



## Newton and Biggin Parish Council

Minutes of Newton and Biggin Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Village Hall.

1. Present. D. Carter (Chairman), J. Hotten (Vice-Chairman), F. Preston, A. Davis, I. Davis and Geoff Finton (member of the public), H. Miles was acting as clerk.

2. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Phillip Morris-Jones and L. Hunt.

3. There were no declarations of interest.

4. There were no minutes for the last meeting held in August/September. No minutes were approved. It was recalled that the defibrillator had been discussed at the meeting.

5. Planning applications.

a) Draft county mineral/aggregate application for a field by the Gibbet. No comments were to be made.

6. The Stag and Pheasant pub. The Grade 2 listed pub is currently for sale as a going concern. If and when any developments regarding this are made it will become an agenda item.

7. Highways. LH had been liaising with WCC re: Cross junction feasibility study. DC agreed to circulate this to all members when he received it from LH.

8. Local Plan consultation 2017-2030

The comment to be made: Outstanding planning permission for additional 40 houses within the village. Newton and Biggin Parish Council think that taking the 2 together (Coton East and outstanding on The Leys) represents the limit of acceptability within the plan period. Coton East D should make appropriate contribution towards the infrastructure in the village and facilities.

9. Correspondence - none.

10. Finance

A grant had been received from RBC towards a defibrillator cabinet to be purchased for Newton. To be an agenda item at the next meeting. Richard Dodd could be invited to attend.

The e.on bill for maintenance was to be queried as new street lights had been installed with warranty so the contract with eon was to be reviewed. JH agreed to speak to e.on.

a) Accounts for payment

Tech Factory (IT)	64.52
Grant Thornton (Audit)	210.00*
D. Carter reimbursement for e.on electricity bill	316.54
WALC membership	182.00
D. Carter reimbursement for voucher for H. Miles	



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(stand in clerk)	30.00
TOTAL	383.06

The last bank statement to hand showed a balance of £26,538.01. The clerk estimated the current balance to be £18,167.41 having deducted cheques made since then. The new balance after cheques raised at the current meeting was estimated to be £17,784.35.

\* The audit bill would not be paid until JH had spoken to Grant Thornton and established where the audit form was and the outcome of the audit.

b) DC proposed an electronic banking system replace the current one. All agreed. DC agreed to source alternative providers. 2 members were currently not recorded as signatories due to a bank error.

c) It was agreed to adopt the same budget for the current year (£12,000) as the previous one. The tax base had gone up to 301.06 so the precept charged per household would go down slightly.

d) The future options for Local Council Tax support funding consultation. It was agreed by all to opt for Option 1: to remove the funding in its entirety in one year, in 2017/18.

11. Motion to exclude the public under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

a) It was agreed the clerk's position would be advertised.

b) There had been a fire at Mill Farm. No action to be taken.

12. The date of the next meeting to be Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Newton Village Hall. H. Miles agreed to act as clerk at the next meeting. FP agreed to book the village hall.