



## Minutes of the Newton and Biggin Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 28 April 2022 at 6.45pm

Ref	Minute	Record and Resolution	Action by
1	APM2022/0001	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>The Chair of the Parish Council outlined the purpose of the Parish Meeting and welcomed those present.</p> <p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Ian Davis (Chair,) Councillors Rick Crane, Bob Threadgold, Anne Davis. County Councillor Adrian Warwick.</p> <p><b>Members of Public</b> - There were thirteen members of the public and community groups present.</p>	
2	APM2022/0002	<p><b>Apologies for absence-</b> Rugby Brough Councillor Eve Hassell and Rebecca Barry, Clerk.</p>	
3	APM2022/0003	<p><b>The minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record</b> and there were no matters arising.</p>	
4	APM2022/0004	<p><b>Report from Chair of Newton and Biggin PC, Ian Davis</b></p> <p>The Chair reported on the previous year seeing a return to pre-pandemic normality with the return of face- to-face meetings. Bob Threadgold had been co-opted as a Parish Councillor and Rebecca Barry had been appointed Clerk.</p> <p>As well as the normal day to day work the Council had carried out further improvements to the Village Hall, new paths and wetland had been constructed at Five Arches and more wildflowers planted. The Council continued to pressure Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency to address problems at the Coton Park Balancing Pond. The Leys car park had been lined; and signs erected at the A5 and St Thomas Cross to discourage HGVs (both funded from Cllr Warwick's budget).</p> <p>In the next year the Council would be funding Jubilee celebrations at Newton &amp; Coton; installing a commemorative door and window at the Village Hall; preparing for the adoption of the Ellis Gardens Open Space; addressing the management of the Village Hall; and looking forward to signage improvements at St Thomas Cross.</p>	
5	APM2022/0005	<p><b>Update from Warwickshire County Councillor Adrian Warwick</b></p> <p>Cllr Warwick referred to the various projects on which he had worked to support the Parish Council including HGV issues and the St Thomas Cross junction.</p> <p>He explained the severe budgetary pressures arising from the escalating costs of funding life-critical services principally Adult Social Care and Looked After Children. This, inevitably, meant that less was available to spend on other services.</p> <p>His Councillor Fund (which has previously assisted projects in Newton and Biggin) was now open for bids.</p> <p>He closed by thanking the Parish Council for being 'easy to work with'.</p>	

6	APM2022/0006	<p><b>Update from Rugby Borough Councillor Eve Hassell</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Hassell so an update was not given.</p>	
7	APM2022/0007	<p><b>Informal updates from village groups and organisations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>Allotments – Cllr Rick Crane</b> Situated at the bottom of Little London Lane there are 35 allotment plots in total all of which are occupied, with three people currently on the waiting list. Last year we had four new members join who all have made a remarkable and enthusiastic start to their new past time. Current membership fees are £15 per annum per plot so we are self-funded with an annual income of circa £500. This vast majority of which is consumed by water rates, insurance for our members and general maintenance (hedge trimming, grass cutting etc...).</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Burial Committee – Cllr Bob Threadgold</b> The Committee managed the joint Clifton/Newton burial ground. No problems had arisen in the last year. Operations were within budget and there was sufficient space for projected future burials. The Committee was examining the costs of extending the water supply, routed via the adjacent allotments.</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Elkington &amp; Sherrier Charity - Cllr Anne Davis</b> The charity was set up many years ago to provide help and support to the residents of Newton and Shawell and has helped many people over the years who have experienced financial difficulty. The charity is doing well and is in a strong financial position. The charity's assets are long-term investments, cash deposits and land. The trustees met in January and approved three applications for grants. We also agreed to distribute leaflets later this year to raise awareness of the charity. Previous grants have included help with house repairs, garden maintenance, educational trips / books / uniform etc. All grants are dealt with on an individual, and strictly confidential basis. If anyone needs any further information, please contact either Anne Davis or Dilys Lewis. Details are on the noticeboard.</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Village Events Committee - Tillie Newman</b> The Committee had organised a very successful Easter Egg Hunt and was now working on Jubilee Celebrations. A booklet had been distributed throughout the village describing a programme including a commonwealth flag trail, events at The Stag and St Thomas Cross culminating with a party with hog roast on Sunday 5th June. (Once the Ellis Gardens Open Space is adopted the Committee could look at the possibility of re-introducing the Village Show).</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Active Ageing (aka Curling and Cuppa) - June Ford</b> This activity was initiated in Autumn 2019, and post Covid restrictions it recommenced in July 2021. The service is provided by RBC through our resident Coach and entertainer, Danny. It's held on Thursday afternoons between 2pm and 3pm for a nominal donation of £1 per person.</p> </li> </ul>	

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<b>8</b>	APM2022/0008	<b>Questions</b> There were no questions from the floor (many having been posed during the meeting).	
<b>9</b>	APM2022/0009	<b>The meeting closed at 7.30pm.</b> The date and time of the next Assembly will be confirmed in due course.	

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