

# NEWTON IN THE ISLE

## PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a meeting of Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council Amenities Committee held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Present** - Cllr D Nunn (Chairman), Cllr D Freeman, Cllr R Moore, Cllr G Wilkinson, D Gibbs (Clerk)

#### **006/22 Apologies for Absence**

None.

#### **007/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **008/22 Matters for Consideration**

- a) Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field - members noted that the meadow had been cut and asked the Clerk to obtain a quote from the contractor to spray and reseed at the appropriate time.
- b) Children's play equipment - members asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for all items listed on the RoSPA annual inspection report.
- c) Trees, arboretum and orchard - many of the trees need attention, including pruning, crown lifting and removal of dead wood. Three trees in the arboretum need to be replaced and two in the orchard. All young trees need secure staking. Members asked the Clerk to prepare a tree plan and condition survey for future quotes.
- d) Allotments and land holdings - members visited the various sites and resolved to formulate a longer term plan for the land portfolio, including the possibility of disposal of vacant sites. It was agreed that all tenants should be reminded of their obligations under their tenancy agreements when the rent demands are issued.
- e) Fences and gates - members discussed whether the addition of gate springs might be detrimental to people with disabilities. They resolved not to fit springs to the various gates.
- f) Bins and benches - members resolved to remove the bench on the High Road opposite Fen Road and to replace it with the spare bench already purchased. The path to the bench also requires attention. Cllr Wilkinson will obtain a quote. All three benches need repainting and the picnic table needs re-treating. The Handyman could be asked to undertake this work.

- g) Bus shelter - some of the ceramic ornaments have been damaged and now have sharp edges. Members resolved to remove all damaged items as a matter of urgency. The bus shelter is dirty and requires cleaning and possibly repainting. The Handyman could be asked to undertake this work.
- h) Notice boards - the existing notice boards are too small for the number of documents the Council is required to display. Members suggested that an additional board be purchased to be placed to the left of the bench opposite Fen Road and that further consideration be given to a possible location for a larger board to serve the eastern end of the village.
- i) Defibrillators - the new defibrillator for the Village Hall is on order and should be delivered shortly.

### **009/22 Reports and Recommendations**

Members resolved to submit the following recommendations to the September meeting of the Council:

- a) To approve a quotation from the grounds maintenance contractor for the spraying and reseeding with grass of the meadow area.
- b) To approve a quotation from Fenland Leisure Products for remedial work to the children's play equipment highlighted in the RoSPA annual inspection.
- c) To approve necessary expenditure to make good vandalism of trees in the orchard and arboretum.
- d) To approve a quotation for the removal of the bench opposite Fen Road, the relaying of the path to the bench and the installation of the replacement bench.
- e) To approve the purchase of an additional notice board to be placed adjacent to the bench opposite Fen Road at a cost of up to £400.

### **010/22 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11 October.