

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

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To Members of the Public and Press

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council to be held in Newton Village Hall on **Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 7.30pm.**

Dave Gibbs

Clerk

5 September 2023

AGENDA

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

035/23 Apologies

To receive and consider apologies from those members not present

036/23 Chairman's Announcements

To receive such announcements as the Chairman may wish to make to the Council

037/23 Public Forum

To receive representations from members of the public regarding issues pertinent to the Council

038/23 Membership of the Council

To consider requests from eligible individuals for co-option to the vacant position on the Council

039/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 July

040/23 County and District Councillors Reports

To receive reports from Cllrs S King (CCC), B Barber, S Clark and C Seaton (FDC)

041/23 Police Matters

To receive a report from the Clerk on recent meetings with the Police and issues relating to crime and anti-social behaviour

042/23 Clerk's Report

To receive a report on meetings attended and correspondence received

043/23 Outstanding Matters

To receive updates on matters raised previously and to resolve accordingly

- a) Abandoned vehicle in Colvile Road*
- b) Accumulation of scrap in Colvile Road*
- c) Dangerous path surface at St James Close*
- d) Vacant properties*
- e) High Road bench*
- f) Planter around village sign*
- g) Mossy pavement in Westfield Road*
- h) Allocation of vacant allotment*
- i) Wildflower meadow*
- j) Arboretum*
- k) Byway winter closures*
- l) Village bus service*
- m) Blackdike bridge*
- n) Local Highway Improvements application 2024/25*
- o) Campaign to Protect Rural England membership invitation*

044/23 Members' and Residents' Issues

To receive reports from the Clerk and members on matters raised by local residents, and to report on matters raised previously, including the following:

- a) Hedgehog Highway project*
- b) Playing Field dyke*

045/23 Former Colvile School Site

To discuss options for the future use of the site with the owner

046/23 Village Handyman

To review the role of the Handyman and consider future options for the provision of the service

047/23 Speed Monitoring

To receive a report on data recorded by the MVAS speed monitoring device

048/23 Finance

To consider and resolve on the following matters:

- a) To receive an updated financial statement for the period to the end of August*
- b) To note the following payment by direct debit since the last meeting:*
North Level District Internal Drainage Board (drainage rates)..... £ 51.06
- c) To approve the following payments:*
100767 D A Gibbs (salary August and September)..... £ 895.60
100768 Newton Village Hall (hall hire)..... £ 60.00
£ 955.60
- d) To consider a request for financial support from the Village Hall Management Committee*

049/23 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council

Tuesday 14 November at 7.30pm

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Minutes of a Meeting of Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th July 2023

Present - Cllr R Bradley (Chairman), Cllr S Clark, Cllr D Freeman, Cllr B Simpson, Cllr S King (CCC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), E Jones

021/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr B Barber (FDC)

022/23 Chairman's Announcements

None.

023/23 Public Forum

None.

024/23 Membership of the Council

Mr Simpson had previously indicated that he would like to join the Council, but was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Jones also indicated his willingness to be co-opted. Both were proposed by Cllr Freeman, seconded by Cllr Clark and duly co-opted. Cllr Jones signed his declaration of acceptance, witnessed by the Clerk. Mr Simpson will sign his at a later date.

Cllr Jones offered to continue the monthly councillor surgeries on the first Saturday of each month.

025/23 Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2023 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2023 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

026/23 County and District Councillors Reports

County - Cllr King reported that the Senior Flood Risk Officer had submitted his report on the flooding issues along the High Road. He confirmed that any drain runs in this area are the responsibility of the residents and no records exist of the piping or infilling of the former open watercourse when the bungalows were constructed.

The Council's Local Highways Improvement funding application for a kerb build-out at the junction of High Road and Fen Road was unsuccessful. The next round of LHI will be open for applications between 27th October and 12th January, with the results due to be announced in September 2024.

The County Council has launched a new Priorities Capital Fund, offering grants to local councils and community organisations for projects aligned to the County Council's current strategic priorities.

District - Cllr Seaton advised members that he met with the Elloe Bank Residents Association to discuss the two solar farm proposals and the recent sale of land adjoining Harold's Bridge. David Bailey, the District Council's Equality & Diversity Manager also attended the meeting. It was suggested that the residents might engage a planning consultant to advise them regarding the solar farm proposals.

Following recent issues with potentially unsafe trees, Cllr Seaton advised the Council that such matters should be referred to the Planning Enforcement team for an immediate response.

