

# NEWTON UPON DERWENT PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### The Meeting commenced at 7.55 pm

#### Invited guest David Siddle, from ERYC, gave a talk about the needs for Rural Housing.

There is a need for Rural Housing to be built, particularly for young couples and older residents wishing to downsize. Mr Siddle is visiting the villages in the locality for feedback on villagers thoughts. His first point of call is to contact the local Parish Councils.

Newton upon Derwent is not a typical village in the sense that it only has 350 residents and few amenities. The area has some of the highest "affordability" housing ( For Rent or For Sale ) so is an expensive place to live. Mr Siddle provided some statistics and answered questions. He explained that Affordable Housing could mean shared ownership with a Housing Association ( HA ) or a discounted sale by the builder. HA's have access to grants, subsidies etc. to assist them.

Comments were made about the loss of single bungalows and being replaced by 2 larger houses on a few sites. Also, children of parents working in agriculture could not afford to live in the village. Mr Siddle thanked the Council and residents for their comments and views and said that the process would be a long one. He left some leaflets.

Mr Siddle left the meeting at 8.40pm

**Open Forum** No members of the public had comments

#### Present:

**Councillors:** Cllr Wheeler (Chair) Cllrs Horsley, Readman, Thompson and Robinson  
Also Cllrs Strangeway and West from ERYC

**Officers:** L Hill (Clerk)

**Public:** There were 5 members of the public present (one arriving just after the start)

**Apologies for absence** None

**Minutes of last meeting** The minutes of the last full meeting and the extra-ordinary meeting were read and signed by the Chairman as true records.

**Declaration of interest** None declared

#### Matters arising:

Pot holes/fingerpost Fingerpost has still not been replaced.

Bus Shelter Services of Burn & Co now in place. The contract was brought in by The Clerk for the Councillors to view. Contact with the builders Solicitor had been made.

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Parking The temporary Do Not Park on Pavement signs have gone up and one villager had written a letter about them. Thus resident had concerns that, if they park on the road, they may make it difficult for the larger vehicles to pass without going onto opposite grass verge. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to respond to the villager and ask that they park on the road but report back any issues that this causes.

The Pub has still not put up a Car Parking Sign, as was agreed. Clerk asked to write to owner formally, advising of parking issues.

Letter Box Still to be painted

Mask Lane ERYC Highways have been down Mask Lane and put some planings down where the cars always park. They have also filled in some of the worst pot holes and re-surfaced larger areas, where needed. The Lane is looking better but would prefer to have had all the pot holes filled in. Clerk to contact Highways to see if any further work is to be done ( remind that we have out funds aside towards this work ).

Letter to Chris Hodgson ERYC Planning Dept. Not had a response, as yet.

**Village Upkeep:**

Parking Covered above.  
Footpaths/verges/roads Cllr Robinson has gone around the village and cut back hedges, where they presented a hazard. He has cut back in several areas of the village. The litter, once reported, was collected very swiftly by ERYC. The road at the South end of the village has several pot holes. The Chairman said he would review and report. Cllr Thompson said she had recently completed a webform pot hole advice, that had been repaired v quickly by ERYC.

Litter Cllr Wheeler said he had picked up beer cans in the usual spots.

Dog Fouling Clerk has put our name on the list for new stickers, covering the change in legislation. 2 x Councillors offered to put these up on arrival. Clerk to ask for 20 stickers. Delayed as the ones produced were not up to standard.

**Newton Charity** Mrs Horsley reported back on the June meeting. The Charity are dilatory in awarding grants to the elderly and students but the students need to update the Charity on their studies. Other "one off" grants are more inconsistent. One resident said they had no idea what can be applied for. The contact details are on the notice board and the website but this is not connected to the Parish Council.

**Chapel/Community Centre** At the last meeting of "the friends" it was agreed to have 2 x co-chairs and split the supporters into 2 groups to represent the Methodists and the Village. Mrs Horsley mentioned a visit to Melbourne Chapel, to see what work they have done, and any villager with an interest, was welcome to attend and give feedback. *(this info was sent around the village via e-mail)*

**Correspondence: all e-mailed to Councillors prior to meeting**

1. ERYC

Western Parishes Liaison Minutes – ( Chair attended and reported back at last PC meeting )  
Hire of Speed Indicator signs – have to go through Speed Management  
Procedures first  
Festive Lighting – Insurance requirements  
Standards Committee Hearing 25<sup>th</sup> October

Grants available

Places of worship security  
Local Community Projects Fund – from Greggs  
Aviva Community Fund – renewed (Cllr Thompson has connections and will monitor this fund)  
Community Transport Minibus

2. OTHER

ERNLLCA

Newsletter  
Annual Conference  
Capping of Parish and Town Precepts

Police October newsletter ( and update )  
SLCC newsletter  
Training Day 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

HMRC New National Minimum wage as from 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Statutory Payments update  
Webinars available

**Finance:**

1. Bank Balances for September 2016 were produced and circulated.
2. Expenses paid:  
L Hill – salary  
Newton Chapel – Room Hire for year to date - £480.00
3. Report from External Auditor – the report had been signed off and the comments made by Auditor read out to the Council.
4. Budget review – there was some discussion about this as some of the planned spend may not now happen. There was discussion about what amends should be made. It was agreed to finalise the figures at the next meeting and set next years precept.  
( As part of the discussion mention was made for the need to secure the Parish Land by the River with fencing and gates ). Cllrs Robinson, Horsley and Wheeler agreed to attend the area to review the land to be fenced in.

**Planning Applications:**

None received

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

## List of all other items – emailed previously to all Councillors

Public sector network x 4

PSE x 9

RSN x 14

Northern Powergrid - newsletter

Northern Gas Network news

Govt News x 2

ERVAS x 6

Dove House Hospice

HAGS – play equipment

SALTEX – pre reg

Max Walker – Play equip

Carl Markham – courses

Beverley Literature Festival 5-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

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