

MINUTES OF THE NEWTON SOLNEY ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2016 AT NEWTON SOLNEY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr. F. Hill (Chairman), Cllr. G. Plowman, Cllr. D. May, Cllr. J. Coussins, Cllr. J. Shorthouse
In attendance – R. Parker (Clerk), and Cllr. P. Smith and Cllr. L. Chilton

Public Participation

Cllr. P. Smith detailed a number of events within SDDC prior to Christmas. See attached
Cllr. Smith also advised that grants and advice were available from the Safer Neighborhood Forum.

Cllr. L. Chilton advised she was still pursuing the fitting of a street light at the bus stop close to Bladon School pointing out that when the new estate is built close to Dalebrook the amount of traffic will increase dramatically. The persons using the bus stop are being encouraged to get local support from other local groups. Now that winter is approaching rapidly she announced that road gritting was already under way. A new weather station has now been installed at Willington which will detail a variety of information.

PART 1 – NON EXEMPT INFORMATION

1/11 Apologies for absence.

Received and accepted from Cllr. D. Smith, Cllr. K. Haines and Cllr. M. Stanton.

2/11 Variation in order of business

No change deemed necessary

3/11 Declarations of members interest –

None declared

4/11 Planning Applications and decisions

Primavera, Trent Lane – Tree Pruning – to be determined
Highfield House, Repton Road – extension and alterations – approved.
School, Trent Lane – tree work – to be determined
Bladon House School – tree work – approved
219 Bretby Lane – new dwelling – approved

5/11 To confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th May 2016

These were circulated, read and approved – Proposed by Cllr. D. May and seconded by Cllr. K. Haines – unanimous confirmation.

6/11 To determine which items of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

No change deemed necessary

7/11 Outstanding Matters.

The annual bonfire this year proved to be extremely successful and many compliments were received.
The total funds raised amounted to £1875.35 (Admission- £949.69, Mulled Wine-£600, Refreshments- £325.66) less cost of fireworks £654.99. The Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Jeremy Winter and his team including Roger Kerry for all their efforts in making it a successful event. Also many thanks to our own councillor Mr. Graham Plowman. Car Parking on Trent Lane caused a problem and ought to

be considered at next years event – possibly closing the road. From the profit a sum of £500 is to be set aside to help with the mower problems at St. Mary’s and two further planters to be purchased and filled
Post meeting note – A suggestion has been made that a small donation be made to the Hedgehog Trust. They asked the bonfire organizer to check that no hedgehogs were in the fire

8/11

Clerks Report.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to SDDC with regard to the suggested change of boundary to enable the estate of houses close to Dalebrook to be transferred to ESDC. Acknowledgement received only

9/11

Chairmans Report

The recent enquiry regarding permission to camp overnight on the riverbank has still not been fully determined – There is a requirement that permission must be obtained from the landowner but whilst the ownership is almost certainly the Parish Council this cannot be fully determined and the Chairman asked the views of the councillors as to whether the definite ownership should be pursued. It was agreed that Cllr. F. Hill should discuss the situation with our solicitors. It has been impossible to communicate with the original enquirer as emails to him have been returned undelivered

Cllr. F. Hill informed the meeting that Gemma Faulkner had arranged a very successful Halloween Party at the Village Hall which was attended by 37 children and raised £97 which she offered to pass on to the Sports Club. The room charge by the Village Hall for the function was £60 and it was unanimously agreed that it will be paid by the Parish Council.

Cllr. F. Hill was aware that the speed activated sign on the Bladon Hill from Burton was no longer working – the clerk will report the problem to DCC.

Cllr. F. Hill said he hoped to walk most of the footpaths within the Parish to check on their condition.

10/11

Reports from Councillors

Cllr. G. Plowman suggested that a pedestrian crossing should be created in the centre of the village. After hearing of the number required to be using the crossing it was accepted that the suggestion was not likely to be approved.

Cllr. J. Shorthouse advised that the Village Hall Bank account stood at £14,693.

The recent break-in at the village hall had resulted in very little stolen but had created approx. £1000 damages.

There is currently a problem of title deeds for the hall with the land registry and this could cost £400 to put right.

