

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council Planning Committee held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th October 2022

Present - Cllr D Nunn (Chairman), Cllr R Bradley, Cllr S Clark, Cllr E Jones, Cllr R Moore, D Gibbs (Clerk), R Horspool (Parishioner)

006/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Cllr D Freeman and Cllr G Wilkinson were received and approved.

007/22 Planning Application

F/YR22/1101/TRTPO - Works to 1no Willow, 1no Silver Birch, 1no Oak and 2no Sycamore trees covered by TPO/13/1966 - Amen Corner, Chapel Lane, Newton-in-the-Isle.

Members considered this application. They welcomed the applicant's decision to improve the appearance of these trees.

008/22 Update on Previous Applications

F/YR22/0599/F - Erect a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling - Fitton Croft Farm, Fitton End Road, Newton-in-the-Isle. Permission granted.

F/YR22/0957/F and F/YR22/0958/LB - Convert existing barn, and erect a link extension (to existing dwelling), erect a 2-storey building involving the demolition of existing piggery, to form 2 x annexes (2-storey 2-bed) ancillary to existing dwelling, and erect a first-floor extension to existing outbuilding and a double garage (part retrospective) - Newton House, 217 High Road, Newton-in-the-Isle. Decision pending.

009/22 Draft Fenland Local Plan Consultation

The Clerk explained the background to the new draft Fenland Local Plan and the process involved in creating it. Members discussed the impact of the proposals for Newton-in-the-Isle and in particular for the village. They outlined a number of concerns.

- i. The name of the parish and village is abbreviated to Newton.
- ii. The village is categorised as a Small Village B, a category otherwise used to define hamlets rather than villages.
- iii. The settlement boundary and the lack of identified sites for development will stifle the natural growth of the village.
- iv. The separation of the two ends of the village creates two distinct communities, when infill plots along the High Road could be considered to unite the two ends of the village.
- v. Rejection of sites at the eastern end of the village has been based on a flood map that is clearly not fit for purpose.

- vi. The creation of a pavement on the national speed limit section of the High Road is dependent upon infill development between 118 and 156 High Road.

In order to address these issues, a meeting with a senior planning officer is required and members asked the Clerk to arrange this.

010/22 Other Planning Matters

The Clerk informed members that a proposal has been announced to build a substantial solar farm on land at the western end of the parish, and part of Tydd St Giles and Sutton St Edmund parishes. The company behind the proposal has offered to meet with the parish councils to explain their plans in more detail. Members asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting.