

Newton Trust Meeting 27 July

Attendees:- Russ Bower, Paul Devlin, Colin Poole, Mike Oliver, Fred French

Several members of the village also attended.

1	Apologies – Lee Parker (Holiday)	
2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Tree quote agreed –review once report received. RB chased GF ref quote. Little Green Track – quote received from MO who reported the contractors first want grass scraped, hire of heavy road roller in addition to quote. £1211 + VAT plus costs for haulage £150. Approx £2k with hire of other machinery. Old quote for tarmac £13k + VAT. MO agreed to get updated quote. Ditch Clearance – CP updated had spoken to James Finch. James Finch indicated that the farmers should be clearing – both need traffic management (Airey Close and also Pond Cottage to Airey Close). CP will go back to JF office and see if we can get payment. RB spoke to developer ref Survey. Pond Survey has been done and received from Parish Council Clerk, CP forwarded to Suffolk Wildlife Trust – she has given further advice based on discovery of Newts – will need to update contractor with advice from Wildlife Trust. Draft Golf Club licence received by The Trust. Grass Cutting (path near Deans) – FF reported that it was done recently, issue with brush cutter now repaired. Rabbits – RB spoke to LP ref advice from insurers – LP on holiday so no report back as yet. FF reported that other Golf Club shoot/cull them. CP sought advice on rabbit proof fence around edge of golf club/field to try and contain them into a smaller space. Due to rabbit holes may have to consider removal of goal posts – RB discuss with LP regarding insurance and liability of public being injured on field. Fallen tree – tree has now been removed. Sponsor money received by the Parish Council.</p>	<p>MO</p> <p>CP</p> <p>LP</p> <p>RB,LP</p> <p>LP RB</p>
3	<p>Licences</p> <p>All 17 houses on green agreed they would like to go ahead. Alistair asked for £100 per household 11 received so far. 3 have been sent plans to mark the easement they use on a daily basis - this will be checked. PD meeting with Alistair on Friday to go through the drafts. If deposits are not received by 14th August PD will email to remind – closing date of end of August. Progress slower than hoped for. Once wording of Easements agreed can be sent out to each party for signing.</p>	<p>PD</p>
4	<p>Pond Update</p> <p>The 3rd quote now received – all very similar. £6.5K, £6,450, £6,450 + VAT. Work proposed to be carried out in the Autumn. It was suggested that the pond clearance may have to wait due to the costs of the maintenance of Little Green Track. Revisit once quotes are in for Little Green Track. All agreed.</p>	
5	<p>Tree survey</p> <p>PD – updated on discussion with Suffolk Tree Services. He can do the survey but more expensive without specific software. Will know more in 2 weeks.</p>	<p>PD</p>
5a	<p>Tree Replacement</p> <p>Suffolk Tree Services - following walk round 4 trees have to come down quickly. One has already come down – the other 4 could quite easily go – decision made to take them out. FF updated that the Golf Club asked for the 4/5 trees to be replaced. Is there going to be replacement programme at any stage. The Parish Council have been offered 2 Oak trees for the Green to place on Trust land (currently approx. 12ft tall). They are there pending a decision.</p>	

	<p>Villagers sometimes feel they are only tolerated by the Golf club when walking across the land – needs to be understanding from members that it's a partnership.</p> <p>RB updated that The Trust has approached a Solicitor regarding discussions on the new draft agreement. The Trust needs an answer as to whether the Golf Club will cover the Trust's reasonable legal expenses. FF asked for costings to be provided to take back to the Golf Club. LP to ask solicitors for approx. costs, FF asked when The Trust might have a decision regarding the Finance Arrangements – RB will contact the Trust Members that are able to get involved agreed end of the 1st week of September proposal due to availability of members over the summer holiday period. CP asked FF to ask the Golf Club to provide the balance sheets.</p> <p>FF – the date of the new agreement has changed – old agreement was 25 years.</p>	<p>LP,FF</p> <p>RB</p> <p>FF</p>
8	<p>Trust Deeds</p> <p>After reviewing previous documents it could appear there have been conflicts of interests with some of the agreements signed in the past. Do we consider changing parts of the Trust Deeds relating to membership of the Golf Club.</p> <p>Trustees of the Golf Club have been members of the Newton Green Trust. To protect current and future Trustees to have clear definitions.</p> <p>Agreed Standing Orders to be updated to reflect this. CP offered to prepare a Standing order document.</p>	<p>CP</p>
9	<p>Any other business</p> <p>There was nothing further raised</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>21st September – RB to check with Alan Vince.</p>	<p>RB</p>
11	<p>Private Trustee discussion to take place in early September due to availability of certain members of the Trust.</p>	