**NEWTON SOLNEY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES of Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at the Village Hall 7pm**

**Present:** Councillors ; D Smith (Chair), G Fenlon, G Tully, K Makin-Wall, L Charles, S Kelsey, P Dutton.

D Muller (DCC), J Lowe (SDDC)

6 members of the public

Susan Stack – Locum Clerk

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|  | **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  Derbyshire County Cllr D Muller. Area forum took place with the police in attendance.  Boundary changes are being reviewed currently 64 DCC Councillors and numbers are hopefully going to remain the same but the number of voters dictates the area. He is anticipating that he may inherit part of Woodville. Consultation is going to be undertaken.  Gate – apologies that this has not gone forward.  CEMEX – no new information available at County or SDDC level  Weight restriction sign – has been put forward at County and await a response  SDDC James Lowe- National Grid ref repairs to lines in our area. Starts at Bretby lane, across fields, Newton Lane then towards Ticknell. There may be road closures as a result. It is estimated that work was last done 30 years ago. Flood resilience repair grants are now available through SDDC website for up to £5,000 per grant. Residential property only. SDDC celebrates 50 years in existence so there will be some celebrations.  Resident reported Newton Lane, Bretby, junction with Knights Lane– Flooding has created significant pot holes and after cleaning work the flat area is still flooding. DCC D Muller reported that pot hole repairs have washed out due to quantity of water and engineers are needing a break in the weather to get repairs done. Report direct to him any dangerous holes in order that he can expedite repairs. Resident reported that inspectors are keen to pick up local knowledge, but the problem (in their opinion) was caused by large vehicles that used it as a diversion during a road closure and the drains have collapsed as a result.  The location of a drain under the road has been shown to the inspector as this has contributed to flooding. An ideal solution would be to raise the road height to put the water flow onto fields that are being farmed. Apparently, officers are still unable to find the drain. Suggested that a manhole cover will be put in for the short term with a more long term solution being undertaken when landowners consent has been received with work happening in the summer. |
| **1/2/24** | **1/2/24 To receive apologies for absence**  Kerry Haines (SDDC) |
| **2/2/24** | **2/2/24 Variation in order of business**  Chairman varied the order of business taking Solar Farm letter next then planning items. |
| **3/2/24** | **3/2/24 Declaration of members interest**  None |
| **PART 1** |  |
| **4/2/24** | **To consider various items of the non-exempt minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2024 (including approval for accuracy)**  De-Fib training with Cllr Kirke is willing to undertake training. Council to contact him with dates. Suggested that residents on the list that live in the immediate vicinity and the village hall committee members should be invited to take part. Item will be put in the newsletter inviting people to put their names forward to Cllr K Mackin-Wall.  A suggestion was made that we have a “Test” opening of the cabinet so that people are familiar with the alarm sound.  High intensity lights are still shining at the Newton Park Hotel. Monitor next meeting.  Asylum seekers are reported as having left the hotel.  Reported that the Council meetings being moved has created a problem with an existing hirer. It was resolved to move meetings to the THIRD Tuesday of each month. Clerk to advise DCC and SDDC accordingly. (GF/SK) |
| **5/2/24** | **To determine which items in any of part 1 of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded** |
| **6/2/24** | **Traffic calming in village**  Speedwatch ongoing |
| **7/2/24** | **To receive the Clerks report**  None |
| **8/2/24** | **To receive the Chairman’s report including;**   1. **Resignation/retirement of R Parker as Clerk**   The Council are sad to report that Mr Parker is not well. The Chairman will call him tomorrow to see how he is. She has the noticeboard keys and cheque book back. Chairman will arrange Flowers   1. **Appointment of Locum Clerk in interim**   DALC were approached and Susan Stack was appointed Clerk at a rate of £20 per hour plus mileage as agreed on e-mail   1. **Arrangements for advertising for New Clerk**   Confidential item – Terms and advertisement, Job and person specification agreed. Advertisement to go out ASAP. Close date 12th March. Interviews 19th March starting at 6pm. Interviews will be with Cllrs D Smith, K Makin-Wall. |
| **9/2/24** | **To receive reports from Parish councillors**  Cllr L Charles - Lampost not working but post number not clear to be able to report it. Will try to work out by using neighbouring lamp posts. Cllr Charles to report direct.  Cllr Karen Makin-Wall - Sapling trees by the river. Met with residents. Saplings are self setter sycamores at the edge of the river. 9 trees need to be felled. Suggested that habitat stacks be made with them after felling rather than logging. Officer checking if any TPO’s are in operation before any action being taken.  Electricity supply to The Green – supplier has been asked for deviation of design to make it smaller and to locate at the back of the green so that it is not so visible.  School have made contatact with a wish to be involved in projects in the village and with the Parish Council, Suggested Cllr L Charles will take this forward. An informal request has been made for support with books and Cllr K Makin-Wall will encourage them to apply.  Cllr Gareth Tully – reported that he has the lifebuoy stand to install that needs to be bolted to a slab. Suggested location was discussed and agreed to be near the stile.  Cllr Phil Dutton has received a request to do a Fun Run on the park, Thursday 5.30pm-6.30pm for juniors. Council agreed. Cllr P Dutton will advise accordingly |
