



# NRS&NMHPC

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

*Three villages, one community*

## No. 227

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Village Hall, Newton Regis

**Present:** Cllr. D. Waithman (DW) (Chairman)  
Cllr. D. Cox (DC) (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr. S. Wilson (SW)  
Cllr. D. Davies (DD)  
Cllr. M Ruston (MR)  
County Cllr. D. Parsons (DP)  
Borough Cllr. D. Humphries (DH)  
Mrs N. Allton (Clerk) (NA)  
1 x Parishioner – Mr. P Abbott

### The meeting commenced at 7:30pm

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| <p>1. <b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr. R. Thirlby (RT)<br/><b>Not Present:</b>, Borough Cllr. P. Davey (PD), PC Roxanne Kinsella (RK)<br/>Mike Ruston was welcomed to his first Parish Council meeting as a Councillor. DW said it was a pleasure to have a representative from No Man's Heath.</p>   |                                |
| <p>2. <b>Police Items</b> – No was present from the police. PC Roxanne Kinsella has replaced PC Kim Stafford as our local community officer. The Parish Council looks forward to working with PC Kinsella.</p>   |                                |
| <p>3. <b>Open Forum</b> – (a) DP stated that £1,800 would be required for a defibrillator and cabinet at NMH. Clerk to apply to County Councillors Grant. (b) Speed Awareness Signage – DP to chase up. It should be ready soon. (c) B5493 lay-by – can be removed at a cost of around £6,000 but it's not clear who would pay for it. (d) DW asked Mr Abbott (PA) if he would cut back the hedge on his side to allow the PC to access the boundary for rabbit control. PA agreed.</p>  | <b>Clerk<br/>DP</b>            |
| <p>4. <b>Declarations of interest</b> – None.</p>  |                                |
| <p>5. <b>Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting</b> –Minutes of meeting 226, held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.</p>   |                                |
| <p>6. <b>Matters Arising:-</b><br/><b>a) Seckington Flower Tubs</b> – RT has the timber in storage. Residents to arrange construction with a builder.<br/><b>b) Roadworks signs on Kings Lane</b> – Now removed.<br/><b>c) Defibrillator at NMH</b> – See 3 above.<br/><b>d) Tree over the bus shelter, NR</b> – Renovation works required on the bus shelter.<br/><b>e) Chris Wilson</b> – he is happy to wait for his voucher until the Queen's Head re-opens in 6-8 weeks.<br/><b>f) Gangmower tyres</b> – Ongoing<br/><b>g) School sensory garden, grant request</b> – the school is seeking a grant towards wood. SW to look for any suitable logs to provide to the wood turner. DC suggested that Lesley talk to the Open Gardens/church for a contribution. A grant cannot be given to an individual, but £100 could be made available to a group. DC also suggested the school children could be involved in switching the Christmas tree lights on.<br/><b>h) Defibrillator</b> - Mr Lillingston agreed the Newton Regis defibrillator can stay in it's present location on the wall at Manor Farm and will be re-sited once the re-development takes place.</p> | <b>SW<br/>DW<br/>SW<br/>DC</b> |
| <p>7. <b>Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions.</b><br/><b>a) Applications:</b><br/><b>i) PAP/2017/0455 – Newton Fields Farm – Change of Use from agricultural to residential</b> – no objections.<br/><b>b) Determined:</b><br/><b>i) PAP/2017/0400 – Main Road, Newton Regis - Granted</b><br/><b>c) Amendments/Re-consultation/Appeals:</b><br/><b>i) PAP/2017/0067 – Newton Farm - Sibson Mills Properties - Appeal</b> – no new points to add.</p>   | <b>Clerk</b>                   |

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

i) MR to be made a signatory at the next meeting.

