

# Newton Parish Council

## Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009

Present Chairman Mr. H. Hurrell  
Councillors Mrs J. Brander, Mr. M. Finch and Mrs. K Murdoch  
Clerk J. Oakes  
County Councillor Mr T Orgee

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**Apologies** Ms Dipple, Mr. Berent, Mr. Nightingale and Mr. Gray

**2. Minutes of meeting** on 6<sup>th</sup> July . Proposed acceptance by Mr. Finch and seconded by Mrs Brander and were signed by the Chairman.

### **3. Matters arising**

- i) Hydrants have yet to be checked and Clerk to make second request.
- ii) Highways have again not replied regarding minor improvements. Later in meeting Mr. Orgee stated that no minor improvement grants were made and money used elsewhere. Mr Orgee agreed to look into the matter and see if there could be money found to implement the request to stop the erosion of the island at the cross roads in Newton by matching the kerbing on the second island.
- iii) The picnic table has been installed. In the next Newton Matters it will be noted that the investments made by the Parish council in play equipment and picnic table have proved to be worthwhile as they are well used.

### **4. There were no questions from the public.**

### **5. Correspondence**

In addition to that circulated before the meeting and forwarded e-mails a new edition of Cope magazine was distributed, a request for financial support for Victim Support was turned down and confirmation that Playdale will carry out the annual inspection in w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Actions from Correspondence

- i) Give support in writing to Comberton PC regarding the concern of some planning decisions being taken in camera.
- ii) It was noted that the register of interests was current and clerk to respond accordingly.
- iii) The request from the Chairman of the Wardens Trust to speak to Newtonians to explain the Trust's work was accepted and suggested that it would be best done at a Coffee Morning. Mrs Brander to obtain a date that could be promoted in Newton Matters.
- iv) Indemnity procedures regarding 106 matters to be investigated.

### **6. Finance.**

- i) Grass cutting tender would follow the previous requirements and be sent, after agreement with Mr. Gray, to Carmyn Landscapes, Mr. N McKenna and Herald.

- ii) The following expenses were approved, proposed by Mrs. Murdoch and seconded by Mrs. Brander: Clerk Salary July to September £353.30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grass Cutting payment to Carmyn Landscapes £458, and Playdale for annual inspection £224.25.
- iii) Current finances were distributed showing income as budgeted and expenditure under budget.

**Reports from Councillor**

Mr. Orgee reported that the Regional plan to 2031 was open for consultation until November.

Further consultation on Minerals and Waste Plan is ongoing but the preferred site for household recycling is by the new access road to Addenbrookes. The Waterbeach site is being expanded to extract biological waste from black bags and converting it to compost. The use of the compost is being investigated as it will not be used on land growing crops for food. The aim is to avoid the penalty of exceeding the allocated landfill tonnage when the cost would go from the inflated £48/tonne to £150/tonne.

**Item for next agenda**

Grass cutting contract.

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**Date of next meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

Approved by Chairman.....Date.....