

# NEWTON IN THE ISLE

## PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 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, G Wilkinson, S Clark, D Nunn, R Moore and Cllr S King and P Wilkinson (clerk)

### **178/19 Apologies**

Cllr's, E Jones, Cllr C Seaton. (FDC)

### **179/19 Public Forum**

No residents attended.

### **180/19 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had attended a number of meetings including the ACRE. Conference, the Highways Open Day, he also attended the Local Remembrance Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. He thanked Cllr Clark for organising the Flu Clinic in conjunction with Tesco's which was held at Tydd Community Centre. He reminded Councillors of Planning Training available on 21<sup>st</sup> November, Introductory from 2-4pm and Full meeting from 4.30pm to 8pm at Fenland Hall.

### **181/19 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- a) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were approved as a true record and signed.
- b) *Matters arising* - No matters arising
- c) Planning minutes from the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October were also accepted as a true record

### **182/19 Police Matters**

Police report circulated for September no crimes reported within the village.

### **183/19 County and District Reports**

Cllr King (CCC) suggested that improvements to Black Dyke bridge may be possible with funding from a Tydd St Giles LHI Bid, The LHI Bid results for 2020 Bid had been delayed until January 2020. Cllr King reminded Cllrs of the Green Dog Walking Scheme with a bag dispenser and free dog waste bags, The cost of dog tags were to be investigated further.

### **184/19 Reports**

#### *a) Highways*

Potholes had been reported since the last meeting

#### *Street lighting*

A number of faulty street lights had also been reported. The damaged light in Chapel Lane had been replaced, awaiting invoice of £397.63. A problem with a street light outside 19e Goodens Lane thought to be the responsibility of Longhurst Housing, was at present connected to the householder's supply. This has been disconnected and further investigation was in hand.

*c). Village Hall*

kitchen refurbishment was near completion with a few snagging issues to resolve. Sunday lunches were very popular and showed a healthy profit. A number of events taking place before Christmas.

*d) Playing Field*

Wildflower meadow required cutting awaiting dry period to complete. Following the small fire in the playing field it was thought prudent to approach a resident to take responsibility for a field gate key in case of an emergency. Clerk would arrange for another key to be cut and Cllr Gibbs would discuss this issue with the resident.

No further progress at present with the orchard trees and bird boxes this would be dealt with shortly. The wooden ramps would be removed and replaced with grass ramps, the Community Payback Team were to be approached to assist with this project, the Handyman may also be approached to assist.

North Level Drainage Board Cllr Gibbs stated that the matter relating to the assessment of the dyke adjacent to the playing field had been delayed as it was easier to achieve a more accurate analysis during the winter months

Signage in the field has again been damaged. Increase in dog fouling was being monitored.

*e) Streetscape.*

Cllr Moore stated that Newton Street Pride were seeking more volunteers. The hedge in Goodens Lane /Colville Road was being dealt with by Longhurst Housing and would in future be kept to a maximum height of 6ft. A litter bin was required for the bus shelter at a cost around £310 from FDC, this was approved and would be ordered.

*h) Handyman Report*

Report stated that saplings were to be placed in the copse area however this should read within the playing field as a mini orchard, the handyman had cleared the undergrowth around the litterbins. Another project to be undertaken during the winter months was the raising of the bench seat on the High Road/ Fen Road junction

*f) Allotments and Public Rights of Way.* – An Allotment holder had expressed a concern regarding the state of a nearby allotment, this was being monitored and the clerk had written to the allotment holder.

*g) Emergency Plan-* Cllrs Clark and Moore to liaise with Cllr Jones in arranging Coordinators. Gritting bins had been filled ready for the winter. Generator plug was now installed in the village hall. It is hoped that local volunteers may have generators available if required, to be investigated further.

*g) Correspondence*

Members Services

Rural Network Network news

Rural Bulletin oct

CAPALC bulletin

*Public Services*

*Cambs Local Highways Open Day*

Town & Country Conference

Cambs ACRE Conference reminder

Local Plan information

Notification of FDC Freeze on Garden Waste collection for 2020

Protocol London Bridge (preparation if any for Important Royals demise)

Police Report for September

## **185/19 Finance Report**

a) Financial report circulated with an updated budget review.

b) Invoices for approval

Tydd St Giles Community Centre for Flu Jab clinic – £29.25 cheque no100642

Martin Thulborn Builder waterpipe work for outside village hall £468.00 cheque no 100643

Clerk Salary July – Sept £567.92 cheque no 100644

Hall Hire – Local Planning meeting 29th October £10

Hall Hire – Full Council meeting 12th November £20. Total £30 cheque no 100645

Handyman - 4 ½ hours from 9th/7 – 19/10 grass cutting areas 1 and 2 total charge £42.50 cheque no 100646

T A Blackamore at £1152.00 vat £230.40 total cost £1382.40 cheque number 100648

Donation for Royal British Legion Wreath it was agreed to donate £30. Cheque no 100647

i) Cllrs resolved to approve payment of the above seven cheques amounting to £2550.07

Draft budget from 1st April to 31st October circulated

Expenditure to 12th November £7568.86

Expected expenditure to March 31st £15137.72

Annual income for year £26302.68

Budget Forecast carry forward at 31st March 2020 - £3000.00

Concurrent Grant expected to remain at £1280 for 2020

The Precept for 2020/2021 would be set at the January meeting.

### **d) Community/Reserve accounts at 31st October**

*Community account £19,511.21*

Income this period

£6500 ½ year Precept

£70 S King donation

Income total for this period £6570.00

*Business Reserve account at 31<sup>st</sup> October £12,033.30*

## **186/19 Items for Decisions**

### **a) Review of Local Plan**

The Councillors again looked at the Review of the Fenland Local Plan and the review for the village was drafted. This would be completed with Cllr Gibbs and Wilkinson and sent off by the clerk.

**b) Cllr Check Play Equipment** - Cllr Wilkinson agreed to continue monitoring equipment.

**c) Street Lighting Survey** – We are still awaiting the outcome

### **d) 2019 LHI Bid**

An increased area to be covered by 40mph speed restrictions. Junction of Rectory Road / High Road to corner of Chapel Lane. Mill Lane/Fen Road junction to The Mount, Mill Lane and Fen Road extended to The Chestnuts Fen Road all to 40mph restrictions. The Parish Council contribution cost £500 and the scheme would cost £5,000.

LHI Bid 2020, it was suggested that gateway signs be installed at the both ends of the High Road entrance to the village, this may help to reduce speed, with our LHI contribution of £1,000

**e) Playing Field project**

The Grant awarded from Grange Windfarm should be spent within the twelve months. Bat and bird boxes to be purchased along with a number of fruit trees and bulbs for the copse. A number of volunteers had offered to assist with the planting. And it is hoped that the Community Payback team would also be able to assist with the trees. Cllr Gibbs to pass on a list of fruit trees and bulbs required to Cllr Wilkinson.

Top soil had be obtained, awaiting a period of dry weather to enable a truck onto the field establish the grass ramps.

A major fly tipping incident reported in Brewers Lane .

Pub survey was ready for distribution.

**187/19 Date of Next meeting** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm Meeting closed at 9.45