

NEWTON UPON DERWENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING held on Wednesday 24th February 2016

Meeting commenced at 7.45 pm

Open forum There was a request for assistance regarding speeding up the Faster Broadband process. Council asked Clerk to contact ERYC and BT. Another member of the public came to discuss the cancelled planned A1079 dual carriageway and asked if the Council would consider inviting Grahame Hicks, from the A1079 safety group, to give a talk about safety issues on the A1079. Council agreed to this and asked the Clerk to contact Mr Hicks.
(all 4 visitors left after the Open Forum session)

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Readman (Chair) Cllrs Horsley, Robinson, Wheeler and Thompson

Officers: L Hill (Clerk)

Public: There were 4 members of the public present. 2 being new residents who came to introduce themselves and find out about the Council meetings.

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 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.

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 Grips have been placed 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 tarmac Mask Lane, from Sandhills west.
Still awaiting comment back from Highways.

Trimming of hedges on Bull Baulk This work has now been completed.

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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

Parking The Chairman asked the Clerk to send round an e-mail asking residents not to park on the pavements, especially when he needs to grit them.

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 has now been cut back.

Litter There has been a re-occurrence of beer cans being dumped down Mask Lane and Carr Lane. The Clerk was asked to send round an e-mail asking residents to be vigilant and report anything seen.

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. The Gardening Club have purchased and filled planters at each side of the new bench. Need to consider who is going to maintain these.

Transparency Code

Following a discussion about the choice of website provider it was agreed to go with Vision ICT. They already have an understanding of what Parish Councils need for their site and have been recommended by ERNLLCA and the Clerk noted that Yorkshire Local Council Association use this co. as well. They are not the cheapest but will provide a website in a format that can be read by mobile devices and they offered a better support system. Cost of set up is being covered by a grant. Clerk to collate all the information required to get website up and running and agreed to do some training on use of and updating the website. (This cost will all be covered by the grant) It was also agreed that we would use a .org website and e-mail address. A .gov address will take longer to set up and will cost more to host per year.

Planning apps on-line

The clerk provided new quotes for bigger projectors. It was agreed to purchase one from Saville Audio, as the Clerk could get a good discount with this company. It was also agreed to purchase a laptop bag to keep the projector clean. Aerial booster lead was not suitable so will be returned.

Refurbishment of Chapel

The Council were advised that there may be a grant from another source so the Council will wait for now.

Correspondence: all e-mailed to Councillors prior to meeting

1. ERYC

- I. ERVAS Survey
- II. Vale of York CCG Gov body meeting
- III. Feedback from Tour de Yorks Roadshow
- IV. East Riding Local Plan – Strategy document
- V. Forward Planning – Neighbourhood Area
- VI. Parish News
- VII. Grant Opportunities for Football Teams
- VIII. Brad is leaving ERYC

2. OTHER

- I. Police – Feb Newsletter (sent around the village)
- II. SLCC – Conference for Practitioners
Ballot of members re: trade union membership
- III. River Derwent Catchment Partnership – Feb update
- IV. HMRC –Consumer Rights Act
Companies House
HSE Joint Webinar
Benefit tax
New Living Wage
Changes to tax codes April 2016
- V. ERNLLCA –Advanced Chairmanship Course
Newsletter
Smaller Authorities Audit Appointment
*Letter from External Auditors Re: Year end
- VI. **Everingham Parish Council – concern re: fracking licenses in ERY area

All correspondence noted.

*Clerk mentioned that the Audit for this financial year will be the same as last year. The new requirements do not come in until 2017/8

** Clerk not acted on e-mail we received about fracking as thought it was spam.

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Finance:

1. Bank Balances for January 16 – the bank statements were shown to all the Councillors.
2. Expenses/invoices to be paid
L Hill - £5.63 for USB pendrive
L Hill – £49.99 for McAfee computer security
Newton upon Derwent Methodist Church £730.00 for room hire
(April 15 to Mar 16)
Minster Rail Campaign – agreed donation (*note – not sent as can't contact*)
Saville Audio – Projector screen & carry case - £210.00
3. Financial review (Budget for next financial year)

The budget figures for 2016/17 was handed out (previously been e-mailed to all Councillors) and perused and was agreed by the full council as the budget for next financial year. There has been a provision made to put aside funding towards the cost of upgrading Mask Lane. The budget included an increase in paid hours for the Clerk, to enable update of information to the website. The hours have been increased by 2.75 hours per month, as from 1st April 2016, following advice from ERNLLCA on how much time should be allowed. This was agreed by all Councillors.

Planning Applications:

No Plans submitted.

Next meeting is on 24th February 2016

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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List of all sundry items – emailed previously to all Councillors

Rural Services Network x 11
Morton Training x 2
Eco Furniture
ERVAS x 6
Visit Hull – Newsletter
HAGS x 3
Public Sector Exec on-line x 9
Public Sector Network
Government News x 4
Plantscape
Inside Govt x 2
Historic Towns Forum – update
Conference ecomms – Homeless Health symposium
Marie Curie Daffodil appeal

All above noted

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