

NEWBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Newborough Parish Council meeting, held at the Jubilee Room, All Saints Church, Newborough, on Monday 5th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Waite (in the Chair), Gill, Fletcher and Instone

Also present:

County Cllr Julia Jessel, 5 Parishioners, J Bullingham (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Cllr Alan Johnson, Cllr Bell, Cllr Sherwood

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

3. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Waite said "A special welcome to County Cllr Julia Jessel, we know that she is a very busy person". Cllr Waite continued by saying that there are a few topics the Council wish to discuss with Julia, she was sent details of the concerns and these will be discussed under agenda item 5. The School has had a C of E inspection and they were extremely impressed with the School. Cllr Waite said that this is most probably the last meeting for the Clerk, who will be leaving at the end of February. We would like to give sincere thanks to the Clerk, she has done a fantastic job.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

A parishioner said he would like to thank the Clerk, not only on his behalf but, also for the parish. The community has benefited tremendously.

A parishioner asked County Cllr Julia Jessel about the pot holes, not just in the local area but, all around Staffordshire. Driving on roads outside of Staffordshire there aren't as many pot holes. Staffordshire seems the worst. Discussion continued on how dangerous these pot holes are, with people swerving onto the other side of the road to avoid them. Another parishioner said he had concerns about the Gulleys not being emptied and asked if anyone can address this situation. He then referred to planning application P/2018/00036. He had serious concerns about this application especially the proposed access. Yoxall Road at this point is very narrow. Other concerns were mentioned. Cllr Waite advised the parishioner that any objections have to be on the basis of planning law. She thanked the parishioners for bringing these issues, concerning the application, to the attention of the Council.

Another parishioner said that she is setting up a team of volunteers to remove litter from the highways in Newborough. She has 12 volunteers and they will be removing litter on the 24th February and the 26th March. She went on to thank the guys from environmental for all of their help. She said that she was also hoping to organise a 'litter pick' after Mayday. Cllr Waite said "Thank you, this is such a big team, fantastic". Advice had been given to the volunteers on the type of rubbish for recycling and also the rubbish to be careful of. She thanked EBC for all of their support. Cllr Gill said that they would need to raise a risk assessment. Cllr Waite asked the parishioner to liaise with her after the meeting.

5. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Waite thanked Cllr. Jessel for her 'six monthly' newsletter. It has been put on Newborough's newsletter which has a circulation of approximately 161. Cllr Jessel thanked Cllr Waite for the list of topics to be discussed. Cllr Jessel started by saying that she completely agreed with the comments about pot holes made by the parishioner. From a questionnaire she had previously sent out 95% had put the state of the roads as a concern. An extra 5 million has been allocated in this financial year and this will continue for the next 3 years. Amey's contract is to be reviewed. And they have been instructed to make proper repairs. Parishioners were advised how to report Gully cleaning and Cllr Jessel also said that they could contact her. She also said that she is more than happy to follow up any complaints. Cllr Gill mentioned the top dressing of some lanes. Cllr Jessel said that there is a 4-5 year programme to top dress as this gives additional life. There is a statutory obligation to maintain roads. The Council informed Cllr Jessel that they have a

good relationship with Richard Rayson and Sam Griffiths from Highways. The question was asked why in a recent planning application Highways seemed to trump the NNDP and Local plan. Years were spent on the NNDP. Cllr Jessel was asked if she could comment on this or look into it. She said that it would help if Highways came out to see sites.

Cllr Fletcher informed Cllr Jessel that most of the footpaths/rights of way in Newborough had been downgraded to category C. Volunteers had walked the paths and reported back with issues found. The report was sent to a SCC officer. SCC wanted details of the landowners. Cllr Fletcher queried why SCC do not have the details. NPC would have to pay Land registry for this information. Letters were sent to the consultation. The rambler's association disagree with the grading given to some of the footpaths/rights of way in Newborough and would definitely grade them as A. [Cllr Jessel was asked to check on land ownership](#). The withdrawal of funding for Lengthsman was queried. Cllr Jessel's response was that Parish Councils could increase their precept and they are then able to choose where they feel the Lengthsmans work is required. In many ways it is up to Parishes to decide where the money is spent. Cllr Jessel said that there is a lot of pressure on Council funding for Social care for the elderly and also the number of children in care.