The Combined Authority is considering options for the future of the village bus service, following the decision of the current operator to withdraw. Members expressed their frustration that no official notification had been issued and the Combined Authority had not responded to enquiries, so the Council first heard of this on Facebook and had to rely on conversations with the bus drivers for clarification. Conversations with neighbouring parishes and a public consultation were suggested.

Cllr Clark reported that a resident had contacted her regarding the condition of the wildflower meadow in the Playing Field. The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to the contractor about the need to clear the site.

027/23 Police Matters

The Clerk reported that no meetings had taken place with the Police, but a meeting is scheduled shortly.

028/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended, correspondence received and local issues, including a Back to Nature event and planning training arranged by the District Council, the announcement of the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital, a consultation event regarding the proposed Treading Bank Solar Farm in Tydd St Giles and an invitation to join the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Members asked the Clerk to include the CPRE membership proposal on the agenda for the next meeting.

029/23 Members' and Residents' Issues

- a) Abandoned vehicle in Colville Road - awaiting update from Clarion Housing Group.
- b) Accumulation of scrap in Colville Road - awaiting update from Clarion Housing Group.
- c) Dangerous path surface at St James Close - awaiting update from Clarion Housing Group.
- d) Former school site - awaiting update from the District Council.
- e) Appointment of Village Hall Trustee - Cllr Clark offered to undertake the role and was proposed by Cllr Bradley and seconded by Cllr Freeman.

- f) Committee membership - members discussed the role of the Highways and Amenities Committees and resolved to suspend both until further notice, with all business being conducted by the Council at its regular meetings.
- g) Vacant properties - Cllr Clark reported that a number of housing association properties in the village had remained unoccupied for many months. She has asked the District Council to investigate and is awaiting a response. Members were encouraged to note any empty properties they become aware of.
- h) Village bus service - see 026/23 above.
- i) Sycamore tree in the Playing Field - members resolved not to remove the tree, but to allow the owner of the adjoining property to remove overhanging branches back to their boundary line.

030/23 Amenities Committee

- a) Wildflower meadow - the contractor has not cut the meadow. Members noted that cutting it now would leave the seeds for regrowth, however neighbours have complained. Cllr Bradley offered to cut and mulch the entire meadow ready for further work in the coming months.
- b) Planter around village sign - Cllr K Simpson has offered to replace the planter. Members agreed to this proposal.
- c) High Road bench - members considered several options and agreed to purchase a Kedel Irwell 3-seater bench at a cost of £438 plus VAT and delivery, with a budget of up to £600 if required. They also agreed to place the spare metal bench in the Playing Field.
- d) Allocation of vacant allotment - members agreed to visit the allotment site and consider options for dividing it into a number of smaller plots.
- e) Village Hall Management Committee event in the Playing Field - the Clerk reported that the event had been successful and there were no matters requiring the attention of the Council.

031/23 Highways Committee

- a) Byway winter closures - the Clerk advised members that he had received the paperwork relating to the application for the closure order. Cllrs Bradley and Clark will meet with the Clerk to work through the process.
- b) Hedgerow around telephone exchange - the BT contractor has cut back the hedgerow.
- c) Blackdike bridge - the Clerk advised members that the repair work to the bridge is due to take place in early August.
- d) Local Highway Improvements assessment panel results - see 026/23 above. Cllr Jones reminded members that the long-awaited National Cycle Route signs have not been installed. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.
- e) Mossy pavement in Westfield Road - the residents have removed some of the moss, but further work is required. The Clerk will attend to this.

- f) Village Handyman - members noted that the Handyman has not kept up with the planned grass cutting schedule. They asked the Clerk to include this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

032/23 Finance

- a) The Clerk presented an updated financial statement as at the end of June, showing income of £7,093.18 and expenditure of £4,159.79, resulting in a surplus of £2,933.39 and total funds held of £37,618.39.

- b) Members noted the following sums received:

<i>Fenland District Council (concurrent functions grant)</i>	<i>£ 1,968.00</i>
<i>Barclays Bank (interest)</i>	<i>£ 25.18</i>
	<i>£ 1,993.18</i>

- c) Members ratified the following payments issued since the last meeting:

<i>100761 Auditing Solutions Ltd (audit fee)</i>	<i>£ 294.00</i>
<i>100762 ProEdge Construction Ltd (path repair)</i>	<i>£ 1,248.00</i>
<i>100763 Newton Village Hall (hall hire)</i>	<i>£ 30.00</i>
	<i>£ 1,572.00</i>

- d) Members approved the following payments:

<i>100764 D A Gibbs (salary June and July)</i>	<i>£ 895.60</i>
<i>100765 Fenland District Council (street lighting)</i>	<i>£ 3,900.98</i>
<i>100766 Newton Village Hall (hall hire)</i>	<i>£ 10.00</i>
	<i>£ 4,806.58</i>

- e) Members resolved that the list of authorised signatories for the new NatWest bank account should comprise Cllrs Bradley, Freeman, Clark and the Clerk.
- f) Review of fees and charges - Cllr Clark declared a pecuniary interest and left the room during the discussion of this item. The Clerk circulated details of the current charges for allotment rental and the drainage pipe licence. Members considered a range of options, but resolved to leave charges at the current level. The Clerk was asked to confirm the terms of the agreement regarding notification of rental increases. Cllr Clark returned to the meeting.

