

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 25th October 2022

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

011/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Wilkinson.

012/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th August were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

013/22 Matters for Consideration

- a) Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field - the wildflower meadow will be sprayed and reseeded in the coming months, subject to the receipt of a quotation from the contractor. The BMX ramps will be removed shortly.
- b) Children's play equipment - the quote to rectify the issues identified in the annual inspection was approved by the Council in September and the work will be carried out shortly.
- c) Trees, arboretum and orchard - a resident has reported that a cherry tree and a prunus tree in Westfield Road are interfering with telephone lines. The cherry tree opposite the old school site also needs attention. A plan of the trees in the Playing Field will be prepared shortly. The next phase of the arboretum will be planted this autumn.
- d) Allotments and land holdings - invoices have been issued with a letter reminding tenants of their obligations.
- e) Fences and gates - no matters reported.
- f) Bins and benches - the wooden benches have been repainted. No quote has been received for the replacement of the bench opposite Fen Road. Members asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for this. Members considered placing dog bag dispensers in suitable locations around the village to reduce dog fouling and offered to obtain quotes for suitable items. Appropriate signage is available from the District Council.
- g) Bus shelter - the shelter has been cleaned and the broken ceramic ornaments have been removed. The missing corner of the guttering needs to be replaced.
- h) Notice boards - the Council approved the purchase of a new board to be placed opposite Fen Road, but a suitable location needs to be identified for a second board at the eastern end of the village.

- i) Defibrillators - the new defibrillator at the Village Hall has been installed and registered, but the defibrillator by the village sign may be recalled, due to a software fault. The Clerk is investigating this.

014/22 Reports and Recommendations

Members resolved to submit the following recommendations to the November 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 for the removal of the bench opposite Fen Road, the relaying of the path to the bench and the installation of the replacement bench.
- c) To approve the purchase of dog bag dispensers and to identify suitable locations for them.
- d) To consider options for an additional notice board to be placed at the eastern end of the village and to approve funding.

015/22 Amenities Plan 2023/24

Members were asked to consider priorities for the forthcoming financial year, particularly those with financial implications, to inform the creation of the budget. A community consultation was suggested, possibly at the Annual Parish Meeting.

016/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13 December.