

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

#### **023/22 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr G Wilkinson.

#### **024/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **025/22 Matters for Consideration**

- a) Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field - a quote of £394 has been received from T A Blackamore Ltd to spray and reseed the wildflower meadow. Members resolved to ask the Council to approve the quote.
- b) Children's play equipment - members noted that the BMX ramps have not been removed. It was suggested that the concrete blocks could be buried *in situ*, with the excess soil being used to improve the southern entrance path to the Playing Field from Karrow Meadows.

The repairs to the children's play equipment have been completed. The shelter still requires cleaning and repainting where rust has removed the original paint. A further inspection will be carried out in April.

- c) Trees, arboretum and orchard - the Clerk advised members that another nine trees were to be added to the arboretum in March. The plaques have been ordered and should be delivered soon. Trees and stakes would be ordered to be delivered a few days before the planting date.

A quote of £330 has been received from Sam Johnson Landscapes for works to two cherry trees in Westfield Road and above the bench adjacent to 334 High Road.

Members resolved to ask the Council to approve the quote.

- d) Allotments and land holdings - two potential tenants have responded to the advertisement in the newsletter for the vacant allotment in the High Road. The Clerk will arrange to show them the plot. Cllr Nunn will obtain a quote for remedial works to prepare the plot for use. Gate posts and a gate will be required for the new entrance to the front of the plot.
- e) Fences and gates - no matters reported.

- f) Bins and benches - the Clerk reported that he has found a contractor to provide a quote for the relaying of the path and replacement of the bench opposite Fen Road.

The dog bag dispensers will be ordered to be installed in March.

Members will be invited to consider different designs for a new bench to be placed in the Playing Field.

- g) Bus shelter - the Clerk reported that there has been further damage to the guttering on the bus shelter and replacement parts will be required. Cllr Freeman agreed to identify a stockist.
- h) Notice boards - the new notice boards have been ordered and will be delivered shortly.
- i) Defibrillators - the Clerk advised members that it had not been possible to arrange a first aid course in the early part of the year, so he will now make arrangements for early June.

### **026/22 Reports and Recommendations**

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

- a) To approve a quotation of £394 from T A Blackmore for the spraying and reseeding with grass of the meadow area.
- b) To approve a quotation of £330 from Sam Johnson Landscapes for works to a cherry tree in Westfield Road and the removal of the broken branch on the cherry tree above the bench adjacent to 334 High Road.
- c) 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.
- d) To approve a quotation for remedial works to the vacant allotment in the High Road.

### **027/22 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11 April.