**MINUTES OF NEWTON SOLNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON**

**13th MAY 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present –** Cllr. D. Smith (Chairlady), Cllr. G. Plowman, Cllr. G.Tully, Cllr. K. Haines and Cllr. A.L. Sedgewick

In attendance – R. Parker (Clerk/FRO) and 15 parishioners

**Part**  **1 – Non Exempt information**

Cllr. A. Churchill could not attend but did forward some notes which were read out by the chairlady.

1. Information as to standard of litter/ flyposting on urban and rural parts.
2. Additional staff – Corporate environmental Co-ordinator. Briony Knipe
3. Planning Services now being handled by 3 Planning Technicians
4. Social Housing Decarbonisation – 90 surveys have been completed.
5. Ukraine – no further direct approaches
6. Better care fund – 31 vulnerable people supported
7. Area Forums - being arranged.

Cllr. K Haines reported that there is a supply problem with grass cutting spare parts which may cause delays in future.

Cllr. G. Plowman announced that he wished to tender his resignation as Parish Councillor.

Cllr. K. Haines also offered to give up being a parish councillor saying that she would remain as Borough Councillor. They were offered sincere thanks for their services.

**1/5/22 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr. L. Charles, Cllr. S. Vickers, Cllr. D. Muller and Cllr. A. Churchill

**2/5/22 Variation in order of business**

The Chairlady bought forward item 17/5/22 (play equipment) and 18/5/22 (Village Plan) transferred to additional meeting now scheduled for 25th May 2022 at the village hall.

Cllr. K Haines advised that she had spoken to Streetscape (play equipment manufacturer) and she was looking into various funding including grants

**3/5/22 Declaration of Members Interest**

None

**4/5/22 Planning applications and decisions**

Possible new bungalow at Sunnyside has now been rejected By South Derbyshire DC and as a result following many comments from parishioners it is proposed that a vote of no confidence should be made against the existing two trustees acting on behalf of Newton Solney Parish Council as they did not appear to act in the best interests of the charity and the residents. Proposal made by Cllr. G. Plowman and seconded by Cllr. A. L. Sedgewick – unanimous.

The Chairlady advised that the nominated trustees would be written to also advising that when their term of office is due for renewal there would be no support from the Parish Council. The trustees will also be advised of the poor standard of garden maintenance.

Trent Farm, Repton Road. Retrospective application for portal link. No objection.

Newton Park Farm. Extensive renovations internally and externally. Application only received on same date as Parish Council meeting – no objection

25 Higgott Lane – Small single story extension to detached garage - no objection. Cllr. K. Haines will ask for an extension to date for replies.

**5/5/22 To consider various items of the non-exempt minutes of 8th April 2022** Minutes proposed to be accepted by Cllr. Plowman and seconded by Cllr. Tully unanimous

**6/5/22 To determine which items if any of part 1 of the agenda should occur with the public excluded.**

None

**7/5/22 Outstanding matters**

None

**8/5/22 To receive the Clerk’s report**

The Clerk confirmed that the books had been referred to the internal and external auditors regarding the annual account check

He also pointed out that we had not had a refresher course for our defibrillator for many years and asked if the councillors wanted a course arranging. Approval was given - all councillors and interested parishioners to be invited.

**9/5/22 To receive the Chairlady’s report.**

None

**10/5/22 To receive reports from Parish Councillors.**

Cllr. G. Tully had attended the recent Police meeting and discussion ensued regarding speeding vehicles - agreed that it would be discussed at our next meeting.

Cllr. G. Plowman had received comments from parishioners regarding dog walkers not keeping to the rules on the recreation field. - It was suggested that problems should be reported.

**11/5/22 Willington Quarry – Cemex**

No further progress

**12/5/22 Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations including insurance**

Cllr.L. Charles is dealing with the forthcoming celebration and from our understanding all is going well.

**13/5/22 Sign - Trent Valley Way**

Alison Thornhill of Trentrivertrust attended the meeting and explained that she was dealing with our particular section of the Trent valley. She detailed initial ideas regarding signs etc and asked if the Parish Council had any objections - none

**14/5/22 Grant for barrier.**

This is being dealt with by Cllr. D. Muller who has promised to discuss the problem with Derbyshire CC

**15/5/22 Grant application for history board, shed and orchard/safety report on existing shed**

No further progress

**16/5/22 Fence repairs – recreation field**

Cllr. G. Tully is dealing with a parishioner to carry out necessary work

**17/5/22 Additional Play Equipment**

Dealt with earlier - 2/5/22

**18/5/22 Village Plan**

Now transferred to a re-arranged meeting on 25/5/22

**19/5/22 Village in Bloom.**

Arrangements are well in hand. Problems have been experienced getting information from Derbyshire County Council as to when grass verge cutting is scheduled. Agreed that Newton Solney Parish Council would accept the cost

of stain required for bus stop shelters and for 2 hanging baskets (to be planted by Village in Bloom)

**20/5/22 Approval and signing of cheques**

R. Parker – allowable expenses £19.50

R. Parker – monthly salary April 2022 £110.55

R. Parker - Grass mowing - Recreation area and village green £285.00

BD marquee - replacement cheque - marquee £550

Approval confirmed by Cllr. G. Tully and Cllr. G. Plowman - unanimous

Date of next ordinary Parish Council meeting - 10th June 2022