○ <b>General Account</b>	<b>£220.74</b>
○ <b>Playing Field Account</b>	<b>£215.00</b>
○ <b>Deposit Account</b>	<b>£3,630.83</b>
○ <b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>£5,503.67</b>

**£9,570.24**

❖ **Cheques for Signature:**

○ 19.9.17 Newton Regis Village Hall – Room Hire	£20.00
○ 19.9.17 N Allton – Printer Ink and Stamps for Clerk	£26.60
○ 19.9.17 Information Commissioners Office – Data Protection Registration	£35.00
○ 19.9.17 M Draper – Field Maintenance September	£130.00
○ 19.9.17 M Draper – Petrol	£6.00
○ 19.9.17 Playsafety Ltd – Playground Inspection	£79.80

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

○ 31.8.17 N Allton – Clerk's Salary August 17	£176.78
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❖ **Cheques / Monies Received since last meeting**

○ 9.8.17 Interest	£0.90
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**9. Playing Field**

i) **Roller** – All agreed £1,200 be made available. DW to pursue.

**DW**

ii) **Mole** – in the playground and near the cricket nets. DW requested assistance to set the traps.

**DW**

iii) **Hedge** – it has regrown quickly. Alan Passey to cut it back.

**10. Duckpond**

i) **Willow trees** – Clerk to contact Arborcare to arrange an inspection.

**Clerk**

ii) **Heron** – it has been visiting the pond and needs to be discouraged.

iii) **Overgrowth on wall** – SW to speak to a contractor about removing the over growth.

**SW**

iv) **Revised estimate for pond cleaning** - £4895+VAT. Still over budget. SW to make enquiries for a cheaper quote. Ongoing.

**SW**

**11. Daffodil Bulbs** – DC agreed to plant bulbs in the gap on Main Road.

**DC**

**12. Bus Shelter Roof** – SW and DW will look into the costs involved in removing the shelter, compared to repairing the roof.

**SW/DW**

**13. HS2** – Following the recent route amendment there is no immediate impact on Newton Regis, Seckington or No Man's Heath. The route is now also further away from Austrey. Completion estimated to be 2032. WCC is looking into HS2 providing a cycle route along the side of HS2.

**14. Freedom of Information Act / Data Protection – Changes** - A Data Controller must be nominated. A representative should attend a training session. DH to ask if Parish Council members can join the Borough Council training sessions.

**DH**

**15. Vending machine shop** – Mr. Abbott enquired whether the Parish Council had any plans to pursue the Vale vending machine shop. All agreed it was not in keeping with the village and there was no suitable site to install one. There are already accessible shops at Austrey Post Office, Shuttington Store and Seckington Farm Shop.

**16. Action Plan** – added to website. Green items are completed. Yellow are for action during this year.

**17. Policy for New Council Members** – Clerk to check for existing policy document. All agreed the policy is to encourage all members to take training as and when required.

**Clerk**

**18. Risk Assessments** – A Financial Risk Assessment is reviewed annually. Others to be adapted to suit the Parish Council circumstances. DW to make notes and return to DC. A Complaints Procedure was adopted by the Parish Council and uploaded to the website.

**DW/DC**

**19. Training Requirements from WALC** – MR + RT 11/11/17 – New Councillor. NA + DW 18/2/18 – Finance.

**Clerk**

**20. Local Council Award Scheme** – Progress made.

**21. Correspondence**

- ❖ **St Andrews, Clifton Campvillen- Thank you for contribution to grass cutting**
- ❖ **BHIB Insurance Brokers –Introduction re change of insurance providers**

**22. 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) Dog Control Orders** - will be replaced by Public Place Protection Order on 20/10/17.

**b) Death at the Bowls Club** – Condolences to the family. The 999 operator did not give the location of the defibrillator on Main Road to the caller. DW has investigated and the defibrillator was located outside of the zone that is triggered on receipt of the emergency call. Zone can be extended or a call system to trained volunteers implemented. DW to research further. Clerk to contact insurers to find out if cabinet is insured if the code were to be made more widely available.

**DW  
Clerk**

**c) Cyber Crime Survey** - DW reported that there were not many responses to a recent survey. DD suggested an information presentation on cyber crime may be of interest to local people. Clerk to put information on Facebook and await feedback.

**Clerk**

**23. Confirmation Date of next Meeting** – Tuesday 14 November 2017 at Newton Regis Village Hall at 7.30pm. This will be the budget setting meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:42

Chairman .....  
Cllr D Waithman

Date .....