

NEWTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 11th March 2024

Beginning at 7.00 pm.

St Peter's Church, High Street, Newton on Trent.

25 **Those Present.**

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| Cllr B. Goodacre. | Chairman |
| Cllr R. Spink. | |
| Cllr M. Maddison. | |
| Mr R. Pilgrim. | Parish Clerk. District Councillor Torksey Ward. |
| Members of the Public | None attended. |

26 **Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr J. Stringer. Having been informed of the reason for his absence, Council approved his apologies for absence.

Cllr A. Arden. Having been informed of the reason for his absence, Council approved his apologies for absence.

Cllr J. Cheetham. Having been informed of the reason for her absence, Council approved her apologies for absence.

Cllr S. Kopetzki: Absent no reason given.

27 **Declarations of Interest.**

None received.

28 **Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting,**

Resolved. That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday 12th February 2024, be approved as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Spink. Seconded Cllr Goodacre. Carried unanimously.

29 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last meeting and not covered in this Agenda.**

None received.

30 **Amendments to the Agenda by Resolution.**

a. Damage to Townend Lane verges and Manhole Cover.

Historic agreement with The Conifers.

The Conifers is allowed access along Townend Lane under a deed between the Parish Council, Severn Trent Water, and The Conifers. The deed contains Covenants dealing with the parking of cars and general use of the lane. The verges are becoming damaged, and it has been noticed that cars are being parked along the verge of Townend Lane.

The Clerk is to send a copy of the deed to the Conifers along with an explanatory letter.

b. Charges for room hire at the Church.

The Clerk has suggested that when the heating in the Church is being used, the Parish Council should pay an extra amount to cover the cost of heating over and above the normal charge for hire of the hall.

Resolved. That the Parish Council pay an extra sum of £10.00 when the heating in the Church is being used for Parish Council meetings. The total charge on these occasions will be £30.00.

Proposed Cllr Goodacre. Seconded Cllr Maddison. Carried unanimously.

31 Newton on Trent Primary School. Project on the Playing Field.

Toilet Facilities and Changing Room.

After a great deal of research and consultations with West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council, the Parish Council has decided that the original design proposed by the Primary school is not acceptable. A more basic cabin will be suitable for the schools needs and will not take up a large amount of room on what is a small playing field.

The Parish Council will now arrange a meeting with the School to discuss the next steps in bringing this project to a suitable conclusion.

The Clerk has recommended that an agent should be appointed to manage those parts of the project which are complicated and need expert knowledge.

The legal requirements will be dealt with by Burton Dyson Solicitors of Gainsborough.

32 One Earth Solar Projects.

Possible response from the Parish Council.

Cllr Arden was tasked with consulting One Earth for the possibility of funding for a footpath along the A57 to Dunham.

In his absence the business has been deferred to the April Meeting. Monday 15th April 2024.

33 Highways Issues.

a. Footpath to Dunham Bridge.

Please see item 32 above.

34 New Village Signs. (Report Cllr Goodacre)

The signs are being manufactured.

Highways have been consulted on the siting of the signs and the removal of the present signs, which belong to Highways.

35 Planning.

Planning Application 147905 Hall Treatment Works Extension

No objection to the proposals

36 Possible future Events for the village during 2023-2024.

This is to be removed from the Agenda for the time being.

37 Debris on the Playing Field. Tree trimming.

After some discussion it was decided that a request to remove the debris should be sent to the householder if after 14 days the debris has not been cleared.

The Parish Council is concerned that the debris could cause injury to the Primary School children using the Playing Field on a regular basis.

The existence of the debris has an effect on the conditions of the Public Liability Insurance which all Parish Council s have to provide for the open spaces which they own.

38 Play Park.

a. **Litter & Litter Bins.** Acceptable.

b. **New Play Equipment. Funding WLDC.** The new equipment is now in place and ready for use.

c. **Other Issues.** NO issues reported.

39 Health & Safety.

a. **Play Park. (Cllr Spink).** No issues reported.

b. **Playing Field.** No issues reported.

c. **Defibrillator Checks. (Cllr Spink).** All checks completed.

40 **Facebook Page.**

Possible suggestions for content.

No suggestions.

Content will be uploaded as and when needed.

41 **Correspondence.**

No comments.

42 **Finance.**

a. **Financial Statement for February 2023.**

Resolved: That the Financial Statement for February 2024 be approved as a true record

Proposed Cllr Goodacre. Seconded Cllr Spink. Carried unanimously.

b. **Clerk's Salary & Expenses February 2023.** £201.23

Resolved: That the Clerk's Salary & Expenses be approved for payment.

Proposed Cllr Maddison. Seconded Cllr Spink. Carried unanimously.

c. Invoices for Payment March 2023.

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| HMRC PAYE | £48.60 |
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| Newton on Trent PCC | £20.00 |
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| Finding Fitness | £4500.00 |
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Resolved. That the above expenditure at 20.c be approved for payment.

Proposed Cllr Goodacre. Seconded Cllr Maddison. Carried unanimously.

43 **Future Agenda Items.**

Hedge at the northern end of the village is obscuring a Slow Down sign. Cllr Spink will speak to the owner of the hedge.

43 Dates for Future Meetings.

Monday 8th April 2024

Monday 13th May 2024

Monday 10th June 2024

44 Closure of the Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2025 hrs (8.25 pm)

R. Pilgrim. Parish Clerk.