



# NRS&NMHPC

Newton Regis, Seckington and No Man's Heath Parish Council

*Three villages, one community*

## No. 255

Tuesday 3 August 2021  
No Man's Heath Village Hall

**Present:**

Cllr. D. Waithman	(DW) (Chair)
Cllr. G. Hunt	(GH) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. S. Wilson	(SW)
Cllr. R. Thirby	(RT)
Cllr. M. Ruston	(MR)
Mrs N. Allton (Clerk)	(NA)

The meeting commenced at 7:32pm

### 1. Apologies for Absence: None

**Not Present:** County Cllr. M. Humphries (MH), County Cllr. D Humphries (DH), Cllr. D. Cox (DC), Police.

### 2. Police Items - None.

### 3. Open Forum- *Parishioners of Newton Regis, Seckington and No Man's Heath Parish are invited to address the council on any relevant matter for a maximum of three minutes per person.*

No items.

### 4. Declarations of interest – None

### 5. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings – 29 June 2021 – agreed and signed.

### 6. Matters Arising:-

- Hames Lane, broken footbridge - Clerk reported to WCC.
- Cutting back on Hames Lane. DW reported to WCC. On work schedule.
- Old Post Office railings - DW spoke to Mike Newnham - imperial sized parts have to be made to order. Wait until fall apart then all will be replaced. GH will finish painting. GH
- Bus shelter - Pete Hopkins to start work on repairs.
- Litter pick - date was included in village voice. Not well attended, but thanks go to those that did attend.
- Tennis open day went well. A coach has been found for the children.
- May Tree - on Arborcare's schedule to be trimmed.

### 7. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions.

#### a) Applications:

- PAP/2021/0405** - The Old Forge, Austrey Lane, NMH - detached garage to replace existing - no objections
- PAP/2021/0423** - 2 St. Mary's Grove, Newton Regis - retrospective - dormer windows - no objections

#### b) Determined: None

#### c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals: None

### 8. Financial matters: bank balances, cheques for signature, cheques raised since last meeting & expected bills.

○ General Account	£415.12
○ Playing Field Account	£659.80
○ Deposit Account	£6,548.34
○ Reserve Account	£6,012.75
○ Total	£13,636.01

Allocated to duckpond project  
£1,915.00

<b><u>Cheques for Signature after the meeting:</u></b>		
3.8.21	No Man's Heath Village Hall - Room Hire (#1200)	£27.00
3.8.21	Sure-Track Europe Ltd - Tractor Maintenance (#521)	£144.00
<b><u>Cheques raised / payments since last meeting:</u></b>		
30.6.21	N Allton - Salaries June 21(SO)	£189.63
13.7.21	E.ON - Unmetered Lighting (#1196)	£55.42
14.7.21	Cancelled (#1197)	
14.7.21	A. Cox - Strimming at duckpond (#1198)	£20.00
14.7.21	Cllr. D. Waithman - Signs (#1199)	£12.00
31.7.21	N Allton - Salaries July 21(SO)	£189.63
<b><u>Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting</u></b>		
21.7.21	Thistle Bowling Club - Playing Field Water	£53.93
21.7.21	Newton Regis Village Hall - Playing Field Water	£18.97
	Interest - July 21	£0.11

## 9. Village Issues

### a) Newton Regis

- i) The bracket Lamp has been removed from the pole outside Manor Farm. DW has spoken to WCC lighting dept. about replacing it within the village. The original post has been removed and Cameron Homes will not renew the right to have a pole on their land. The right bracket would allow it to be re-attached to a pole.
- ii) Clerk to contact Western Power - Church to Ivy Cottage needs bird deflectors on the line where it crosses along the path. Clerk
- iii) A request has been received to install a circular memorial seat around the may tree. This would need permission from highways. It would need to be removable for when the tree needs to be replaced. GH to liaise with residents. DW to contact Mike Newnham. GH/DW
- iv) Seckington Lane - sign needs to be straightened up again. GH will repair. GH
- v) Residents have contacted PC about overgrown garden at Lime Grove. Clerk has contacted Thorpe Estate. SW to also speak to Thorpe Estate. SW

### b) Seckington

- i) Overgrown borders along Church Lane adjacent to the church wall. Will be cut back by Highways.
- ii) Jitty has overgrown hedge onto the path. Landowners responsibility. Will be contacted.
- iii) Sign pointing to Newton Regis missing from opposite Seckington Lane, Seckington. DW to contact Mike Newnham. DW

### c) No Man's Heath

- i) Village gates - MR has contacted DH about available financial help.
- ii) Grand opening of NMHVH on 28 August. Councillors and NMH villagers are invited to attend.
- iii) Police have attended Salt Street to speak to drivers and impound un registered off-road vehicles.

## 10. Playing Field

- a) The field is in a very good state. DW has had no contact from Tamworth CC. The fixture list shows no further matches this season, but there are more matches to be played. There is a lack of access to changing facilities at Newton Regis. No access to toilets. Could a portable toilet be sited near the practice nets?
- b) Gareth will cut the hedges next week.

## 11. Duckpond

GH has drawn up a plan of action for the duckpond cleaning. Fill holding tanks, pump water, empty fish, cut vegetation, find a site to dispose of silt, how will pond be re-filled, replace fish. SW to confirm with the contractor that they will be able to start work in August. GH to circulate a plan of action. SW to liaise with RT, GH and contractor. GH / SW / RT

## 12. Speed Gun

Clarity is required as to whether Community Speedwatch is a community or parish council initiative? PC Simon Ackroyd was approached to clarify. No clarification obtained. PC Ackroyd has been contacted to collect speed gun from Shuttington and pass to us. He also needs to inform us where the designated speed check sites are. DW to contact DC and PC Ackroyd. DW / DC

## 13. Hedges

The hedge needs to be cut right back at the top of Kings Lane. SW - to contact James Daw about getting the hedge cut or it could be cut by Gareth when he cuts the playing field. SW  
Can Andrew Cox strim around the village gateways once a year in August? DW to contact. DW

## 14. Correspondence

None

**15. Business, which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered as a matter of urgency under section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.**

- i) Newton Regis Village Hall is no longer available on Tuesday evenings. Parish Council could meet at Newton Regis on Mondays. Clerk to circulate a 12 month meeting dates schedule and then block book NRVH. Clerk
- ii) To be aware that Chris Wilson is unwell and alternate arrangements for equipment maintenance may be needed in the future.

**16. Confirmation Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 7.30pm. Seckington Church.

The meeting closed at 21:04

Chairman .....  
Cllr D Waithman .....  
Date .....