

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2019

All members are reminded that they will need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest and reason before an item discussed at this meeting under the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576.

Present

Cllr's D Gibbs, R Moore, G Wilkinson, S Clark, E Jones, D Nunn and Cllr S King.
One resident also attended

158/19 1 Apologies

Cllr C Seaton.

159/19 2 Public Forum

The Resident queried the grass cutting of the verges stating that the grass had only been cut along one side of the road. It was explained that the next highway cut was not due until late July and that the farmer had cut his grass verges. No further queries

160/19 3.Chairman's Announcements

No comments to add.

161/19 4 Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th June 2019 were approved as a true record and signed.

b) Matters arising

No further progress was to be deemed necessary at Black Dyke bridge; however, Cllr King was asked to look into a possible improvement to the footway on the bridge which was very slippery and dangerous when wet for horse riders, cyclist and pedestrians using the bridge. Other matters would be dealt with as agenda items.

162/19 5. County and District Reports

Cllr King (CCC) explained that at the last County Highway Infrastructure meeting discussion had included the length of time for delivery of LHI Bids. The speed monitoring device part of our LHI Bid for 2019 was taking considerable time to be delivered, delays were due to orders being made in bulk. Cllr Jones queried the length of time before the monitor could be installed, as speed monitoring could not commence until then. Cllr King would investigate the delay, the Cllrs felt that delivery times needed to be improved.

Our previous LHI bid for 2018 had been withdrawn due to substantial increases in final costings.

Cllr King also explained that due to the high number of accidents recorded in Fenland a project had been commissioned and Loughborough University would investigate how to reduced accidents on the Fenland roads. Cllr King also explained that due to budget restraints the number of grass verge cuts per annum had been reduced to three. The resident left at this point 7.30pm.

It was queried if the speed limit could be reduced from 40 to 30 along the High Road. A speed limit imposed and extended along Fen Road including, Mill Lane to Woodlands and to extend speed limit restriction to cover part of High Road on the bend near Rectory Road, including Rectory Road and Chapel Lane. It was proposed to submit the 2020 LHI Bid for an extension of the speed limit zones in these areas as part of

the Bid for 2020. Cllr Gibbs and Clark would submit the bid by the August 4th deadline. Query raised on including the whole of Mill Lane in the speed limit extension. It was pointed out that speed limits would only be considered in built up residential areas. If this was to include all Mill Lane it may jeopardise the success of the bid. Cllr King then left the meeting at 7.50pm.

163/19 6. Police Matters

The clerk had forwarded the Police News for May and June via email. It contained crimes within the Wisbech area, none reported for the parish.

164/19 7. Reports

a) Highways

Mr Gent had cut some grass verges alongside his fields. He had also assisted in cutting back a tree in Mill Lane and a hedge at the entrance to Black Dyke tower road. Potholes continue to be monitored, several in Hogans Lane have been reported.

b). Village Hall

Outcome of the Lottery Grant was expected shortly.

c) Playing Field

The wildflower meadow had been seeded. A picnic bench was to be installed within the wildflower meadow at a cost of £595, Cllrs approved purchase from the Grant funding. Drainage of western boundary partly cleared had to be completed, Community Payback Team to be reminded.

Large tree in copse area of the Playing Field may need removing. Depending on outcome of Grant Aid it is hoped to install outdoor fitness equipment for adult use.

Zip wire needed some attention quote from Fenland Leisure for repair £464. Cllrs approved quote to complete repair. Owl and bird boxes to be installed during the autumn. Cllr Wilkinson offered to make these.

d) Streetscape.

A tree has been removed in Westfield Road and a further two cut back. A branch overhanging the gateway to the playing field has also been dealt with. An overgrown tree in Colville Road would be dealt with at a later date.

Handyman continues to cut grass and tidy areas on the High Road.

Street lighting checked monthly by Cllr Moore, Cllr Gibbs stated a few lights needed attention.

Dog Waste bin in Hogens Lane/High Road to be tidied.

Benches may need some attention in the Autumn. Planters to be made by Cllr Moore and installed by Street Pride near the benches on the High Road by the end of July.

e) Allotments and Public Rights of Way.

Mr Nunn to approach a High Road allotment holder regarding the continuation of the agreement. On repairing the Foot bridge at Black Dyke, the temporary manhole cover had been deposited down at the side of the bridge. Cllr Gibbs to query with the Highways Department.

f) Emergency Plan

Cllr Jones circulated a draft document to the Cllrs. Priority was to be given to a plan for severe winter conditions and would include contact lists and the allocation of roles. A second draft was to be available for the October meeting. The Cllrs accepted the draft and Cllr Jones would continue with the plan.

g) Correspondence

Number of emails previously circulated to Cllrs

Concurrent Grant payments changed to yearly from two half yearly payments.

Councillor contact list circulated

Surface dressing High Road 18th July/ Mill Lane 18th July
Resident contacted FDC to report damage to bus shelter passed to Parish Council
Request of donation received from MAGPAS Air Ambulance
LHI Bid Closing date August 4th
Planning applications

165/19 8. Finance Report

Business Reserve a/c £12027.30 including interest in June £6.08
Community a/c £16373.77
Income includes late allotment payment £189.20
Concurrent Function Grant £1280.00 (not included)
Invoices for payment approval
D Large tree maintenance £860.00 cheque no 100631
Village Hall hire charge two meetings June/July £40.00 cheque no 100632
Tamar Lap top £240.83 plus £48.17 vat cheque no 100634
Admin expenses including ink/paper and stamps £57.60
Clerk salary £567.92 plus admin expenses Total £625.52 cheque no 100629
Auditing Solutions £175 plus £35.00 210. Cheque no 100628
Handyman £70. cheque no 100635
Street lighting maintenance £1148.39 cheque no 100630
Agreed donation (S317) £100 MAGPAS cheque no 100636
Approval quote for Zip wire repair £464.00

- i) Resolved to approve quote for repair of zipwire at £464.00. Cllrs all agreed to approve payment*
ii) Resolved to approve payment of 8 invoices Cllrs all agreed to approve payment

Reserve account stands at £12027.30

166/19 9. Items for Decisions

LHI Bid 2020

Set up speed limits extensions to include Fen Road to Conkers, Mill Lane to Woodlands and High Road to include bend and Rectory Road and Chapel Road to Sutton Road.

Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson agreed by all Cllrs. Cllr Clark and Gibbs to submit bid by August 4th Total cost around £10,000

Cllr Check Play Equipment

Cllr Wilkinson to continue monitoring equipment.

Street Light Survey - Still awaiting report

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Previously circulated the Cllrs all agreed to approve to readopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations with no changes necessary.

- iii) Resolved to approve the re adoption of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations no changes necessary. All Cllrs agreed.*

Pub Survey

Draft circulated to Cllrs, some changes made, Cllr's Nunn and Wilkinson to complete survey ready for circulation. Cllr Nunn stated that depending on interest gathered from the survey a public meeting may be held. Cllr Nunn would then if required pursue the matter with the property owner. The Woadmans Public House High Road to be added to FDC list of empty properties, Postcode PE13 5HS

167/19 10. Date of Next meeting Tuesday 10th September at 7pm
Meeting closed at 9.35pm