



NRS&NMHPC

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

Three villages, one community

Minutes of Agenda 284

Tuesday 24th June at 7.30pm
Newton Regis Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. D Cox (DC) Chair
Cllr. M Ruston (MR) Vice Chair
Cllr. S Wilson (SW)
Cllr. R Thirlby (RT)
Cllr. D Clarke (DCC)
Mrs B Cox (BC) Clerk
Rob Sculley (RS)

7 residents

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – None
- 2. Vacant Councillor Position** – The Parish Council co-opted Robert Sculley to the vacant councillor position.
- 3. Police Items** – no police present but the beat report had been circulated

4. Public Participation. *The meeting was adjourned to allow public participation*

a) A resident of No Man's Heath had organised a petition to support a restricted byway to the definitive map along Salt Street. The petition was handed to the clerk who is to post it to Piers Lindley at Leicestershire County Council. The same resident asked if a dog waste bin could be installed on the main road, raised her concerns about the pot holes on Church Street and that there were roads signs which need to be re-instated following the NO HGV signs being installed. The clerk will raise the issues with the appropriate council.

ACTION :BC

b) a resident asked about the area around the duckpond which needs completing. It is unlikely to be done before the Open Gardens event. It is also discussed at agenda item 10.

c) the grass from Lime Grove to Seckington Lane needs cutting.

d) a resident asked if there was an update regarding access to the tennis courts. There needs to be system in place to allow for pay and play access, but security is the issue. DCC suggested that the public should always have access when the club are not using it. DC agreed to speak to Rory Green.

ACTION:DC

- 5. Declarations of interest** – Cllr D Cox declared an interest in Planning Application PAP/2025/0103
- 6. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting 11th March 2025** – agreed unanimously and signed by Chair.
- 7. Matters arising-**
The VE day celebrations were well received.
The spinner at the playground has been successfully repaired.
DC has emailed Piers Lindley on behalf of the Parish Council and confirmed that the Parish Council agreed with Salt Street being downgraded.

8. Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions

a) Applications

- i) PAP/2025/0103 – The White House, Main Rd, Newton Regis- listed building consent for repairs to thatch roof and replacement window. **NO OBJECTION**

- ii) PAP/2025/0178 – The Rectory, main Rd, Newton Regis – conversion of existing outbuilding to create ancillary C3 accommodation associated with the Rectory **NO OBJECTION**

b) Decisions

- i) PAP/2024/0221 – Warren Farm (AKA Bell's Farm) retrospective application for triple garage and container and enlargement of garden. **GRANTED**
- ii) PAP/2023/0314 – Austrey Lane, Newton Regis – outline application for up to 39 dwellings (all matters reserved except for access) **REFUSED**
- iii) PAP/2025/0069 – Newton House Main Rd, Newton Regis – listed building consent for proposed cart hovel to provide parking -**GRANTED**
- iv) PAP/2025/0069 – Newton House Main Rd, Newton Regis – cart hovel to provide parking - **GRANTED**
- v) PAP/2025/0041 – 10 Austrey Lane, Newton Regis, - new drive to front garden and dropped kerb **GRANTED**

9. Financial Matters

a) Bank Balances

General Account £ 1,329.46
 Deposit Account £ 8,784.80
 Reserve Account £14,600.08
 Total **£24,714.34**