Parking in the village centre was discussed and Cllr Jessel said that she is happy to come along to a meeting with Richard Rayson,

[E-mail to be sent to Cllr Jessel to advise dates for a meeting with Richard Rayson](#)

Cllr Waite said that Newborough is on the list to lose the mobile library and mentioned that calling in Newborough at lunch times is not helping. Cllr Jessel informed members that there is a library at Barton and it is run by fifty volunteers and is thriving. She also said some areas have put books into coffee shops.

[It was recommended that the Council respond to the library consultation](#). Council tax is to be increased by SCC but, ESBC will not be increasing their element of the Council tax.

6. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8th January 2018**
The minutes were accepted as a true record.

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**
Cllr Waite said that these can be discussed under Councillors reports.

8. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR JULIA JESSEL'S MEETING**
The Councillors attending the meeting to be decided. Cllr Instone said that she could attend.

9. **PLAY PARK INSPECTION**
[The Council were in agreement for the Clerk to e-mail Wicksteed and ask them to inspect the Play park. Cost would be £90 plus VAT.](#)

10. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REVIEW**
[Clerk was asked to put Freedom of Information on the Agenda for March.](#)

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P/2017/00612 - Permitted

Erection of 4 detached dwellings, formation of new vehicular accesses and parking area.

Land Corner of Yoxall Road and Dark Lane, Newborough DE13 8SB

P/2017/01428 - Permits

Replacement of existing wooden windows with UPVC and change door to window on south west elevation.

3 Squirrels Corner, Yoxall Road, Newborough. DE13 8SA

P2017/01544 - Permits

Erection of a new storage barn

Daisy Bank Farm, Thorney Lanes, Newborough. DE13 8RY

P/2018/00036 - NEW

Increase in ridge and eaves height to facilitate the erection of a two storey side and rear extension, single storey side extension to form conservatory, installation of front and rear dormer extensions to existing detached garage and formation of additional parking area

Lawley Cottage, Newborough End, Newborough, Staffordshire, DE13 8SR

P/2017/01394 - NEW

Formation of a manege and associated fencing
Pound Farm, Thorney Lanes, Newborough, DE13 8RY

After further discussion about planning application P/2018/00036 it was agreed that the Clerk and Chair draft a letter and send to ESBC with the Council's comments.

Cllr Jessel informed the Council that they could ask Cllr Johnson to request taking planning application P/2018/00036 to committee.

An e-mail will be sent to Cllr Johnson to ask that planning application P/2018/00036 be taken to committee.

12. CLERK'S REPORT: TO INCLUDE FINANCE AND CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION RECEIVED Verbal, Post, e-mail and telephone

SPCA – weekly updates
Several Letters, e-mails and telephone calls.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT

Several e-mails and telephone calls
Post – cheques etc.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR ATTENTION OF PARISH COUNCIL

E-mail received: 6 monthly Newsletter from County Councillor Julia Jessel

FINANCE

Cheques for signature

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| Clerk's Salary (includes allowance for home as office use, Mileage and stationery). | £ 317.92 |
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| CHEQUE TOTAL | <u>£ 317.92</u> |
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Bank Balances as at 6TH January

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| Current Account | £ 1,294.55 |
| Reserve Account | £ 28,139.27 |
| Grants Account | £ 1,508.30 |
| TOTAL | £ 30,942.12 |

The Clerk advised the Council that a cheque for £50 to D. Hollinshurst (WD) had not been presented. The Clerk said that she had received an e-mail from Anya – ESBC. Stating the following.

Some of the precepts this year are significantly higher than previously (in terms of percentage if not £'s) and I am just asking the parish clerk for confirmation that this was the intention of the parish when setting their budget for 2018/19. The Clerk said that she had confirmed the amount of £13,562.

The Clerk informed the Council of the following re Data Protection Officer: *It is anticipated that next week's "Bulletin" will contain full details of an offer from Staffordshire County Council to provide a comprehensive Data Protection Officer service for SPCA member councils.*

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Gill asked about the planting on Duffield Green and Yoxall Road. Cllr Fletcher said that the plants should be spread out. The Council agreed to purchase wood chipping for Duffield Green and Yoxall Road.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date of Next Meeting – Meeting of the Parish Council 5th March 2018.

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