



Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2018 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall

1. Present. D. Carter (Chair), A. Davies, I. Davies, F. Preston, L. Hunt (BC), A. Warwick (CC) and 8 members of the public.
2. Apologies were received from R. Crane and PCSO Sharon Bailie-Crabtree.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. As members of the public had turned up believing there to be an Annual Parish Meeting a number of adjustments were made to the order of items on the agenda.
5. Report back on 14th March meeting with Persimmon/Pegasus.

A query was made over the proposed Coton Park East development. ID explained he had met with the senior person from Pegasus Planners. The development was in the Parish of Newton but would not be in Newton Village. There would be a big swathe of open space along the Great Central Way separating it from Newton. There would be a master plan drawn up before outline permission could be sought. There would not be a link road through from Coton Park East into Newton. It would be served from the Leicester Road. It would not impede on the 5 Arches Project which the Parish Council had helped finance. The maintenance of the buffer and who would adopt the development had been discussed. ID would be informed of the master plan before planning applications made. There were no further questions and the matter was noted.

6. The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2018 were proposed by ID and seconded by FP and signed by the Chair as being a true record.

7. There were no matters arising.

8. The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2018 were proposed by ID and signed by FP and signed by the Chair as being a true record.

9. Matters arising. The landlord and landlady from the Stag and Pheasant no longer planned to create guest accommodation but planned to live in the residential annex themselves.

10. Report back on 7th March meeting with WCC re: public transport subsidy. A meeting had been held between AW, ID, DC and Janet Neale from WCC. A subsidy of £100,00 was being given by Lioncourt over a 5 year period. The first £20,000 had already gone to the bus provider and a 3 year agreement taken but if we could come up with a better scheme it could be directed to that. The following had been discussed.

A) Improving the junction at St. Thomas Cross – a survey had been carried out in 2016. It was best to have another one when DIRFT III open and the traffic impact at its highest.

B) WRCC bus available.

C) CAVA scheme. It was agreed LH and ID would look into this and ask WCC what money available.

It was felt the Parish Council, LH and AW should all work together to come up with a plan.

11. Allocation of affordable housing. DC explained that 40 houses would be built at The Leys development. A proportion of them would be affordable housing. It was not yet known how priority would be given as the housebuilder would need to make a deal with a housing authority first.

12. BT – superfast broadband. This had not yet been resolved. The cabinets originally installed could not take on the whole of Newton hence the problem. LH explained she was still trying to have the problem sorted for Newton. It would entail each line being checked subject to when the engineers could do the work aside from their contract work.

13. Village Hall Committee proposals. ID had met with the Planning Authority. Keith Hirons had agreed to give costings so further quotes could be obtained. Plans would need drawing up. An extension wrapping round the back of the village hall planned and the existing outdoor storage could be removed.



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It was too late for an application to be made to the Rural Development Fund this year. But if work could be paid for the by Village Hall Committee and with grants from the Parish Council now, a grant could be applied for next year to pay for the finishing off items.

14. A precept of £500 had been requested by the Village Hall Committee for the 2017-18 period to pay for maintenance of the floor and painting inside the hall. This was agreed.

15. The replacement lights at The Leys. Jason Husain at RBC had agreed by email for the Parish Council to go ahead with replacing the lights. FP had put a note through each door at The Leys explaining what was planned and there had been no objections. The clerk was asked to obtain quotes.

16. The Jenaway charity. This problem was ongoing. AD was in email contact with the bank and had to fill in a dissolution form for the Charity Commission. She was trying to move the remaining £60 into the Elkington and Sherriers account which was still active.

17. The Police property marking event had been very successful. 50-60 people had attended. DC had written and thanked the police on the Parish Council's behalf and had a nice response from PCSO Sharon Bailie-Crabtree.

18. The litter pick was arranged for Sunday 22nd April at 10.00am. ID had agreed to pick up the equipment, DC had drawn up a risk assessment and the clerk agreed to draw up some notices. People would need to bring their own strong gloves. ID agreed to put it on facebook.

19. Update on the 5 Arches project. This had been going well. The heavy work had been completed and the planting had begun. Several days were planned for planting and there were requests for weekend planting to be included. The Brownies and Brownover Boy Scouts were going to help with the planting. A notice board was due to go up there soon. A member of the public offered to help get the logo on the Newton Minutes enlarged to go on them. The grand opening was not planned yet. Chris Worman at RBC had been approached about sorting out the pot holes at the entrance to The 5 Arches ready for when the opening held.

20. Information pack for new residents of Newton. This was work in progress. A member of the public asked if it could go on the web site when completed.

21. Update on the Stag and Pheasant. The new landlord and landlady were not present but everyone was happy with the work being done and the warm welcome received in the pub. Food was due to start being served in April.

22. The Local plan examination. The first stage had been completed. The second stage was due to take place. Newton had not made any representations. The change to Government national planning guides was discussed.

23. General data protection requirements. We need a process for dealing with all information being brought in. DC agreed to bring in a WCC form for us to fill in at the next meeting.

24. Planning

A) Diversion of part of part of footpath R103 Rugby. This had already been agreed by RBC.

25. The insurance was due to come to the end of its 3 year agreement in June. Came and Co. Were not able to give a new quote yet as their quotes are only valid for 28 days.

26. There was no correspondence. All emails had been circulated to Parish Councillors between meetings.

27. The Annual Parish meeting was planned for Thursday 26th April 2018 at 7.30pm.

28. Financial report. The balance at 2.3.18 was £27,074.06 with cheques totalling £781.89 to come off leaving a balance of £26,292.17. The VAT could be reclaimed at the year end.

29. Bills for payment. The following were agreed and cheques raised.

Newton Village Hall	500.00
e.on (March electric)	22.41
H. Miles (clerk for Feb and office)	223.48
Web growth consulting (IT)	36.00
Total	781.89



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30. It was unanimously agreed that Sarah Palmer be appointed Internal auditor again.
31. Matters to be discussed at the next meeting could be forwarded to the clerk at least a week before the next meeting.
32. The date of the next meeting to be 17th May 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm approx.

Date

Signed