



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

No. 229

Tuesday 16th January 2018
Village Hall, No Man's Heath

Present: Cllr. D. Waithman (DW) (Chairman)
Cllr. D. Cox (DC) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. S. Wilson (SW)
Cllr. D. Davies (DD)
Cllr. R. Thirlby (RT)
Cllr. M. Ruston (MR)
Mrs N. Allton (Clerk) (NA)
5 x Parishioner

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

- Action**
1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr. D. Parsons (DP), PC Roxanne Kinsella (RK)
Not Present:, Borough Cllr. D. Humphries (DH) Borough Cllr. P. Davey (PD)
 2. **Police Items** – RK on duty and was unable to attend the meeting. Emailed to say she's happy to respond to any issues.
 3. **Open Forum –**
 - (a) damage to the duck pond railing noted. Repairs in hand.
 - (b) residents were concerned about the welfare of the ducks during construction of housing development at Manor Farm. SW confirmed he is still feeding them.
 - (c) concerns about the access to footpaths near to the village. The fields have been ploughed up to the boundary leaving nowhere for walkers to walk around the edges. They are not rights of way, but walkers have had access until recently. Parish Council to liaise with James Daw to ask if edges can be left unploughed.
 - (d) a parishioner asked for a written apology from the Chairman regarding the welcome Georgina Pyne from the Queen's Head pub received from the parish council at the last meeting, as he felt she was upset following the meeting. The Parish Council did not agree and felt that Georgina had been warmly welcomed. A misunderstanding seems to stem from the enforcement order against the signage and whether the PC is supportive of different signs. Permission for signage is in the hands of the planning authority, not the PC.
 - (e) the PC would support any application to have any footpaths added. The footpath at the end of Hames Lane is overgrown, can NWBC/WCC clear. Clerk to check footpath contact.
 - (f) is there any more building development planned for the village? NWBC Draft strategy passed on.
 - (g) can a toddler swing be installed in the playground? New playground equipment is currently outside the PC budget, but if money can be raised, the PC would support the installation. DW to look into whether one of the swings can be changed.

Clerk
 4. **Declarations of interest** – None.
 5. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting** –Minutes of meeting 228, held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.
 6. **Matters Arising:-**
 - a) **Bus Shelter** – DC to ask Pete for a quote.
 - b) **Playing field bench** – friends of Dickie Hughes would like to erect a bench in his memory. PC supports this.

DC
 7. **Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions.**
 - a) **Applications:**
 - i) **PAP/2017/0622** – Ash Lane, NMH – erection of one dwelling - supported
 - ii) **PAP/2017/0633** – Austrey Lane, Newton Regis – dropped kerb and gravelled driveway - supported
 - iii) **PAP/2017/0669** – Newton Fields Farm, NMH – retrospective application for change of use - supported
 - iv) **PAP/2017/0162** – Reconsultation and listed building consent to demolish garage– The Old Post

Office , Newton Regis - supported

b) Determined:

i) PAP/2017/0565 – The Cottage, Hames Lane – detached garage - granted

c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:

i) None

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

○ General Account	£449.26
○ Playing Field Account	£75.23
○ Deposit Account	£6,481.74
○ Reserve Account	£5,504.60

£12,523.68

❖ **Cheques for Signature:**

○ 16.1.18 South Staffs Water Business – Playing field water	£236.78
○ 16.1.18 Cllr. D. Waithman – various for roller	£126.94
○ 16.1.18 E.ON. – Unmetered supply	£17.51
○ 16.1.18 NMH Village Hall – Room Hire	£15.00
○ 16.1.18 WALC – Training DW & NA	£30.00
○ 16.1.18 SLCC – Annual subscription	£72.00
○ 16.1.18 N Allton – Stamps	£6.72
○ 16.1.18 Cllr. D Cox – mince pies for xmas light switch on	£12.95

❖ **Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:**

○ 21.11.17 RS Horticultural – Cylinder Sharpening	£29.40
○ 21.11.17 WALC – Training MR & RT	£30.00
○ 30.11.17 N Allton – Clerk's Salary Nov 17	£176.78
○ 7.12.17 JMG Amenity Ltd - Fertiliser	£100.80
○ 7.12.17 WALC – Good Councillor Guide	£10.00
○ 13.12.17 Georgina Pyne-Lingham	£50.00
○ 31.12.17 N Allton – Clerk's Salary Dec 17	£176.78

❖ **Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting**

○ 9.12.17 Interest	£1.22
○ 12.12.17 WCC – Councillors Grant for defibrillator	£1,600.00

All agreed to a thank you to Adie for mowing the playground in the form of a £25 voucher.

9. Playing Field

i) Lock on track gate – has been removed. Replaced by James Daw.

ii) Hedge cutting – SW to call Gareth to cut roadside and along carpark when he does the rest of the field. **SW**

iii) Duckpond wall – SW to arrange for previous contractor to trim back the wall growth. **SW**

iv) Playground – still closed due to mole damage.

v) Wicket mower – Chris to reassemble.

10. Revised Data Protection Act – Any list of names is covered by the GDPR. The PC can no longer charge for requests for data. No need to respond to vexatious requests for data. These should be referred to the ICO. Clerk to scan notes from WALC training and circulate to all. **Clerk**

11. Seckington Flower Tubs – approve expenditure – All agreed that the PC should pay for the installation of the flower tubs at Seckington. DD to liaise with Liz Mutch (resident) and invoice for installation to be passed to the Clerk. **DD**

12. Christmas Light Switch-on – it was a very successful evening despite the bad weather. There was a great atmosphere at the pub, with thanks to Georgina. Very simple format that will be followed in 2018. The school also wishes to be involved in the 2018 event.

13. Litter Pick Dates 2018 – more bags were needed for the Goose Walk litter pick – extra bags to be left at the corner of Hangman's Lane for the next litter pick. Litter pick dates for 2018. 1/1/18, 14/4/18, 18/8/14. **DC**

14. Goose Walk – A total of £309.86 was raised on New Year's Day. Many thanks to Arnold for his raffle that raised £175. Also, thanks to Georgina for serving the soup at the pub. Rev. Banks to be invited to the Goose Walk in 2019. **Clerk**

15. St. Mary's Church – request for £150 towards the cost of lighting – St. Mary's in Newton Regis is the only church in the group that has external lighting and was originally installed for security. £150 pa was requested by Chris Gomm towards the Church Fabric Fund. All agreed that £50 should be donated each year along with grass cutting donation. **Clerk**

16. Meeting with HS2 representative – all agreed that Clerk should arrange for an HS2 rep to attend the next meeting. **Clerk**

17. Correspondence

- ❖ HMRC - VAT Reclaim form is changing

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.

- i) DW to ask for more scarifyings to fill potholes in the Village Hall carpark. **DW**
- ii) Thanks go to Kurt Kovach and Shuttington PC for arranging defibrillator training, that was attended by several Newton Regis residents.
- iii) Nominations for Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Cllr. and Mrs Waithman. **Clerk**

19. Confirmation Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 27 February 2018 at Newton Regis Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21:10

Chairman
Cllr D Waithman

Date