P ^A P/2016/0560 – Old Hall Farm – Garage and orangery | |
| iii) P ^A P/2017/0162 – Old Post Office – Demolition of garage and erection of new dwelling | |
| iv) P ^A P/2017/0163 – Old Post Office – Listed Building Consent | |
| d) Withdrawn: | |
| P ^A P/2017/0252 – South Fork, NMH | |
| 8. Financial matters: bank balances, cheques for signature, cheques raised since last meeting & expected bills. | |
| o General Account | £179.12 |
| o Playing Field Account | £430.80 |
| o Deposit Account | £3,930.39 |
| o Reserve Account | £5,503.21 |
| £10,043.52 | |

❖ <u>Cheques for Signature:</u>	
○ 8.8.17 M Draper – Field Maintenance August + petrol	£136.01
○ 8.8.17 Cllr. D Waithman – flower bulbs	£10.67
○ 8.8.17 JMG Amenity – fertiliser & grass seed	£121.80
○ 8.8.17 A. Passey – Grounds maintenance	£150.00
○ 8.8.17 South Staffs Water – Playing field	£190.79
○ 8.8.17 Grant Thornton – External Audit Fee	£120.00
○ 8.8.17 Seckington Church – Room Hire	£20.00
○ 8.8.17 Seckington Church – Grant for grass cutting	£50.00
○ 8.8.17 NMH Church – Grant for grass cutting	£50.00
○ 8.8.17 St. Mary’s Church – Grant for grass cutting	£50.00
○ 8.8.17 No Man’s Heath Village Hall – Grant for replacement electrical equ	£317.97
❖ <u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting;</u>	
○ 30.6.17 N Allton – Clerk’s Salary June 17	£176.78
○ 11.7.17 Eon – Unmetered supply	£17.33
○ 31.7.17 N Allton – Clerk’s Salary July 17	£176.78
❖ <u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u>	
○ 9.6.17 Interest	£0.49
○ 7.8.17 Newton Regis Village Hall – Playing Field Water	£71.00
○ 7.8.17 Thistle Bowls Club – Playing Field Water	£119.79
○ 8.8.17 Playing Field Hire - S Colclough	£50.00

i) Conclusion of Audit – Clerk confirmed that the external auditor has passed the 2016/17 accounts without comment.

ii) Confirmation from Lloyds Bank – Cllr. Richard Thirlby is confirmed as a signatory.

9. Playing Field

a) Chris Wilson – all agreed to provide a £50 voucher to thank Chris for his help with the playing field machinery.

b) Mowing - All agreed that Adrian deserved a thank you for his help mowing the field this year. It is much appreciated.

c) South Staffs Water Business – SSWB read the meter on the 1st of June but the bill didn't arrive until 6 weeks later. The users all agreed to use this reading as it tied in with the reading of their individual meters, meaning the account may be in credit until the next bill.

d) Cricket pitch - Loam has been ordered and the wicket put to bed.

e) Mole trap – the trap has been stolen and the mole is still at large.

f) Gang mower tyres – the mower currently has 3 correct tyres and 3 odd tyres which make the mower too low and cause it to dig into the grass when turning. All agreed DW can order 3 new tyres at approximately £70 each.

DW

10. Duckpond

a) Cleaning / Sample analysis – Sample analysis results have been checked and appear to be safe to dispose of. DW to contact Declan Cook to re-quote for cleaning work.

DW

b) Heron – it has been seen at the duckpond.

11. Speed Reduction Schemes and Duckpond signs, Newton Regis – 5 ducks have been run over in the last 3 weeks. WCC have agreed to replace 2 village entrance signs, in addition to new duck warning signs and “Slow” markings and renewing existing road markings. A “Bend” sign will be installed on Austrey Lane. Clerk to contact Cllr. Parsons to find out current progress.

Clerk

12. Flower Tubs

a) Newton Regis – i) All planted except Kings Lane. Parish Council to take over responsibility for the Kings Lane tub next year.

ii) Open Gardens – a record amount was raised for the Church fund this year. Many thanks to Mark Kennell and his team at NWBC for cutting the verges and sweeping the road.

b) Seckington – SW has ordered the sleepers. Delivery will be to RT farm. DD has spoken to Ms Mutch, who confirmed she spoke to Steve Allton about the construction of the flower tubs. No date agreed as yet.

13. Closure of the Queens Head Pub – Clerk wrote to Punch Taverns. The Bonus Ball money has been retrieved via access arranged by the tenant. Punch Taverns are expected to re-open the pub at some time in the future. Clerk to contact NWBC to ask that signs breaching the planning conditions be taken down whilst the pub is empty.

Clerk

14. Request for grants

a) from No Man’s Heath Village Hall to replace electrical items – all agreed to provide a grant of £317.97 to cover the full costs of replacing electrical items that failed the recent PAT testing.

b) Gardening Club at Newton Regis Primary School – a request was received for financial help towards a sensory garden. DC to contact Lesley Smith to find out more details of what is required.

DC

- 15. **Local Council Award Scheme** – The majority of the criteria has been met. Clerk to liaise with DC over action plan and update the checklist. **Clerk**
- 16. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – all Councillors agreed to co-opt Mike Ruston to the vacancy. Clerk to send relevant forms and training information to Mike. **Clerk**
- 17. **Correspondence**
 - ❖ **Sent** – Letter of condolence to Mark Kennell
 - ❖ **Sent**- Letter to Punch Taverns asking for access to Bonus Ball Card money at Queen’s Head
 - ❖ **Aon Insurance** – no longer offering Local Council Insurance
- 18. **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.**
 - a) SW to check with Hugh Lillingston that the defibrillator can remain in it’s current position on the barn wall at Manor Farm, and retain it’s power supply, once SW retires in September. **SW**
 - b) Mrs Aston of Back Lane, NMH contacted the clerk about verges and weeds that need cutting. Clerk to contact Mark Kennell and request cutting. **Clerk**
- 19. **Confirmation Date of next Meeting** – Tuesday 19 September 2017 at Newton Regis Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20:52

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman

Date