**MINUTES OF THE NEWTON SOLNEY ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2023Present:** Cllr. D. Smith (Chairlady), Cllr. G. Tully, Cllr. S. Kelsey and Cllr.P.Dutton

 In attendance R. Parker (Clerk) and Cllr. D. Muller and Cllr. K. Haines

**Public Participation.**

 Cllr. D. Muller briefly mentioned the problem of defective concrete construction in some schools. It would appear that local schools are not affected but tests are continuing with other public buildings.

 Cllr. K. Haynes announced that she had been to the area forum meeting last night when speedwatch was discussed. Repton parish have all the necessary equipment and possibly will give Newton Solney PC some advice in setting up a speedwatch team. She had also had a meeting with SERCO concerning the Newton Park Hotel. Apparently there are discussions taking place as to how many occupants are allowed in room sharing. There is also the possible question that some of the residents have employment which is being investigated. Cllr. K. Haynes asked if the parishioners have any complaints regarding the Newton Park residents they should be addressed to the clerk who will pass them onto Cllr. K. Haines. The clerk mentioned that the lawns are once again looking in a poor state – Cllr. K. Haines will pass the message on.

**PART 1 – NON EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**1/9/23 Apologies for absence.**

Received and accepted from Cllr. L. Charles, Cllr. K. Makin Wall, Cllr. G. Fenlon and Cllr.J. Lowe

**2/9/23 Variation in order of business**

 No change deemed necessary

**3/9/23 Declarations of members interest** –

 None

**4/9/23 Grant for Barrier**

No further movement

**5/9/23 Traffic calming through village**

Briefly discussed by Cllr.K. Haynes

**6/9/23 To receive the Clerks report**

None

**7/9/23 To receive the Chairmans report**

 **None**

**8/9/23 To receive the reports from parish councilors**

Cllr. G. Tully enquired regarding the road works for Church Lane. We do not have a date – Cllr. D. Muller will check

**9/9/23 To consider various items of the non-exempt minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2023**

Under planning applications – Beehive Cottage should read – guttering work - no objection.

 Approval proposed by Cllr. S. Kelsey; seconded by Cllr. P. Dutton – unanimous

**10/9/23 To determine which items of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded**.

 No change deemed necessary

**11/9/23 Trees on common land overhanging St. Marys Close**

No further information received.

**12/9/23 Dropped kerb opposite Unicorn public house**

Work currently being completed.

**13/9/23 Plannning applications**

 20 Blacksmiths Lane – side and front elevations

 Newton Park – felling and pruning of various trees

 52 Main Street – pollarding of trees.

 No objection

**14/9/23 Cemex**

Nothing further received

**15/9/23 Shed and Orchard**

Being dealt with by Cllr. L. Charles – no further information

**16/9/23** **Village in Bloom**

Judging will be later this month and results expected in October – It is understood that Cllr. K.

 Makin Wall will attend.

**17/9/23 Website update**

 Apparently the website has not been updated for several months. Cllr. D. Smith will contact

 Cllr. Fenlon asking for urgent attention

**18/9/23 Playground equipment update**

A grant of £10,000 has been received from the Community Fund and there are a number

 of amounts (totaling approx £2000) included in our accounts that are available towards

 playground equipment.

 Cllr. P. Dutton has a quote for a piece of equipment called a “rope net pyramid” for £11,400

 inclusive. Proposal to accept quotation was received from Cllr. P. Dutton and seconded by

 Cllr. S. Kelsey – unanimous To be sited close to the existing equipment

**19/9/23 Dangerous trees**

We have a schedule of when existing trees will be dealt with. We have not received any

 further reports

**20/9/23 Strimmer for lengtshman**

Our lengthsman had reported that the existing strimmer had broken. Cllr. D. Smith confirmed

 that she had authorized a 50% contribution towards a replacement

**21/9/23 Jim Wards memorial bench**

Cllr. D. Smith showed the meeting a magnificent wooden bench which will be utilised asa

 memorial bench. The bench cost £750. plus fixing and £550 has been raised so far. It was

 proposed by Cllr. D. Smith and seconded by Cllr. P. Dutton that the parish council donate

 up to £250. Unanimous – To be sited underneath the american oak on the village green

**22/9/23 Christmas lights – American Oak- The Green**

Being dealt with by Cllr. K. Makin Wall

**23/9/23 Newton Park Hotel**

See comments by Cllr. K. Haines – public participation

**24/9/23 Approval and signing of cheques**

 G. Wall Lengthsman – 2 months £442.50

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 R. Parker Grass Mowing – 2 months £550.00

 R. Parker Salary – 2 months £221.10

 R. Parker Allowable expenses – 2 months £ 39.00

 NSVH Room Hire £ 18.00

 SDDC Play area charges £ 65.58

 SDDC play area – annual inspection £ 90.00

 K. Bradbury Mow cricket pitch £200.00

Proposed to accept cheque approval and payment by Cllr. P. Dutton and seconded by Cllr. S. Kelsey -unanimous

The next Parish Meeting is scheduled for Friday 13th October at 7.00pm

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