



## No. 240

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Village Hall, Newton Regis

**Present:** Cllr. D. Waithman (DW) (Chairman)  
Cllr. G. Hunt (GH) (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr. S. Wilson (SW)  
Cllr. D. Cox (DH)  
Cllr. R. Thirlby (RT) (arrived 8.30)  
Cllr. M. Ruston (MR)  
Mrs N. Allton (Clerk) (NA)  
Borough Cllr. M. Humphries (MH)  
Borough Cllr. D. Humphries (DH)  
PCSO Simeon Hodson (SH)  
2 x Parishioners

### The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

- Action**
1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.  
**Not Present:** County Cllr. D. Parsons
  2. **Police Items** – (i) DW was concerned that there is a lack of contact from the police. (ii) There has been an increase in cross border vehicle crime. (iii) Salt Street – off road vehicles and abandoned vehicles have been causing a nuisance on the lane. (iv) There have been fewer farm crimes recently. (v) A cannabis factory has been closed down. (vi) Speeding motorcycles on the Ashby Road seem to have increased again on Tuesday and Sunday evenings. (vii) Speed Aware – SH will speak to Sarah Fretter about implementing the scheme in Newton Regis. (viii) MH asked whether police dogs could be exercised in the local area. SH to make enquiries. **SH**  
**SH**
  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.**
    - a) Georgina Pyne-Lingham Licensee of the Queen's Head enquired whether the pub could raise funds to have the duck pond cleaned out. The parish council were supportive of this, as last time we had quotes for the work it would have been in excess of £5,000. Any money raised can be held in the parish council deposit account until the work takes place. SW to get a new quote from a contractor. Work would need to be carried in August to ensure there was a location available to dispose of the sediment. **SW**
    - b) A new duckhouse is needed. GH to ask Pete to quote for building a duck house. GH / Georgina to liaise with the school to run a competition to name or design a new duck house. GH to replace heron and pallet in the pond. **GH**
  4. **Declarations of interest** – None.
  5. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meetings** – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Signed.
  6. **Matters Arising:-**
    - a) NMHVH signage – quotes were passed to the village hall – ongoing. **NMHVH**
    - b) Potholes on The Green at Seckington - ongoing.
    - c) Overhanging trees between Newton Regis and The Garden Store – passed to Highways – ongoing. DH/MH to contact Andy Burroughs, Borough Arborist. **DH/MH**
    - d) SW has spoken to Thorpe Estate about the damaged duck pond fence post. No response to date. If no response before next meeting, will be passed to the County Council Highways for repair and billed to Thorpe. **SW**
    - e) Shed painting – DW has made a start and will continue once dry. **DW**
    - f) No response from Chris Gomm regarding church repairs.
    - g) Thank you to all the litter pickers who collected 20 bags of litter, with a special mention to Brian Roberts of Kings Lane.
    - h) The gully near to Austrey bend needs to be cleaned out.
    - i) Verges need to be cut earlier than last year, rather than the day before the Open Gardens.
    - j) Hames Lane – SW to contact Thorpe Estate about cutting the hedge. **SW**
    - k) Roller – now running well.
  7. **Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions.** **GH**
    - a)i) Applications: None
    - b)i) Determined: PAP/2018/0556 – The Old Granary - Granted
    - c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:

i) **PAP/2017/0560 – Manor Farm – Re-consultation** - All agreed in support of this re-consultation.

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

○ <b>General Account</b>	<b>£199.09</b>
○ <b>Playing Field Account</b>	<b>£180.56</b>
○ <b>Deposit Account</b>	<b>£1,434.47</b>
○ <b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>£6,008.19</b>

**£7,822.31**

❖ **Cheques for Signature;**

○ 9.4.19 WALC – Annual Subscription	£201.00
○ 9.4.19 No Man’s Heath Village Hall – Carpet Grant	£597.50
○ 9.4.19 Newton Regis Village Hall – Room Hire	£26.00
○ 9.4.19 N Allton – Stamps and printer ink	£64.96
○ 9.4.19 Gareth Johnson Contracting - Hedgecutting	£240.00
○ 9.4.19 Cllr. Waithman – Paint and woodstain	£28.00
○ 9.4.19 Cllr. Waithman – Paint and Heron	£23.96
○ 9.4.19 M. Draper – Mower petrol	£7.00

❖ **Cheques raised / payments since last meeting;**

○ 8.3.19 Thorpe Estate – Rent 09/18-09/19	£600.00
○ 28.2.19 N Allton – Clerk’s Salary Feb 19	£181.05
○ 4.3.19 Arborcare – Tree Maintenance	£600.00
○ 31.3.19 N Allton – Clerk’s Salary Mar 19	£185.12

❖ **Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting**

○ 9.2.19 Interest Mar 19	£0.36
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**a) End of Financial Year 2018/19** – The Clerk reported that there were still problems with the current website. **Clerk**  
The Clerk has a quote for £549 to re-design the website. Clerk to look into other options first.

**9. Playing Field & Duck Pond**

**a) Swings** – DW reported that both swing seats need to be replaced. DW to purchase one new seat, as one in stock. **DW**

**b) Spring Horse** – this needs repairing. It is not dangerous, but will need to be dismantled if it cannot be repaired.

**c) All weather cricket strip** – DW to enquire with the English Cricket Board whether we can access their Community Finance Fund to fund a new practice strip. **DW**

**d) Awards for All** – Clerk has made an application for a grant towards new play equipment at the playground.

**e) Parish Council Grant** – Anne Porter to apply to the Parish Council for a grant towards playground equipment. **Mrs Porter**

**f) Duckpond** – the Heron will be replaced over Easter. **GH**

**g) SW** to collect **pallets** for the pond. **SW**

**10. Correspondence – None.**

**11. 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.**

**a) Salt Street** – (i) Footpaths must be registered by 2026. Salt St. is not registered nor has it a legal status. Leicestershire has responsibility for getting Salt St’s legal status sorted but have not done anything about it, Warwickshire passed their interest to .Leicestershire some years ago

(ii) Dog waste bin – DW/DH to confirm whether the Parish Council or NWBC have responsibility to replace this bin. **DH/DW**

**b) Seckington** - Clerk to get a quote for a dog waste bin. **Clerk**

**c) Dog Fouling** – Dog mess on the St.Mary’s Church path. Church to deal with it.

**d) Village Voice** – GH to explore whether the parish council can work more closely with the Tamworth Herald Village Voice author to highlight achievements and events within Newton Regis. **GH**

**12. Confirmation Date of next:** Meeting Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 7.00pm at Newton Regis Village Hall.  
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Annual Parish Meeting, Ordinary Meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.55.

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