



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 259

Tuesday 1 March 2022
Village Hall, Newton Regis

Present:

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

3x public

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr. M. Humphries (MH), Cllr.R. Thirlby (RT), Cllr. M. Ruston (MR)

Not Present: Police.

2. **Police Items** - DC has had contact with Simon from Speedwatch. More training to take place.

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.***

Mr. Walsh shared his thanks for the planting of the replacement May Tree. He also reported that Cameron Homes at the Manor Farm site have a Community Fund that is available to the Parish Council. Mr Walsh also has fund raising ideas for funds for the village clock. He showed a sample of village Christmas cards. The Councillors are in support of the idea.

Mr. Walsh feels that the playing field is not used enough. Cricket is a good use of the field. Crof (Croquet/Golf) could be played around the edge using croquet hammers. Mr. Walsh to put forward a proposal how to implement it.

Jubilee ideas: A photo history exhibition in the village hall. Teas and cakes by WI.

David Simkins, Funding and Development Manager for CAVA spoke to the Council about his work. CAVA are conscious that most of their work is concentrated around Coleshill and Atherstone. They can assist groups with finding funding. They have ideas for sports funding and Jubilee activities. Creating partnerships and being more proactive. Governance training is available.

Can a partnership with Severn Trent Water be used to help with the pond?

Heart of England small funds may be available.

4. **Declarations of interest** – None

5. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 11 January 2022** – agreed and signed.

6. **Matters Arising:-**

- i) Litter pick - DC reported that no litter pick equipment was available this week. A lot of litter needs to be picked up. An organised pick is difficult to organise. The next one is 18 June. Clerk to add to FB asking for residents to take a bag out on their walk to pick up. Clerk
- ii) Salt St. - GH has contacted MH for contacts from LCC. MR has made contact with Winvic. Ongoing.
- iii) Mr. Daw has cut the hedge. Many thanks.
- iv) Bench still needs painting. Shed door has one coat. Ongoing.
- v) Wheat for ducks. RT to comment regarding payment.
- vi) Street cleaners - DC emailed Mark Kennell of NWBC about the cleaning schedule. Cleaners have been out. Manor Farm road cleaner is not very efficient. Doesn't clean far enough or well enough.
- vii) Footbridge is still broken. Reported to WCC by Clerk.

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

a) Applications:

- a) **Applications: PAP/2021/0664** - 31 Kings Lane, Newton Regis - 3 houses. - Comments Closed 6/3/22.
- b) **Determined:**
- i) **PAP/2021/0595** - Cattery, Austrey Lane, Newton Regis - Granted.
- ii) **PAP/2021/0149** - Variation of Conditions, Manor Farm, Newton Regis - Granted.
- iii) **PAP/2021/0405** - Detached garage, The Olde Forge, NMH - Granted.
- iv) **PAP/2021/0163** - Approval of reserved matters, Manor Farm, Newton Regis - Granted.
- v) **PAP/2021/0583** - Erection of Agricultural Storage Building, The Old Rectory, NMH - Granted.
- c) **Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals: None**

PAP/2021/0664 - A Parishioner commented that a lot of big trees have been lost through felling, disease and storms. She wishes to make her objections known to this planning application and will submit an objection to NWBC.

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

○ General Account	£236.35
○ Playing Field Account	£233.43
○ Deposit Account	£5,933.79
○ Reserve Account	£6,013.05

Total
£12,416.62

Allocated to: Duckpond project
£1,915.00

<u>Cheques for Signature after the meeting:</u>		
1.3.22	PR Horticultural Services Ltd - Mower Repairs (#537)	£238.81
1.3.22	Arborcare Tree Surgery - Replacement May Tree (#1218)	£715.02
1.3.22	ALCC - Addition Subscription (#1219)	£10.00
1.3.22	The Friends of St Mary's on the Heath (#1220)	£50.00
1.3.22	Cllr. D Waithman - Bench Repairs (#1221)	£20.28
1.3.22	N. Allton - Stamps, Paper, ALCC subscription (#1222)	£50.77
1.3.22	Newton Regis Village Hall - Room Hire (#1223)	£24.00
1.3.22	Smith of Derby Ltd - Clock callout, check and report (#1224)	£180.00
1.3.22	Tamworth Have A Heart - 2x defibrillators and cabinet (#1225)	£2265.00
<u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u>		
13.1.22	AB Salt - Tractor Repairs (#536)	£50.00
31.1.22	N Allton - Salaries Jan 22 (SO)	£189.63
28.2.22	N Allton - Salaries Feb 22 (SO)	£189.63
<u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u>		
17.1.22	Tennis Club - Playing Field Water	£2.43
9.2.22	Bowls Club - Playing Field Water	£87.71
9.2.22	Newton Regis Village Hall - Playing Field Water	£104.75
	Interest - Jan 22	£0.14

9. Village Issues

a) Newton Regis

- i) **Village Clock** - Weight and pulley removed. It is not possible to repair some parts. Emergency repairs need to be completed. A funding application has been made to the Mercia Park Community Fund.
- ii) **May Tree** - The replacement tree has been planted. All agreed that a plaque should be added to the tree. Several offers have been made of donations towards the tree. A commemorative bench is to be placed around the tree once it is settled, funded by residents. SW to talk to residents about donations and look for other sites to plant a tree.

b) Seckington

- i) None.

c) No Man's Heath

- i) A new fence has been installed outside the Village Hall by the VH Committee.

SW

10. Playing Field

The wicket mower has been repaired. The square mower has been sent out for repair. Tamworth IV team wish to play this season at Newton Regis. Aston Unity CC have expressed an interest in playing at the field. DW to liaise with them over availability. Oil change needed on the tractor. DW

11. Duckpond

The duck house is ready to float, but need to wait for the water level to drop. The previous contractor has let us down over cleaning the duckpond. Look into more funding using CAVA and whether they can help us to work with Severn Trent. GH to liaise. GH

Mike Newham - advised DW that the duckpond was about to overflow. DW cleared blockage. More duck warning signs are needed. Need to be aware of Avian Flu risk. Any dead ducks, other than definite roadkill should not be touched but should be reported to DEFRA.

12. Platinum Jubilee Celebration

GH will send flyer around to the village asking for ideas. GH

13. Defibrillator Cabinet Inscription

Small inscription to be agreed.

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) The spring horse is still being repaired. DW to hire a concrete breaker. GH to help move matting. DW/GH
- ii) DC reported that a light is on 24/7. DW to contact and sort out. DW
- iii) The lamp near Manor Farm is still to be re-instated. Ongoing
- iv) WALC is making a change to a company from an organisation. Consider whether to renew subscription. All

16. Confirmation Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5 April at 7.30pm. at No Man's Heath Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:28

Chairman
 Cllr D Waithman
 Date