**NEWTON SOLNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE**

**VILLAGE HALL**

**Public Participation**

Cllr. D. Muller advised that the problems caused by recent excessive rainfall that has created flooding and overflowing sewers was starting to improve but much work still required. Cllr. G Tully reported the flooding on Newton Lane is extremely bad – Cllr. D. Muller confirmed that all the problems have an incident number and will receive attention as soon as possible. Cost cutting on expenditure such as travelling expenses, training etc is being carried out as many local authorities are suffering a deficit of funds – essential work is not affected. Young person bus fares in the county and city of £1.50 are still effective and applies to buses travelling in Derbyshire and to other local authority areas. Young people aged 11 to 19 will require an a.b. line card to be able to get the discounted fare. The cards are available through the County and City Council website. The proposed East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) has moved one step closer to reality after key legislation was approved in Westminster. The levelling bill has been granted royal assent after completing its passage through parliament paving the way for the first mayoral election next May. Nothing to report on Freeport proposals.

Cllr. K. Haines reported that there is a parish forum on 13th November, also there is a flood liaison meeting on Wednesday 27th November which she will be attending and will pass on any enquiries. She will also be attending the remembrance service this weekend.

She will make further enquiries regarding the recent fly-tipping on Newton Lane.

**Present**

Cllr. D. Smith, Cllr. G. Tully, Cllr. K. Makin Wall, Cllr. L. Charles, Cllr. G. Fenlon

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

Apologies received from - Cllr. J. Lowe.

**Part 1 - non-exempt information**

None

**1/11/22 To receive apologies for absence**

Received and accepted from Cllr. J. Lowe

**2/11/23 Variation of order of business**

None

**3/11/23 Declaration of members interest**

None

**4/11/23 To receive Clerks report.**

He advised that the bank had confirmed acceptance of the recent change of cheque signatories. He handed out copies of the latest bank reconciliation figures

**5/11/23 To receive the chairmans report**

Cllr. D. Smith had attended a meeting regarding security by the police and was advised to be aware of suspicious things going on and be vigilant of things happening around her. Details of relevant websites are thinkbeforeyoulink and the ProtectUK app

**6/11/23 To receive reports from parish councillors**

Cllr. G. Fenlon reported that there is regular dog fouling in the village – The Clerk was asked to contact the dog warden. He also reported cars that were inconsiderately parked on the pavement . Cllr. D. Smith will report both items in the local newsletter.

Cllr. K. Makin Wall reported one of the short posts on the village green was leaning over. (they are softwood and liable to early rotting) The post is to be removed when Jims bench is fitted.

Cllr. G. Fenlon quoted £800 as the cost of removing the fencing, digging out to create a level base (8ft by 4ft) and laying slabs A proposal to accept the quote of £800 by Cllr. L. Charles and seconded by Cllr. K. Makin Wall – unanimous

Cllr. K. Makin Wall made comments following the recent successful Gold Award for village in Bloom – signs are to be erected at both ends of the of the village. However this year it is proposed to project lights onto the tree which is kindly being done by Cllr. S. Kelsey. It is hoped that a more permanent connection can be arranged for next year. Connections for this year will cost £100 – Cllr. K. Martin will submit an account

**7/11/23 To consider various items of the non-exempt minutes from 13th October 2023**

The overhanging trees on the common land reported at the last meeting had been referred to Mr. George Wyatt (tree surgeon) who had been to the site – The resident of the house affected was not at home and the tree surgeon suggested work to the value of £150 but we need to be sure that this will satisfy the house occupant.

Cllr. K. Haines had offered to contact the house on Blacksmiths Lane where the conifer trees were overhanging the pavement and she will make further enquiries.

Cllr. K. Makin Wall and Cllr. L. Charles will make further enquiries

Proposal to accept minutes by Cllr. K. Makin Wall and seconded by Cllr. G. Fenlon - unanimous

**8/11/23 To determine which items if any of part 1 of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded**

None

**9/11/23 Traffic calming through village**

Cllr. K. Makin Wall that she had been working on a setting up seven parishioners for training on speedwatch She has been given the name of Caroline Jerram who deals with a similar scheme in Repton – they already have the equipment provided and may agree to loan the items to us at least for the initial use. Apparently we have the complete support from the police. Cllr. K. Haines will provide details of the training. Proposal to continue with speedwatch by Cllr. K. Makin Wall and seconded by Cllr. G. Tully - unanimous

**10/11/23 Grant for barrier**

Mentioned to Cllr. D. Muller again – no progress

**11/11/23 Planning application**

Trees at Peel Cottage

No objection

**12/11/23 Cemex**

Nothing further .

**13/11/23 Shed and orchard**.

Cllr. L. Charles announced that the planning application had been prepared but there was a charge of £988. 00. A grant application was also being prepared. Cllr. K. Haines will also be asked for advice.

**14/11/23 Poppy appeal**

Sue Elson has once again made a magnificent job of the poppy display - our sincere thanks to her.

**15/11/23 Website update**

No progress as yet

**16/11/23 Play equipment update**

No progress as yet

**17/11/23 Christmas lights**

Cllr. K. Makin Wall has continued with her thoughts on solar lighting on the village green but this has proved to be not practical. However Cllr. S. Kelsey has kindly offered to allow a power supply from his house. It is hoped that a more permanent connection will be available next year. Connection this year will cost £100 – Cllr. K. Makin Wall will submit an invoice

**18/11/23 Newton Park Hotel**

A meeting was recently held with SERCO which is the organisation running the Newton Park Hotel with its refugee residents. There was a problem of the hotel residents riding cycles on the pavements and also cycling without lights. These will be addressed at a training session arranged at the hotel. The lawns at the hotel have been cut before and they promised to continue. The residents were advised not to go on Newton Park estate which is strictly private property. It was asked if anything could be done to make the residents more welcome – possibly a coffee morning was suggested.

1**9/11/23 Remembrance day wreath**

A wreath for Cllr. D. Smith has been organised by Cllr. K. Haynes

**20/11/23 Meeting with SERCO**

See Newton Park Hotel – 18/11/23

**21/11/23 Approval and signing of cheques**

**G. Wall Lengthsman £162.43**

**R. Parker Allowable expenses £ 19.50**

**R. Parker Salary £110.55**

**SDDC Work to play area £2513.38**

**M. Mansfield Web Host £ 50.00**

**Mrs. J. Mears Jims bench £100.00**

**British Legion Wreath Donation £ 25.00**

**R. Parker Grass mowing £240.00**

Approval proposed by Cllr. L. Charles and seconded by Cllr. G. Tully - unanimous

**The next parish council meeting is scheduled for Friday 8th December 2023**