033/23 Annual Parish Meeting

Members reviewed the recent Annual Parish Meeting. They agreed that it had been successful and resolved to retain the format for next year's meeting.

034/23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm.

Agenda Item No.	042/23	NEWTON IN THE ISLE PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Date	12 September 2023	
Report Title	Clerk's Report	

1. Purpose of Report

To report on meetings attended and correspondence received.

2. Key Issues

Meetings attended:

Wisbech Neighbourhood Police - 14 July and 6 September

Correspondence received:

Cambridgeshire County Council - Cambridgeshire Matters newsletter, community gritting scheme applications, flood groups conference, roadworks and events bulletin

Fenland District Council - Walking, Cycling and Mobility Aid survey, Chairman's Charity Coffee Morning, transport planning guide, involvement in planning decisions consultation, Community Safety Partnership survey, new Parkrun in Wisbech, Incinerator Planning Inspectorate recommendation timetable

NHS - It All Counts hydration campaign

National Association of Local Councils - newsletter, bulletin and events

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils - Annual Conference, training courses, bulletin, model financial regulations consultation

Cambridgeshire ACRE - PECT Climate Action Fund consultation, Home Energy Support Service Plus, Staying in Touch newsletter, invitation to AGM, September update, Community Living Room project

CCVS - State of the Sector report

Queen Elizabeth Hospital - modernising our hospital newsletter

Online Playgrounds - Playground visual inspection course

Action on Energy - Autumn event

3. Recommendations

Members note the report.

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Agenda Item No.	047/23	NEWTON IN THE ISLE PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Date	12 September 2023	
Report Title	MVAS Speed Data	

1. Purpose of Report

To update members on the data from speed monitoring in the village.

2. Key Issues

The following raw data has been taken from the MVAS speed monitoring device:

High Road West with a speed limit of 40mph

Monitoring period 03-08-2023 to 24-08-2023 (20 days)

Number of vehicles - 19,278

Minimum speed - 5mph

Maximum speed - 63mph

Average speed - 31.66mph

85th percentile speed - 38mph

Number over speed limit - 5.69% - 1,097 vehicles

Number over prosecutable limit (10%+2 above limit) - 0.99% - 190 vehicles

Number over disqualification limit (30mph above limit) - 0.0% - 0 vehicles

Highest speeds recorded:

Saturday 12 August 2023	21:36	Departing	63mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	17:41	Departing	63mph
Friday 04 August 2023	19:38	Arriving	57mph
Tuesday 08 August 2023	13:46	Arriving	57mph
Wednesday 16 August 2023	09:42	Arriving	56mph
Friday 18 August 2023	01:11	Arriving	56mph
Tuesday 22 August 2023	11:14	Departing	56mph
Saturday 12 August 2023	13:09	Departing	55mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	09:08	Departing	55mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	09:59	Departing	55mph
Sunday 06 August 2023	16:34	Departing	54mph
Thursday 10 August 2023	20:39	Arriving	54mph
Saturday 12 August 2023	07:18	Departing	54mph
Tuesday 15 August 2023	04:47	Departing	54mph
Thursday 17 August 2023	11:04	Departing	54mph
Tuesday 15 August 2023	17:01	Departing	53mph
Thursday 03 August 2023	23:50	Arriving	52mph
Saturday 05 August 2023	21:19	Arriving	52mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	01:59	Arriving	52mph
Sunday 20 August 2023	19:40	Arriving	52mph
Tuesday 22 August 2023	12:41	Arriving	52mph
Wednesday 23 August 2023	18:45	Departing	52mph
Thursday 03 August 2023	18:42	Arriving	51mph
Saturday 05 August 2023	08:31	Departing	51mph
Monday 14 August 2023	18:45	Departing	51mph

