**NEWTON SOLNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 13th JANUARY 2023**

**AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. D. Muller advised that he had been very busy of late regarding various budgets results of which will be detailed later. The local plans have now ended. The number of new properties to be erected has changed from mandatory to advisory. Devolution affecting areas in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire is still in the process of moving forward. He had taken up our recent request regarding traffic problems with Matlock and had been instructed that the Police Commissioners have set up a scheme which may answer our problems but may also be expensive - it was suggested that a committee should be set up to deal with the matter. He also promised to make enquiries regarding extra street lighting.

Cllr. K. Haines has been trying to book the activity day for children which has proved so popular in the past - more information in future. The next Area Forum Meeting has been set for Tuesday 14th February at 6.30 at Findern Village Hall. The Village in Bloom team have been in touch recommending that the street signs needed smartening. She will be attending a meeting regarding the application by Cemex.

Cllr. A. Churchill reported that there is a Jobs Fayre at East Midlands Airport on Saturday 4th February at 10.00am to 2.00 pm-100 jobs and free parking. There will be two hybrid refuse collection vehicles (diesel/hydrogen) being introduced - June will see the first national trial of the vehicles. Local elections will occur in May.

**Present -** Cllr. D. Fenlon (Chairman), Cllr. K. Makin Wall, Cllr. P. Dutton, Cllr.G. Tully, Cllr. L. Charles and one parishioner

**In attendance.** - R. Parker (Clerk), Cllr. D. Muller, Cllr. K. Haines, Cllr. A. Churchill

**Part 1 - None exempt information. 1/1/23 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr. D. Smith and Cllr. S. Kelsey

**2/1/23 Variation in order of business**

None

**3/1/23 Declaration of members interest.**

None

**4/1/23 To consider various items of the non-exempt minutes of 9th December 2022**

Minutes proposed to be accepted by Cllr. K. Makin Wall and seconded by Cllr. G. Tully - unanimous

**5/1/23 To determine which items if any of Part 1 should occur with the public excluded.**

None

**6/1/23 Cemex including s106**

No representatives from Cemex were present. The councillors asked if a further meeting with Cemex could be arranged preferably before the date for submissions regarding their application.

**7/1/23 To receive the Clerks report**

None

**8/1/23 To receive the Chairmans Report**

None

**9/1/23 To receive reports from Parish Councillors.**

Questions were raised as to who was responsible for emptying the dog waste bins some of which are owned by SDDC. The bin in question is on the corner of Blacksmiths Lane/Trent Lane. Cllr. K Haines will make enquiries. The road surface in Blacksmiths Lane is very poor and it is understood that the road surface in Trent lane is scheduled to be done early this year. It is felt that an error has occurred and that the wrong section of road is receiving attention.

**10/1/23 Planning applications**

Newton Park Farm - Side extension and tennis court - No comment

Unicorn Inn - Signs (Some illuminated)

The councillors felt that the black gable end wall of the Unicorn Inn was unsuitable and felt that it should be changed to a colour with lower visual impact. The Clerk was asked to write to the planning department to pass on our comments, otherwise no objection.

**11/1/23 Coronation of King Charles 3**

Cllr. K. Makin Wall confirmed that all the arrangements are in place. Set for Sunday 7th July 2023 the day following the coronation. Arrangements include - coronation cream tea, hog roast, bowls, snooker and darts competition, together with a prince/princess competition and raffle. An information flyer will be produced detailing the arrangements.

**12/1/23 Grant for Barrier.**

Cllr. D. Muller is dealing with it - nothing further

**13/1/23 Grant application for History board, shed and orchard**

Cllr. L. Charles advised that she is continuing to work on it. The history board is complete and now awaits a cheque for £1179 which will be covered by a grant. Further applications for a grant are being made.

**14/1/23 Additional play equipment.**

Cllr. P. Dutton is dealing with - He asked for details of suppliers.

**15/1/23 Traffic calming through village**

See comments by Cllr. D. Muller. Cllr. G. Tully detailed his concern regarding speeding cars in the village. He mentioned prominent structures either side of the road such as a sign or a large gate which give the impression of the road narrowing and causing the driver to slow down. The “20 is plenty” signs are proving not to work and if anything cause more pollution. A record of any traffic accidents should be kept and it will probably help if we apply for any works to be completed.

**16/1/23 Electricity for tree lights in village/condition of village green tree.**

Cllr. K. Makin Wall has had a tree surgeon look at the English Oak tree on the village green. He had pointed out that the tree had some dead branches which needed lopping and others that were catching passing vehicles. Price quoted £975 plus VAT The tree surgeon said he could deal with planning permission and by using 3 men would avoid the need for 3 way traffic lights. The councillors felt that another quote should be obtained by the Clerk. The Clerk suggested he contact George Wyatt who is our contractor for grass mowing of the childrens play and is also a qualified tree surgeon. Lights can then be fitted.

**17/1/23 Tree report**

There is an Ash tree on the common land which has suffered from Ash die back and could be dangerous. The Clerk was asked to deal with it. Enquiries to be made with SDDC who may be able to fell the tree at no cost.

**18/1/23 Accounts from Newton Solney Village Hall**

A request has been received from management committee for financial help towards cost of £300 - Agreed that the Parish Council should contribute £150.

Account for room hire by Parish Council - £85.50

Cheque payment proposed by Cllr. Tully and seconded by Cllr. K. Makin Wall - unanimious

**19/1/23 SDDC local plan**

Now finished - reports to follow

**20/1/23 Village in Bloom/Britain in Bloom**

Reports for 2022 not yet available. The organisers have suggested that we have the signs in the village cleaned before this years competition. A theme for future Village in Bloom will be the brewing industry - barrels and hops. A plan and costing should be made available before a full grant is authorised. A part payment of £500 payable to Penny Ellis proposed by Cllr. K. Makin Wall and seconded by Cllr. G. Tully.

**21/1/23 Maintenance of playground equipment**

This has been carried out and financed by SDDC and we have recently been advised that they will no longer be responsible for the cost. They have offered to continue if Newton Solney Parish Council accept the charges. They have the expertise to properly inspect the equipment for safety. The problem is if any child was to be hurt using the equipment the Parish Council could be held responsible. They have promised that they will only pass on the fees and that no additional charges will be made. Believed to be approx. £300 per annum. Proposed by Cllr. G. Tully that we agree and seconded by Cllr. K. Makin Wall. Unanimous

**22/1/23 Precept Application**

Last years precept was £12,000 and we currently have £17,000 in our bank account. Whatever we ask for is paid by two instalments the first being on !st April 2023. We are unsure when the request should be in by.

**23/1/23 Contribution towards newsletter**

See 18/1/23

**24/1/23 Approval and signing of cheques**

R. Parker Salary £110.55

R. Parker Allowable expenses £ 19.50

Village Hall Room Hire £ 85.50

Village Hall Newsletter £ 150.00

Penny Ellis Village in Bloom £ 500.00

Fitzpatrick Woolmer History Board £1179.00

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

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Friday 10th February 2023