| **10/2/24** | **Planning applications and decisions;**    **DMPA/2024/0042**  **The removal of condition 6 relating to users of permission reference DMPA/2022/0836 (The erection of leisure building with associated access, parking and landscaping) at Knights Lodges, Knights Lane, Bretby, Burton On Trent, DE15 0RT**  **Chairman reported that point 16 “need for a Leisure Centre/Swimming Pool” and she considered that not the case as there are plenty of other local facilities of this type in the area.**  **Residents report that they are in contravention of the planning permission as external classes are already going ahead. Recent challenges have been lost by SDDC. There are plans to convert an Agricultural building for Leisure purposes which is legally permissible. The application is very vague and open to future abuse.**  **Residents are reporting that various claims are being made about the facilities already in operation. The planning enforcement team need to take this seriously as the abuse is blatant.**  **Highways issues are a problem with access and local roads. It was resolved that the Parish Council will object on the basis that point 16 is not valid, that we support Bretby in objections, that the existing facilities are not exclusive use to the lodges as per planning agreement, and highways concerns. Chairman to update objection at SDDC website.**  **Cllr J Lowe at SDDC was asked to call in the application**  **CM9/0922/18**  **The phased extraction of approximately 600,000 tonnes of sand and gravel as a southern extension to Willington Quarry with restoration to conservation wetland, lowland meadow, biodiversity enhancements and flood attenuation measures; retention of existing aggregate processing plant, silt lagoon, ready-mix concrete plant, access / haul roads and soil bunds, construction of a temporary vehicular bridge over the River Dove and the permanent diversion of Public Right of Way (PRoW) - Burton CP10.**  See CEMEX update in public participation  **DMPA/2024/0128:**  **Garage conversion, first floor front extension, detached garage with office space above, boundary fence with gated entrance to driveway at**[**7 Hollies Close, Newton Solney, Burton On Trent, DE15 0SB**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fmaps%2Fsearch%2F7%2BHollies%2BClose%2C%2BNewton%2BSolney%2C%2BBurton%2BOn%2BTrent%2C%2BDE15%2B0SB%3Fentry%3Dgmail%26source%3Dg&data=05%7C02%7C%7Cb1ac44b6549f4b0780ec08dc2a248c37%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638431583650677893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SqUzC3cN4bWjmPnnOomLb3hgY5bhjAwb%2FkxP2L%2FQPxM%3D&reserved=0)  The Council have received complaints concerning the overbearing intrusion on the neighbour behind. It will have an upstairs segment with office space etc with external stairs on the side. There is a ground drop between the two properties that means that the upstairs will cause total loss of privacy for numbers 25 and 23 as these properties are less than 6 metres from the boundary.  Request for a planning officer to visit the site was made and for it to be called in. The Chairman suggested that residents object directly and the Parish Council resolved that they will object.  **Cllr J Lowe at SDDC was asked to call in the application - Chairman to e-mail objection on behalf of the Parish Council on planning portal**  **DMPA/2024/0123**  **The installation of solar panels to the garage roof at The Poplars, Repton Road, Newton Solney, Burton on Trent, DE15 0SG**  No objections |
| **11/2/24** | **Christmas lights- American oak**  Electricity box discussed |
| **12/2/24** | **Shed and orchard**  Design and quotations underway. Solar panels, water collection, and generator are hopefully going to be possible within the budget |
| **13/2/24** | **Additional play equipment**  Completed |
| **14/2/24** | **Play Equipment update**  Completed |
| **15/2/24** | **Newton Park Hotel**  Asylum seekers have left |
| **16/2/24** | **Childrens Fun Day**  Cllr Phil Dutton to progress urgently |
| **17/2/24** | **Willington Solar Farm**  Letter received from Willington Newton Lane Solar Limited as per Companies house records that says it is currently non-functioning company.  No planning application has been put in and nothing has some up on the land registry.  Chairman to write acknowledging the letter and take no further action.  Resident reported that there has been a lot of survey work done and it will have an adverse effect on tourism etc. and the Council must be concerned. DDC and SDDC representatives will take an interest in progress. Bretby PC has had similar communication to Newton Solney last week.  Potential solar farm at Drakelow may be progressed due to the designation of the land involved. |
| **18/2/24** | **Cemex**  The retiring Clerk has re-submitted the parish Council’s comments again |
| **19/2/24** | **Amount to be requested as precept**  The budget was set at £2,688 surplus  The precept was set at £16,000 (LC/GT) |
| **20/2/24** | **Approval and signing of cheques**  R. Parker Salary £135.35  R. Parker Allowable expense £19.50  RBS Fenlon Form hardstanding and fit bench 960.00  G. Wall Lengthsman £75.00  SDDC Playing area survey £65.58  It was resolved to issue the cheques above (GF/GT) |
|  | **The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19th March 2024** |
|  | **Chair to e-mail Dave Muller DCC ref collapsed drain in field caused by contractors** |