

**MINUTES OF NEWTON SOLNEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
2020 AT NEWTON SOLNEY VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Cllr. F. Hill, Cllr. D. Smith, Cllr. D. May, Cllr. K. Haines, Cllr. A. L. Sedgewick and Cllr. G. Plowman.

**In attendance:** R. Parker (Clerk), Cllr. A. Churchill and 1 parishioner

**Public Participation**

Cllr. A. Churchill confirmed that during the lockdown there had been considerable progress in the repairing of potholes and other works to footpaths by Derbyshire CC. He also commented on the increased amount of fly-tipping. He gave details of a grant available from SDDC – Cllr. D. May will investigate.

Mrs. S. Beckett, a parishioner gave details of traffic problems being experienced on Bretby Lane at the double bends adjacent to Bretby Cottage, particularly during the recent traffic diversions. This is made worse on the approach into Newton Solney as it is downhill and traffic tended to go faster. She had received a suggestion from Highways at Derbyshire CC that the 30mph might be re-sited and a “SLOW” sign put on the road. The councillors wished to support the case and asked if Cllr. L. Chilton, who has already been involved, be advised that the Parish Council were supportive and ask for her assistance in pursuing this matter. Derbyshire CC also to be notified.

**PART 1 – NON EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**1/7/20 Apologies for absence**

Received and accepted from Cllr. L. Charles and Cllr. L. Chilton

**2/7/20 Variation in order of business**

No change deemed necessary

**3/7/20 Declarations of members interest**

None declared

**4/7/20 Planning applications and decisions**

Agricultural building at The End – decision still pending

Newton House – 2 storey extension

1 The Square – improvements

Cedars 41 Main Street – some demolition and rebuilding

Hollywood Cottage, Newton Road – manege on equestrian lane.

No comments raised by councillors.

The chairman commented on the fact it was difficult to check recent planning decisions on the website of SDDC planning. Cllr. K. Haines offered to check on the current position regarding The End as it had seemed to have been going on a long time.

**5/7/20 To consider the non-exempt minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Acceptance proposed by Cllr. D. May and seconded by Cllr. G. Plowman - unanimous

**6/7/20 Any items to be discussed with the public excluded.**

None

**7/7/20 Outstanding matters**

Cllr. D. May confirmed he would be contacting Cemex regarding the arrangements for a site visit that had been cancelled during the lockdown.

**8/7/20 To receive the Clerks report**

The maintenance of footpaths is completed by Derbyshire CC and a few years ago we received an annual sum for clearing vegetation and stoning areas of muddy footpaths. However this changed when under the scheme the repair/replacement of stiles was to become the responsibility of parish councils. As this was to prove expensive we opted to withdraw from the scheme. Derbyshire CC have recently asked if we should like to be involved again – they have been asked to supply full details.

The accounts for year 2019/2020 have been approved by the internal auditor and various forms regarding accountability need approval by the Parish Council and displaying on public notice boards.

Insurance on the same lines as last year have been arranged.

Electronic Banking – The Clerk had made enquiries with the bank and this has been partially successful there was still difficulty in getting the approval of councillors to authorise the payments. Cheque writing is to continue

**9/7/20 To receive the chairmans report**

The local annual village Cricket match is scheduled for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and whilst participation is uncertain there has to preparatory arrangements in place. The heavy roller is being used on the pitch and arrangements for the grass on the sides of the ground should be cut back on 26<sup>th</sup> August if the match is approved. Mr. Richard Evans is dealing with the organisation.

Thanks are due to Cllr. L. Charles and her team who have been helping the vulnerable members of the village during the covid 19 pandemic– she has done a tremendous job.

The chairman had reported a number of potholes in Bretby Lane and these had been repaired very quickly. Any pot holes should be reported to Derbyshire CC on their web site

for them to receive prompt attention. A footpath report had been compiled and submitted to Derbyshire CC but no acknowledgement had been received. The report is to be resubmitted.

## **10/7/20      Reports from councillors**

Cllr. D. Smith asked if the grass verge in Mill Close that had been slabbed over had been reverted to its original condition as per the instruction of Derbys C.C.    The councillors were advised that no work had been put in hand and asked the Clerk to put in a further complaint.    She understood that there was a problem with inconsiderate parking near the village green and was advised that any illegal parking should be reported to the police

Cllr. K. Haines – She had received a copy of an email from Mr. Roger Kerry to Cemex on the proposed Willington quarry extension which had now been forwarded to the Parish Council. The councillors discussed the email and it was proposed by Cllr. D. Smith and seconded by Cllr. D. May that we should write to the County Council confirming support for the proposals in the email. Essentially there was a request to increase the distance of the proposal from the village from 200m to 350m and in addition plant as many trees and hedgerows as possible at an early stage.

Playmobil events for children during the summer months have been cancelled.

Cllr. A.L Sedgewick – She advised that now the Village Hall has re-opened it will receive deep cleaning after each use.

## **11/7/20      Proposed security barrier**

The Clerk advised that the barrier had been ordered and paid for before the lockdown. He had made up to date enquiries with Bayleys (suppliers) and found that the barrier would be available on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020. He will contact them again next week and arrange for himself and Cllr. D. May to meet the person carrying out the installation.    Appropriate safety signage must be arranged.    When completed a combination lock will be fitted and all permitted users will be advised of the numbers. There is of course unrestricted access at the side for pedestrians, horses, wheelchairs etc.

## **12/7/20      Future of bonfire**

Due to excessive flooding on the bonfire site the 2019 bonfire night was cancelled and it has taken seven months to clear the debris left behind and it is due to our local farmer Mr. Holdcroft that this has now been finally cleared - our sincere and grateful thanks to him.

As the fireworks for the 2019 event and are still available it was suggested that a community event could be arranged such as a bar-b-que when the fireworks could be used.

Due to the problems that have been experienced over the last few years, flooding and resultant debris remaining for several months plus social distancing it was decided that there will be NO bonfire in 2020.

### **13/7/20 Funding for Red Cross**

Following a request for funding from the Red Cross it was fully discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Smith and seconded by Cllr. K. Haines that we should restrict any future donations to local charities only – unanimous

### **14/7/20 Finances – Cheques requiring approval and signings**

R. Parker Allowable expenses - £19.50

R. Parker Grass cutting – play area twice and village green £285

Approved by Cllr. D. Smith and Cllr. F. Hill

The amount held at the bank is £8733.34 less £2000 earmarked plus a deposit of £6000 with SDDC

### **15/7/20 Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at Newton Solney Village Hall providing all social distancing can be observed. The meeting will be preceded by the postponed Annual Meeting.