b) financial statement circulated at the meeting

Balances Allocated

250.00 Wildflower meadow (grant WCC)
 150.05 Craft Club (grant WCC)

Payments Made Since Last Meeting

	£	
12/03/2025	40.00	No Man's Heath Village Hall - hire of room
12/03/2025	42.97	B Cox - petrol, MS office
12/03/2025	74.80	HMRC - paye March
30/03/2025	298.56	B Cox- clerk salary
14/03/2025	11.99	Hugo Fox - website
17/03/2025	100.00	News and Views - donation
26/03/2025	60.64	P Hopkins - repair to duck house
14/04/2025	11.99	Hugo Fox - website
14/04/2025	274.00	WALC - subs
14/04/2025	74.60	HMRC - paye April
30/04/2025	298.76	B Cox- clerk salary
14/04/2025	41.47	B Cox - stationery
22/04/2025	330.00	A Passey - Grounds maintenance
22/04/2025	35.70	Tennis Club - electricity
29/04/2025	150.00	A Allsopp - internal audit
29/04/2025	648.00	Reids Playground Maintenance - repair to spinner
10/05/2025	171.00	KTM Electrical - soclets & PAT test at pavilion
10/05/2025	74.60	HMRC - paye May
30/05/2025	298.76	B Cox- clerk salary
14/05/2025	11.99	Hugo Fox - website
22/05/2025	24.00	NR VH - room hire
22/05/2025	120.00	Gareth Johnson hedge cutting at field
26/05/2025	2,039.29	Clear Councils - Annual insurance renewal
26/05/2025	133.68	B Cox- anti virus software/ink
09/09/2025	74.8	HMRC - paye June
14/06/2025	11.99	Hugo Fox - website

Income received since last meeting

	£	
10/03/2025	3.71	Deposit account - interest

10/03/2025	11.17	Reserve Account - interest
09/04/2025	3.47	Deposit account - interest
09/04/2025	11.97	Reserve Account - interest
10/04/2025	652.15	HMRC VAT claim
25/04/2025	7,500.00	NWBC - Precept
09/05/2025	3.34	Deposit account - interest
09/05/2025	9.99	Reserve Account - interest
12/05/2025	60.00	Newton Regis Tennis Club - rent
14/05/2025	60.00	NRVH -rent
05/06/2025	200.00	Appleby Cricket Club rent

10. Duckpond

The edging work had been started but it needs a few sandstone kerbs and gravel. SW it to arrange for it to be done.

ACTION:SW

The lifebuoy still needs to be installed volunteers/arrangements needed.

There is a problem with ducklings being taken by a Heron but as decoys are ineffective alternative plans may be needed. More plants are needed to provide cover although the duck house is being well used.

11. Play Area

As highlighted in the playground report, the matting needs cleaning and volunteers are required.

Rob Sculley, along with the help of a resident, will attempt to try and clean it with a brush initially. If this is unsuccessful other arrangements will need to be considered,

ACTION: RS

The play equipment needs painting, if feasible. RS and a resident will inspect the equipment and see what can be done, while they clean the matting.

The equipment may need changing/updating in the future, but this would depend on grant funding.

DC will peak to Steph Wagstaff to see what is available.

ACTION:DC

12. Field

RS had been approached by a football club wishing to use the field, but the lack of facilities is an issue.

There are no showers or changing rooms although there are toilets at the village hall.

A resident asked if the Section 106 funding could be used to provide such sports facilities.

DC will speak to David Humphreys and Steph Wagstaff.

There has been no update from the cricket club regarding the repair of the nets.

ACTION: DC

13. Village Issues

Newton Regis.

i) The dog sign recently put on the gate in Hames Lane has been removed. The state of the track at the side of the village hall has improved since the dog signs had been installed there.

ii) DC met with Cllr. Stephen Shaw to discuss the issue of the drains/flooding but to date had not had any feedback. DCC is to contact our Member of Parliament to chase the letter, he had received in April, about the flooding issue she had raised with Severn Trent. The Clerk will contact the Highways Department about the flooding.

ACTION:DCC/BC

iii) There is a litter pick planned for Saturday 28th June and DC needs volunteers to deliver the kits and collect the bags afterwards. A request will be posted on the volunteer's site.

No Man's Heath

None

Seckington

i) If the flower tubs/planters are not going to be used they could be sited elsewhere.

ii) A resident had asked the parish council if we could provide a bench to be sited on the road near the bus stop. RT is to see if there a suitable site and discuss the idea with the residents.

DCC offered to look at a suitable place to site a bench near the bus stop in Newton Regis.

We may need to check with Highways regarding the sites. **ACTION : RT/DCC**

14. Village Hall Car Park

There had been no further progress since the last meeting. The preferred option is to tarmac the whole of the car park rather than reactive repairs. The representative for the village hall confirmed that their funding was only available until 30th June.

DCC proposed that the Parish Council commit funds to carry out some sort of repairs to the car park later in the year.

This was seconded by DC and agreed unanimously.

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

None.

16. Correspondence

None. All correspondence had been circulated by email.

17. Date of next meeting – 19th August at 7.30pm at the four Shires Tea Room

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chair Cllr.....

Date.....

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