

Newton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 8th December 2008

Present Chairman Mr. Hurrell
 Councillors Mrs. Brander, Mrs Murdoch.
 Clerk J. Oakes
 District Councillors Mr. A Berent, Ms. J. Dipple
 County Councillor Mr. A. Ogree
 Public 0

1 Apologies Mr. Gray, Mr Finch, Mr. C. Nightingale,

2 Minutes of meeting on 20th October 2008 were proposed for adoption by Mrs. Murdoch and seconded by Mrs. Brander and were signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising.

- i) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was announced in Newton Matters after meeting with police. JO to act as overall village Co-ordinator and specifically for Offa Lea. Co-ordinators are to be sought for other streets. Police agreed to visit Coffee Mornings occasionally.
- ii) Speed checks were carried out in late November, as requested.

4 Questions from the Public.

None

5 Correspondence.

Communications had been circulated before the meeting either by written or e-mail form And late arrivals included;

i) New Electoral Register. This will be held by the Clerk, but available for inspection on request.

ii) Village Wardens Trust requested £234.00 for 2009/10. This was approved within the budget .

Invitation to join ACRE and Playing Fields was turned down.

iii) Mr Wilkinson wrote regarding repairs to pavement still to be completed Clerk to contact Mike Cooper of Highways.

iv) MD Landscapes, and other contractors, requested the opportunity to tender for grass maintenance contract. No action required as current contract continues to end of 2009.

v) CCC Annual Report, to be circulated in next round of Communications Box

vi) J. Sargeant e-mailed to say that the new path on Cambridge Road was fluffy on top as the weather was wet but would become firmer in the Spring when it dries out.

vii) Blood donation poster to be displayed

6 Finance

i) New pay scales for the Clerk were approved, together with the Salary of £370.44. for October to December 2008, which included back pay of the increase to April.

Proposed by Mrs Brander and seconded by Mrs Murdoch. They also approved the Street lighting bill for £633.64 to be paid once the invoice arrives.

ii) Budget. The budget for 2009/10 covered the basic services provided and allowed for possible implementation of minor road improvements, to which the Council would be required to make a contribution, and the installation of a picnic table on the village green. (This utilises the £250 from the Cambridge Water Co.)

In order to retain the £2,500 current reserve, which considered to be a prudent, the precept would have to be increased from £3,000 to £5,500. This was reluctantly proposed by the Councillors present and would be confirmed by the whole Council early in the New Year. Should the extra budgeted item not transpire, the precept could be reduced in the following year.

7 Reports from district Councillors

Mr. Orgee outlined the financial pressure the County Council faced as the below average Government grant which was also below the rate of inflation. The budget is to be considered in January.

In the housing plans up to 2020, number of houses by district has been established. There is government pressure to revise plans up to 2030 and submit them by January. CCC is challenging consultants on numbers of houses and speed of building. Final details have yet to be approved but there may be press comment about 4,000 houses talked about between Shelford and Cambridge..

Mr. Berent reported a new negotiating officer is to be appointed to deal with 106 Agreements.

9. Date of next meeting was set for Monday 2nd February 2009.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm

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