

## Newton Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Present:** Chairman Mr. Hurrell,  
Parish Councillors Mr. M. Finch, Mr. E Gray and Mrs K. Murdoch  
Clerk. J. Oakes  
District Councillors. Ms. Dipple, Mr. Nightingale and Mr. Shelden  
Public ; None

**1. Apologies.** Mrs. J. Brander

**2. Minutes of meeting** held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Proposed acceptance by Mr. Finch, seconded by Mr. Gray and were signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters arising.** As Mr. Orgee was not present there was no information of any progress on the refurbishment of the islands at the crossroads in Newton. Stronger approach was necessary to seek repair to the island edges and Cllrs. Nightingale and Dipple offered to help progress this matter.

**4. There were no public questions.**

**5. Correspondence.**

In addition to that circulated before the meeting a response to a Flood Risk questionnaire was made indicating that there were no flooding areas in the parish.

Governors of Addenbrookes offer visits to Parish Councils to explain their work. It was suggested that leaflets to be available at Village Coffee Mornings would be a better form of communication.

**6. Finance**

- i) 106 Agreement. It was reported that the Chairman and Clerk visited Mr. Fisher at S. Cambs DC to clarify what can be done with 106 monies. All that is required is a clear audit trail and an annual report to say what money had been spent and on which project. £2,244.90 has been transferred to Parish's bank and a further £4,000 can be anticipated in the near future. Possible use of the money is to contribute to the refurbishment of the islands at the crossroads and help to Village Room requirements. Village Rooms committee will be asked to submit in writing refurbishment proposals with estimated costs for the Parish Council to consider.

- ii) The following income was noted; 1<sup>ST</sup> half of precept and £83.77 VAT recovery for 2009/10.
- iii) Village Sign. Clerk to invite tenders to refurbish/replace Village Sign. Chairman to speak to Mr. Short, whose father provided the sign.
- iv) Mrs. K. Murdoch proposed and Mr. Gray seconded the approval of the following expenses; Insurance £329.01, CALC Fee £111.67, 1<sup>st</sup> half grass cutting bill £472.50 and £19.98 for bulbs planted around the village.
- v) The grass cutting grant for 2010/11 will be the same as last year. Invoice for £649.76 has been sent to CCC.

**7. Governance.** Councillors regarded the Equal Opportunities Policy, Risk Assessment and the Financial Regulation as still current and adopted for 2010/11

**8 Councillors Reports.**

Ms. Dipple distributed her report which will be retained on file with the Minutes.

**9. AOB**

- i) Approval was given to organisers of Newton Festival to use the Green on 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- ii) Trees will be planted in the Autumn.
- iii) Parking on Green. A letter to occupants of the three cottages to remind them that access is granted on condition that there is no parking on the Green and that the gate should be locked to avoid Health and Safety issues.
- iv) Footpath. A request for a footpath from Offa Lea to the crossroads in Whittlesford Road was turned down as there is insufficient space to form a safe footpath.

**10. Dates for remaining meetings** in 2010 are: 12<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> November, All at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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