

No. 224

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 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 R Thirlby (RT)
Mrs N Allton (Clerk) (NA)

2 x Parishioners

## The meeting commenced at 7:40pm

**Action** 

- Apologies for Absence: Cllr. C Vincent (CV), Borough Cllr. D Humphries (DH)
   Not Present: County Cllr. D. Parsons (DP), Borough Cllr. P Davey (PD), PC Kim Stafford (KS)
- 2. Police Items No one present.
- 3. Open Forum- Ms Mutch, a Seckington resident asked if any updates were available regarding problems in the B5493 lay-by as reported previously. No progress to date. Clerk to write to DP, DH, Sgt. Oakley, WCC and Police Commissioner. Location of new Seckington flower tubs have been approved by Highways. Parish Council agreed to pay for materials and labour to install the tubs. Ms Mutch to pass detailed plans to SW. SW to get price for 18 railway sleepers, which the PC will purchase. Ms Mutch to get quotes for installation work. PC will agree to work, if costs are reasonable.

Clerk

SW Residents

- 4. Declarations of interest None
- 5. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting –Minutes of meeting 223, held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.
- 6. Matters Arising:
  - a) Village flower tubs BDD at the Garden Store will reserve a flower tub for the PC use at Lime Grove. Tubs outside the Village Hall were planted by Cllr. Vincent last year. The VH would like the PC to look after these tubs. Alan Webb will look after the St. Marys Grove tub and the Queen's Head will look after the pond tub. DC will plant up the new Lime Grove tub. SW to collect compost from the Garden Store

DC SW

- **b)** Roller for cricket wicket Steve Allton lent a roller to allow M Draper to roll the wicket. Tamworth Cricket Club have provided a roller on long loan, but needs some work on it to get it running correctly.
- c) Field mowing Adrian has been trained up by DW and doing a good job.
- d) Playing field shed roof fragile roof warning signs have been secured to the shed.
- e) Village Hall Carpark signs DW to order owners own risk signs for carpark.
- 7. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions.
  - a) Applications: None
  - b) Determined: i) PAP/2017/0067 Newton Farm, Newton Regis Outline application Sibson Mills Property REFUSED.
  - c) Enforcement: i) PAP/2015/0272 Queen's Head Signage. Mr J Brown, Head of NWBC Planning Dept has said he will enforce the signage removal through a Breach of Conditions Notice. Ongoing.
- Financial matters: bank balances, cheques for signature, cheques raised since last meeting & expected bills.

0	General Account	£530.60
0	Playing Field Account	£606.41
0	Deposit Account	£7529.89
0	Reserve Account	£4,002.83

£12,669.73

Cheques for Signature;

9.5.17 Newton Regis Village Hall - Room Hire
 9.5.17 M Draper - Petrol, fertiliser & May maintenance
 £161.10

	0	9.5.17 A Passey – Hedge cutting & grounds maintenance	£245.00
	0	9.5.17 Cllr. Waithman – Padlock	£6.10
	0	9.5.17 AM Allsopp – Internal Audit	£100.00
	0	9.5.17 Aon – Parish Council Insurance	£1,027.89
	0	9.5.17 N Allton – Stamps	£13.44
*	<ul> <li>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting;</li> </ul>		
	0	30.4.17 N Allton - Clerk's Salary (SO)	£175.05
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	0	19.4.17 NWBC – Precept	£4,801.00
	0	19.4.17 NWBC – Grant	£249.00
	0	Interest	£0.38

- i) Insurance Renewal with Aon Increase of £23 to £1027.89 Agreed.
- ii) Kings Lane Litter Bin Annual charges for empytying £132.34 Agreed.
- 9. Playing Field
  - i) Roller see 6b.
  - ii) Junior Cricket Club Memorial Bench agreed they can install it on the edge of the field.
- **10.** Pond / Playground / Carpark Inspections DC happy with the carpark inspection sheet. DW reported that new playground equipment is currently beyond the parish council budget. DC reported a loose cover on a utilities box in the carpark. DW to check and action.

DW

**11.** Litter – next litter picks scheduled for 1 July, 28 October and 1 January. DC to place notice in News and Views. Clerk to write again to Mc Donalds with date of next litter pick, requesting help with equipment. A slight improvement in dog fouling was noted.

DC Clerk

**12. Duck Pond Cleaning –** Quote from P&D Environment for pond cleaning, removal of silt and water sample toxicity analysis. Approx. £6,000+VAT. Agreed to go ahead with water sample analysis at £400+VAT. DW to arrange. SW to look into other contractors that could quote for the work.

DW/SW

**13.** Local Council Award Scheme – Clerk has made some progress with website. Ongoing.

Clerk

- 14. Correspondence
  - Newton Regis Tennis Club change of Treasurers details
  - NWBC Polesworth Neighbourhood Plan designation of Neighbourhood Area
- 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.
  - a) Neighbourhood Watch Wendy Morris has a list of email addresses to be used for disseminating neighbourhood information. DW to find out from WM if she would like help collecting further email addresses of new residents.
  - b) Public Footpath onto Austrey Lane at No Man's Heath Ms Beeson contacted the Clerk about safety concerns where the footpath exits on to a bend on Austrey Lane. Clerk to write to WCC to enquire whether a kissing gate can be fitted to the footpath exit, to slow pedestrians as they come onto the road.

Clerk

- **c) Arkall Farm, Tamworth planning application** referred to Parliament as lack of infrastructure in the area. Neighbourhood Plans may be required for all council areas. Discuss in future as required.
- d) Previously advertised Councillor Vacancy for No Man's Heath Richard Thirlby declared an interest in the vacancy and was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council.
- e) Traffic Calming Lee Williams met with DW to discuss. Mr Williams to put together a scheme for road humps at both entrances to the village on Main Road and to re-new white lines.
- 16. Confirmation Date of next Meeting Tuesday 27 June at No Man's Heath Village Hall

The meeting closed at 20:44	
Chairman Cllr D Waithman	
Date	