**NEWTON SOLNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10th FEBRUARY 2023 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. K. Haines advised that the waste bin lorries which have lately been prone to breakdown have now been more reliable. She also advised that SDDC chief executive is retiring next month after many years service. An Area Forum meeting will be held at Findern Village Hall on 14th February 2023. Childrens Summer Activities have been booked - more information later. Cllr. D. Muller advised that there will be a road closure on Newton Road from 6th to 20th March - The Clerk will check for further information. Cllr. D. Muller advised that he still has some money in his community fund and if there are any requests for help please let him know - no promises. There are over 2000 road defects and the number of road repair gangs have been increased from 18 to 31 which should help. Cllr. D. Muller also said that if there are problems with minor roads (B and C) please forward the necessary information to him.

Present - Cllr. D. Smith, Cllr. G. Tully, Cllr. K. Makin Wall, Cllr. L. Charles, Cllr. P. Dutton and Cllr. S. Kelsey.

In attendance - R. Parker (clerk), Cllr. D. Muller, Cllr. K. Haines and one parishioner

Apologies received from - Cllr. G. Fenlon and Cllr. A. Churchill.

**Part 1 - non-exempt information**

None

**2/2/23** **Variation of order of business**

None

**3/2/23 Declaration of members interest**

None

**4/2/23 To consider various items of the non-exempt minutes of 13th January 2023**

Cllr. L. Charles read aloud a copy of the minutes dated 13th January 2023. Acceptance proposal by Cllr. G. Tully and

 seconded by Cllr. L. Charles

**5/2/23 To determine which items if any of part 1 of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded**

None

**6/2/23 To receive the Clerks report**

None

**7/2/23 To receive the Chairmans report**

None

**8/2/23 To receive reports from Parish Councillors**

None

**9/2/23 Planning applications and decisions**

The End - Agricultural building - Councillors felt that the building would be overbearing.

White Ferrers - single storey extension and loft conversion - No objection

Unicorn Inn -external staircase and door - no objection

Bladon Farm - Agricultural building - No objection

52 Main Street - Pollarding - No objection

**10/2/23 Cemex**

 A meeting to discuss the proposed works was held on Thursday 9th February which was attended by Cllr. Smith,

Cllr. G.Tully, The Clerk, 15 Parishioners, and 3 Cemex staff . Concerns raised - Very close proximity to village of

 proposed workings, adverse visual impact on village, Loss of landscape structure, Adverse effects of Newton Solney

conservation area, Impact of noise and dust pollution, Ingress of the river Trent and river Dove into pond

The time frame quoted was 12 months from start. A dedicated point of contact for parishioners was requested to report an

 issue with prompt action taken to resolve problems. Also suggested was that the residents most affected by the workings should

be given either practical or financial assistance and also the replacement of our community meeting hub.

**11/2/23 Grant for barrier**

Being dealt with by Cllr. D. Muller

**12/2/23 Grant application for history board. Shed and orchard**

History Board now paid for and awaiting delivery.

**13/2/23 Additional play equipment**

Cllr. P. Dutton is collating the information and will make suggestions for the next meeting

**14/2/23 Traffic calming through village.**

A raised pillow and chevrons on the road surface and obstacles alongside the road have been suggested and will be referred to

 Cllr. D. Muller at our next parish council meeting.

**15/2/23 Tree report**

A fresh quotation for the american oak tree on the village green has now been achieved. It is quoted at £950 which is

£25 cheaper than the previous estimate but it does include for reducing the crown which we do not want. Cllr. K. Makin Wall

 will make further enquiries. There are two dead ash trees which has suffered ash die back in Trent Lane which need felling

 before falling. As they are in danger of falling on the road it was decided to report them to the highways hub

**16/2/23 Village in Bloom**

An e-mail has been received from Karen Brittan of the Village in Bloom committee detailing what is recommended

for the common land. It included early clearing of Himalayan Balsom. Hazel and dogwood should be planted.. A flood plain

meadow should be created. The ash trees need regular checking for Ash die back. There is a sandstone wall which is currently

 overgrown which could be made into a very attractive feature. The pill-box on the other side of the river could be turned into a

 nature habitat.

**17/2/23 Precept**

The precept was discussed at our last meeting, However a message had been received from SDDC that the precept must be made before

5th February The position was discussed with the Chairman and it was decided that precept figure should remain at £12000

**18/2/23 Lengthsman**

It has been many years since a lengthsman was used in Newton Solney and it was felt that this should start again. Duties to be litter

 picking, Mowing some grass verges, cleaning street signs etc. Potholes and anything needed reporting should be reported to the

 parish council.The person doing the work will be self-employed and submit their accounts monthly.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Tully and seconded by Cllr. L. Charles

**19/2/23 Coronation of King Charles 3**

Arrangements already in place.

**20/2/23 Nominative trustee for Percy Ratcliffe Almshouses**

The Parish Council has two nominative representatives and one of them, Mr. Scott Muir has recently tendered his resignation.

A new representative will shortly be nominated - any prospective candidates should put their names forward.

**21/2/23 Approval and signing of cheques.**

R.Parker Salary £110.55

 R. Parker Allowable expenses £19.50

Payment proposed by Cllr. G, Tully and seconded by Cllr. K. Makin Wall

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 10th March 2023