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Tuesday 15 August 2023	16:14	Departing	51mph
Monday 21 August 2023	05:39	Departing	51mph
Tuesday 22 August 2023	15:26	Departing	51mph
Tuesday 08 August 2023	06:58	Arriving	50mph
Thursday 10 August 2023	05:44	Departing	50mph
Thursday 10 August 2023	17:31	Departing	50mph
Friday 11 August 2023	16:13	Departing	50mph
Saturday 12 August 2023	10:13	Departing	50mph
Saturday 12 August 2023	12:59	Departing	50mph
Saturday 12 August 2023	13:35	Departing	50mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	05:13	Arriving	50mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	12:51	Departing	50mph
Monday 14 August 2023	06:27	Departing	50mph
Monday 14 August 2023	18:43	Arriving	50mph
Monday 14 August 2023	18:54	Arriving	50mph
Tuesday 15 August 2023	10:18	Departing	50mph
Wednesday 16 August 2023	15:10	Arriving	50mph
Friday 18 August 2023	18:04	Departing	50mph
Saturday 19 August 2023	10:49	Departing	50mph
Sunday 20 August 2023	15:08	Departing	50mph
Tuesday 22 August 2023	10:29	Departing	50mph
Tuesday 22 August 2023	21:06	Departing	50mph
Wednesday 23 August 2023	18:56	Departing	50mph
Friday 04 August 2023	15:21	Arriving	49mph
Friday 04 August 2023	15:56	Departing	49mph
Saturday 05 August 2023	08:00	Departing	49mph
Saturday 05 August 2023	12:15	Arriving	49mph
Monday 07 August 2023	14:05	Arriving	49mph
Tuesday 08 August 2023	17:01	Departing	49mph
Tuesday 08 August 2023	17:17	Arriving	49mph
Wednesday 09 August 2023	13:17	Arriving	49mph
Wednesday 09 August 2023	16:56	Arriving	49mph
Thursday 10 August 2023	11:57	Arriving	49mph
Friday 11 August 2023	16:20	Arriving	49mph
Friday 11 August 2023	21:49	Arriving	49mph
Saturday 12 August 2023	02:34	Departing	49mph
Saturday 12 August 2023	05:46	Departing	49mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	10:22	Arriving	49mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	18:22	Arriving	49mph
Sunday 13 August 2023	19:18	Arriving	49mph
Monday 14 August 2023	19:46	Arriving	49mph
Thursday 17 August 2023	12:08	Arriving	49mph
Thursday 17 August 2023	15:57	Arriving	49mph
Tuesday 22 August 2023	18:06	Departing	49mph
Friday 04 August 2023	08:20	Departing	48mph
Friday 04 August 2023	19:25	Departing	48mph
Saturday 05 August 2023	06:07	Departing	48mph
Saturday 05 August 2023	11:35	Arriving	48mph

3. Recommendations

Members note the report

Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council

Receipts & Payments Summary as at 31.8.23

Income	Year to Date		Budget	%	
FDC Precept	£	5,000.00	£	10,000.00	50.00
FDC Concurrent Functions Grant	£	1,968.00	£	1,968.00	100.00
Allotment Rents	£	100.00	£	473.44	21.12
Village Hall	£	-	£	1.00	0.00
Grants	£	-	£	-	0.00
Donations	£	-	£	-	0.00
Bank Interest	£	25.18	£	20.00	125.90
VAT Refunds	£	-	£	1,092.76	0.00
Miscellaneous	£	-	£	-	0.00
Total Income	£	7,093.18	£	13,555.20	52.33

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary	£	1,791.20	£	5,685.60	31.50
Fees	£	285.00	£	235.00	121.28
Subscriptions	£	403.10	£	475.00	84.86
Admin Expenses	£	40.00	£	1,500.00	2.67
Insurance	£	796.11	£	720.00	110.57
Drainage Rates	£	51.06	£	50.00	102.12
Playing Field	£	104.48	£	7,500.00	1.39
Highways	£	1,315.00	£	4,500.00	29.22
Street Lights	£	3,250.81	£	3,000.00	108.36
Section 137 Payments	£	-	£	2,500.00	0.00
LHI Projects	£	-	£	2,000.00	0.00
Recoverable VAT	£	980.67	£	-	#####
Total Expenditure	£	9,017.43	£	28,165.60	32.02

Summary

Total Income	£	7,093.18	£	13,555.20
LESS Total Expenditure	£	9,017.43	£	28,165.60
Net Surplus or Deficit	-£	1,924.25	-£	14,610.40

Balance Sheet

Balance B/fwd	£	34,685.00
Surplus or Deficit	-£	1,924.25
Balance C/fwd	£	32,760.75

Represented by

Barclays Community Account	£	20,659.04
Barclays Business Premium Account	£	12,101.71
Cash / Cheques	£	-
	£	32,760.75