Cllr. D. May had carried out a recent survey of the village and had noticed that our various street signs were dirty and required cleaning. The Clerk will advise SDDC – Cllr. P. Smith offered his assistance.

A flower basket sited on a lamp post was in poor condition. One of the wooden posts on the village green had been knocked over and needed replacement – Clerk to organize. The problem with dog mess seemed to be getting worse – to be on the next Parish Council agenda.

Cllr. J. Shorthouse had been informed that the lawn mower for the church grounds was broken and was proving difficult to find parts. She asked the Parish Council to consider a donation towards its replacement. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr. J. Shorthouse and seconded by Cllr. J. Coussins that £500 (from the bonfire profit) should be ring fenced in our accounts for a future donation if required. – unanimous

11/11

Village Plan

This had been fully discussed at a meeting immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting and attended by 12 parishioners plus Parish Councillors – all of their comments will be closely looked at and a revised Village Plan will shortly be available on the Parish Website and subject to further amendments if

required. A letter had been received from a resident regarding a possible building site within the village – to be placed on the next Agenda.

12/11 Recreation ground – grass around play equipment.

The chairman mentioned that the grass around the play equipment on the recreation ground was getting very long and hadn't been mowed for some weeks. The Clerk was aware that the usual contractor had been ill but was expected to do the work within the next two weeks.

13/11 Recreation ground – dog problems.

The problem was briefly discussed and has been referred for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting

14/11 Bus Shelter.

Permission to renew the wooden bus shelter was still awaited from DCC who maintain that renewal would incur a change to the current regulations which will mean a larger pull-in for buses and possibly the movement of a lamppost. Cllr. L. Chilton offered to make enquiries that might speed up the process

15/11 Play Equipment

Cllr. D. May and Cllr. J. Coussins had looked at various items of trim trail equipment and preferred the wooden type. No action to be taken until a grant has been obtained. A grant of £10,000 has been requested from the big lottery fund

16/11/ Parking

Three large planters had now been sited on the pavement opposite the “Brickmakers Arms” and will look very attractive when planted out by our Horticultural Society. This should stop irresponsible drivers parking on the pavement and thereby risking causing an accident. Cllr. D. May proposed that two further planters should be purchased (from the bonfire profit) by the Parish Council for siting at other sites within the Parish. Seconded by Cllr. J. Shorthouse – unanimous

17/11 Finance

Cheques	R. Parker	Allowable expenses	£19.50
	R. Parker	Fireworks	£654.99
	R. Parker	Compost	£68
	SDDC	Playmobile	£378
	M. Mansfield	Website	£25
	G. Faulkner	Room Hire	£60
	Village Hall	Room Hire	£87.50

Funds at Bank £10,124.77 plus £6000 on deposit
To consider requests under s 137 - None received.

18/11 Date & Time of next meeting -

Friday 9th December 2016 at the Newton Solney Parish Hall at 7.45 pm.

PART 2 - EXEMPT ITEMS

None



Events

1 message

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To: Ron Parker <ronparker0401@gmail.com>, Fred Hill <fredandmorag@gmail.com>

Hi Ron,

Apologies that it's taken me a few days to get this to you. Please find below a list of activities/events taking place in South Derbyshire:

24th November - Farmers Market - The Delph, Market Square, Swadlincote, 9am - 2pm

25th November - Christmas Lights Switch On - The Delph, Market Square, Swadlincote, 5pm onwards

25th November - Sharpes Christmas Craft Fair - Sharpes Pottery, West Street, Swadlincote, 10am - 8pm

26th and 27th November - Festive Fair - Swadlincote Ski Centre, Sat = 11am - 7pm, Sun = 12 - 6pm

27th November - Christmas Market - Mercia Marina, Findern Lane, Willington, 10am - 4pm

2nd December - Melbourne Christmas Lights Switch On, 5pm onwards

7th December - Bamfords Valuation Day, Sharpes Pottery, Swadlincote, 2.30pm - 4pm

10th December - 2 Walks from Rosliston Forestry Centre, Footlose Walk = 5 Miles 10am and Mince Pie and Mulled Wine Walk = 1.45pm.

Kind regards