

# 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 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Present** - Cllr D Nunn (Chairman), Cllr S Clark, Cllr E Jones, D Gibbs (Clerk)

#### **011/22 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr R Bradley.

#### **012/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **013/22 Matters for Consideration**

- a) Highway maintenance - members noted that some white lines at junctions had been repainted recently, but not all. Cllr Clark offered to check all junctions and report those still needing attention.
- b) Highway improvements - the Clerk explained the new format of the Local Highways Improvement scheme. Applications will be divided into two categories, known as complex and non-complex. Non-complex applications will be eligible for up to £10,000 from the County Council and will be assessed by officers, not members. Complex applications will be eligible for up to £25,000 from the County Council and will be assessed by a member panel, as previously. Overall funding will be unchanged, with half of the budget allocated to each type of application. Members suggested a traffic island to slow vehicles at the junction of High Road and Fen Road. Traffic calming signage at the sharp bend beyond 355 High Road was also suggested. A final decision must be made at November's Parish Council meeting.
- c) Footpaths and public rights of way - awaiting the meeting with the landowners west of Fen Road.
- d) Roadside verges - the final cut has been completed. Any uncut verges will rely on the goodwill of landowners.
- e) Signage - it was noted that the poles supporting several signs have significant rust at the base. Members were asked to check and report any examples requiring replacement.
- f) Drains - the drains on outlying roads will be checked and reported. It is hoped that we will have access to the new drainage maps once complete.
- g) Street lights - members were asked to report any lights not working. The Clerk will circulate the street light asset register showing the locations of each light.

- h) Speed monitoring devices - the MVAS will be relocated to Goodens Lane, if a suitable location can be found for it. The Clerk has shown members of the Committee how to download the data and reposition the device.
- i) Parish handyman - the new role description was approved by the Council at the September meeting and the Clerk will discuss this with the Handyman.

#### **014/22 Reports and Recommendations**

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

- a) To approve the project to be submitted as the LHI application for 2023/24.
- b) To receive a report from the Clerk regarding the meeting with the Parish Handyman and resolve accordingly.

#### **015/22 Highways 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.

#### **016/22 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 December.