



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 254

Tuesday 29 June 2021
No Man's Heath Village Hall

Present:

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

Mrs Bramble (RB)

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence: None

Not Present: County Cllr. M. Humphries (MH), County Cllr. D Humphries (DH), Police.

2. Police Items - None.

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) RB asked if No Man's Heath could have village entrance signs similar to those in Newton Regis. MR to liaise with MH/DH as new County Councillors, to see if funding is available. MR/DH/MH
- ii) RB reported that Mrs Jean Coxon, member of the VH Committee had passed away. Condolences were expressed.
- iii) Kings Lane to Hames Lane, Junction of T134/131 Footpaths - the bridge is made from two planks and is not stable. A walker has fallen due to planks giving way. It is dangerous and needs replacement. Clerk to contact Footpaths at WCC. Clerk
- iv) DW to contact Mike Newham at WCC to get the far end of Hames Lane cut back. Can it go on to a regular schedule for cutting back? DW

4. Declarations of interest – None

5. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 4 May 2021 – agreed and signed.

6. Matters Arising:-

- i) Damage to Pavement in Townsend Close - Highways have repaired the damage. - Closed.
- ii) Railings at the Old Post Office - GH has started painting. - Ongoing. For the future - the posts are crumbling and need stripping right back next time they need painting. DW to contact Mike Newham to ask for this to be included in the future. DW
- iii) RT has rodded drains at the duckpond and strimmed the grass.
- iv) GH has installed the Duck House in the pond.
- v) Black bin for the playground. Not cost effective to have NWBC supply and empty it. Will continue to empty ourselves.
- vi) Crow scarers - SW spoke with Mr Daw. Season is over and they have now gone quiet.
- vii) Tree near St. Mary's Grove. GH has contacted Highways. It will be re-planted in winter.
- viii) Bus Shelter - Quote for £530 from Pete Hopkins to repair. All agreed to accept this quote. DW to speak to PH to confirm he will start works. DW
- ix) DW has purchased a planter and placed outside Newton Regis Village Hall. It has been planted up by Mrs Oxford, who will maintain it.
- x) Litter Pick - DC has contacted MK. Arranged for 10 July 2pm - DW to include in the Village Voice. NA to post on to Facebook. DW / Clerk

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

a) Applications:

- a) **Applications:**
- ii) **PAP/2021/0255** - 10 St. Mary's Grove - fell 3 conifers - object.
- iii) **PAP/2021/0269** - 25 King's Lane - Single storey extension - support.
- iv) **PAP/2021/0293** - Seckington Lane, NR - fell trees - object.
- v) **PAP/2021/0287** - Austrey Lane, NMH - Creation of access driveway - support.
- vi) **PAP/2021/0349** - St. Mary's Church, NR - Works to trees in conservation area. Support.

b) Determined:

- i) **PAP/2020/0661** - 12 Austrey Lane - Granted
- ii) **PAP/2021/0293** - Seckington Lane, NR - Granted. Trees do not have a TPO on them, therefore they can be felled.

c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:

- i) **PAP/2020/0020** - Notification of Appeal - Land adjacent to Newton Regis Village Hall - Object on the same grounds as our previous objection.

DC asked if any new sites can be found to plant more trees to replace those that have recently been felled. This will be considered further.

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

o	General Account	£425.80
o	Playing Field Account	£1,230.90
o	Deposit Account	£6,548.28
o	Reserve Account	£6,012.70
o	Total	£14,290.58
		Allocated to duckpond project £1,915.00

<u>Cheques for Signature after the meeting:</u>		
29.6.21	Cllr. D. Waithman - Flower Tubs (#1193)	£35.99
29.6.21	No Man's Heath Village Hall - Room Hire (#1194)	£27.00
29.6.21	M. Draper - Petrol for mower (#520)	£7.97
29.6.21	Source to Business - Playing Field Water (#1195)	£72.90
<u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u>		
20.5.21	Hawkins Pest Control - Rabbit damage survey (#517)	£20.00
1.6.21	M. Draper - Field Maintenance 50% (#519)	£200.00
20.5.21	BHIB Insurance Ltd - PC Insurance (#1190)	£938.39
20.5.21	N Allton - Printer Ink (#1191)	£17.00
20.5.21	Shuttington Parish Council (#1192)	£500.00
31.5.21	N Allton - Salaries May 21(SO)	£189.63
<u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u>		£1,000.00
27.5.21	HMRC - VAT	
	Interest - May and June 21	£0.23

9. Playing Field

- i) GH to speak to Dawn Tingay about the tennis open day on 25 July. Add to Village Voice. GH

10. Duckpond

- i) A plan of action is required for the duckpond cleaning. Pump water, empty fish, cut vegetation, find a site to dispose of silt, how will pond be re-filled, replace fish. SW to confirm with the contractor that they will be able to start work mid August. They will pump out the pond. DW to speak to Will Brearley to find a site to dump silt. GH to circulate a plan of action. SW
DW
GH
- ii) Can local gardener, Andy Cox trim around the duckpond. - all in favour. DW to make contact and arrange for him to trim. DW
- iii) 5 duck casualties in past 3 weeks.
- iv) DW - to make enquiries to replace pond grating. DW

11. Speed Gun

The Parish Council have taken receipt of the speed gun previously owned by Shuttington Parish Council. DC and RB will attend training via Simon Ackroyd on 5 July. The speed gun has been calibrated in February and still current. Hi-vis waistcoats will be issued at the training event.

12. May Tree

Following a survey of the Parish residents, there were many responses. Many people retold their memories of the tree over the years and it has a long village history. The majority requested that we have the works done by Arborcare to the tree and prolong it's life as long as possible. The tree's life span is limited and when the time comes to replace it, it would be good to time a replacement tree with a royal event such as the next coronation to include a dedication.

13. Correspondence

None

14. 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) The duck pond wall needs to be re-mortared with lime mortar. Quotes are needed to find out whether it will be over £5k. If lower, apply to Mercia Fund for a grant.
- ii) Clerk to apply for funding for a defibrillator and cabinet for Seckington from the Mercia Fund. Clerk

18. Confirmation Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 August 2021 at 7.30pm. Seckington Church.

The meeting closed at 20.55

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman
Date