

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council Highways Committee held in the Village Hall on Thursday 1st September 2022

Present - Cllr R Bradley, Cllr S Clark, Cllr E Jones (in the Chair), D Gibbs (Clerk)

006/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Nunn.

007/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th July were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

008/22 Matters for Consideration

- a) Highway maintenance - members noted that many potholes had been repaired recently.
- b) Highway improvements - the Clerk was asked to check the timing of the proposed resurfacing work in Fen Road. Members studied the technical drawings for the combined LHI/PFHI schemes at either end of the village. It was noted that the SLOW markings at the western end are not shown. The Clerk will discuss this with the Highways Officer.
- c) Footpaths and public rights of way - a meeting will be arranged between landowners responsible for the byways to the west of Fen Road to discuss future maintenance issues. It was noted that further improvements have already been undertaken.
- d) Roadside verges - the County Council's summer cut has been completed and several landowners have cut outlying areas not covered by the Council.
- e) Signage - the new signs have been erected at the junction of Fitton End Road and Black Dyke.
- f) Drains - the recent cyclical cleaning of the drains has resolved many issues, although drains at each end of Goodens Lane remain blocked. Kerb drains appear not to have been checked. Outlying drains were overlooked during the recent works. The Clerk will check and report remaining issues.
- g) Street lights - the annual maintenance, cleaning and energy bill has been received. In view of the rising cost of electricity, members agreed to give further consideration to replacing lights with LEDs.
- h) Speed monitoring devices - the MVAS is ready to be relocated. The Clerk was asked to show members of the Committee how to download the data and reposition the device.

- i) Parish handyman - members discussed the role of the Handyman and the scope to expand the remit to support the Council's wish to improve the environment around the village. Suggested tasks include further verge mowing, pruning trees, shrubs and hedges, maintaining planters, cleaning benches, bins and the bus shelter. The Clerk will prepare a new role description for approval by the Council.

009/22 Reports and Recommendations

- a) To approve the final details of the combined LHI/PFHI scheme.
- b) To approve an enhanced role description for the Parish Handyman.

010/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 October.