

NEWTON UPON DERWENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING held on Wednesday 20th January 2016

Meeting commenced at 8.00 pm

Open forum One member of public present. There was a request for support/funding for the Minster's Rail Campaign to re-instate rail between Beverley, Pocklington and York. There was some discussion about this and the Councillors agreed unanimously to support the initiative.

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Readman (Chair) Cllrs Horsley, Robinson, Wheeler and Thompson
Officers: L Hill (Clerk)
Public: One members of the public was present.

Apologies for absence None

Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Declaration of interest None declared

Matters arising:

Phone box/defibrillator The defib charger is now wired and working. The Ambulance service needs advising of the code. The new signs (that came loose) have been reinstated.

Pot holes/fingerpost/ The fingerpost is still missing by the river. ERYC have been reminded and a contractor has now been assigned to replace it. It has been too wet by river to replace this at present.

Standing water issues ERYC Highways have visited and will place grips (cuttings in verge) along Mask Lane to help dissipate the water. Highways are still to look at a solution for Back Lane and will provide a quote for tarmacing Mask Lane, from Sandhills west.

Another water issue was commented on which is just South of Derwent Kennels on Back Lane. Clerk to advise Sutton Parish Clerk of the concern. Comment was also made about a ditch north of Sunnyville on Back Lane. This is overflowing onto the road. Clerk to get advice from Highways about clearing this ditch.

Trimming of hedges on Bull Baulk

This work is still to be organised when the weather has improved

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Bus Shelter Further to the agreement that The Half moon Pub can put a Car Park sign up on the new bus shelter, they have advised that the work will be carried out next month. It has been agreed with the Pub that they will supply a free electricity point to the Bus Shelter for the purposes of providing a light for the Car Park sign and an internal light for the bus shelter. It was noted that the land the bus shelter now stands on has not yet been signed over to the Council. The Clerk is to contact the Builder for an update.

Original Letter Box This is still to be painted but, after some discussion, it was agreed that the letter box would look better painted green (as would have been originally)

Village Upkeep

Speeding We are now on a list with the Community Partnership for hire of an electronic speeding sign.

Parking No issues reported

Footpaths/verges Comments have been received about the damage to the verges around the building site on Jackson Lane and the mud on the road. This will be monitored but the Council believe that the area will be re-instated once the work is completed. The brash on Mask Lane is still to be cut back.

Litter No comments made

Bus Shelter Once electricity supply is sorted we will install an internal light. We have still to purchase a plant container for the vicinity of the bus shelter.

Planters The Council wish to place planters at each end of the village and at each side of the new bench. The Gardening Club are to be approached for advice on which type etc to buy. Need to consider who is going to maintain these.

Transparency Code

ERNLLCA will hold a meeting shortly about applying for the grant. There was a discussion on which website provider to choose. (The Councillors had previously been provided with links to varying styles of website). Clerk to do more research and bring findings to next meeting.

Planning apps on-line It was agreed by all the Councillors that the Clerk should purchase a laptop aerial booster (for the broadband) and a USB for use to display planning applications at meetings. The Clerk provided 3 quotes for free-standing projector screens and the Councillors asked that she look for a larger screen and re-submit quotes.

Christmas Party

Cllr Thompson reported back from the village Christmas party. The party was a success and she thanked her team of helpers for their support. There was a board put up for the parents to write any comments or concerns on and Cllr Thompson talked through these.

- 1) **Improved Broadband for the village.** This has been a subject of concern for some time. There is no confirmation yet as to when superfast broadband will be coming to the village. Some villagers have opted for a satellite system and share a line operated by a provider. This is not providing the expected speeds but is an improvement on the phone line. (Note: Shared Satellite dish is on Nick O'Neill's house – Ewe Move – next to Chapel). Cllr Thompson was given details of providers and she will research these.
- 2) **More parties and activities.** All the Council agreed this was a good idea and would like to see the Chapel utilised more and will support anything arranged.
- 3) **Tarmac Mask Lane.** This is something that the Council is working with the Highways Authorities towards. Funding is an issue. There has been some temporary improvement work done recently..

- 4) **Refurbishment of the Chapel.** The Chapel is owned by Pocklington Methodist Church and the priority is to establish whether they are still considering selling the property. If they are to keep it then the Council say they will support a working party to do some work on the building. Because the building is not a Council owned building the Council cannot pay for repairs but, as it is also used for community events, it can consider a grant request. This will be added as an agenda item once we have more information on the longer terms plans for the building.
- 5) **Purchase of a gritter/salt spreader.** The Council has ownership of a salt spreader that attaches to the rear of a quad. This is to salt the pavements only. There are grit bins around the village, for use by any villager to salt the road.
- 6) **Children's play area.** This has recently been discussed by the Council as they also agree it would be nice to have a play area for the younger members of the village. A request for suitable land was sent around the village with no response. Without land there is no opportunity to set up a play area.

Correspondence: all e-mailed to Councillors prior to meeting

1. ERYC

- I. Flood Risk update
- II. Consultee Access Training
- III. Stakeholder Consultation Event – Rural East Riding
- IV. Yorswitch Scheme – Register by 1st Feb
- V. Library Consultation Scheme now finished
- VI. Parish News
- VII. Flood Recovery Funding
- VIII. Flood Liaison Group

2. OTHER

- I. Police – Jan Newsletter (sent around the village)
- II. SLCC – Conference 26th Feb 2016
- III. NYCC – Minerals & Waste Joint Plan
- IV. HMRC – Basic PAYE Tools
- V. ERNLLCA –Referendum Principles will not apply to the Parish
(i.e. no cap on smaller precept increases)
Future of External Audit for smaller authorities
(opt out by 31st March 2016)
Newsletter
Interactive Community Rights
Transparency Code Meeting – Clerk to attend

The Council have noted the above. The Clerk talked through “The Future of External Audit for small businesses”. Councils have the option of choosing their own external auditor as from 2016/17, or choose the one recommended by ERYC. It was agreed to use the Auditor recommended by ERYC.

Finance:

1. Bank Balances for December – the bank statements were shown to all the Councillors.
2. Expenses/invoices to be paid
 - L Hill - £43.97 for stationery
 - L Hill - Salary & PAYE refund
 - Rachel Lowe - £29.13 for Christmas party goodies
 - ERYC - £428.48 for waste bin (incl installation and delivery)
3. Financial review (planning for next financial year)

All Councillors were provided with copies of the budget update and spend/predicted spend to end of year. Thus was agreed.

A draft budget for 2016/17 was discussed and what items of expenditure will need to be included. The Clerk will take this information and provide an updated draft 2016/17 budget to next meeting, for approval.

Planning Applications:

No Plans submitted.

Next meeting is on 24th February 2016

Meeting closed at 10.05pm

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List of all sundry items – emailed previously to all Councillors

Rural Services Network x 5 newsletters
 Rural Economy
 Rural Transport
 Affordable Housing

Northern Powergrid x 2
 ERVAS x 3
 Public Sector Exec on-line x 1
 Bollards – sales
 Government News x 1
 Northern Gas – update
 NSA Conference on Homelessness
 Hull University – Spring Programme
 Plantscape
 Visit Hull – Newsletter
 HM 90th Birthday Beacons Celebrations
 Spinal Injuries – Fish and Chip fund-raising event – 20th May 2016

All above noted

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