



**MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Russell Bower, Sue Crawte, Lee Parker, Rita Schwenk and Philip Taylor.

**Attending:** James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), Lee Parker (Babergh District Council), Jane Hatton (Clerk), Dave Crimmin and 2 members of public.

**17/100 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Poole (commitment) sent his apologies.

**17/101 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

Cllr Parker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17/108c as the applicant and agent are clients of his business and did not take part in the discussion or vote. Cllr Parker also declared a local non-pecuniary interest in item 17/108e as he is now Babergh's cabinet member for Planning and Chilton Woods is a strategic site in their local plan and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

**17/102 Minutes of meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**17/103 Public Forum**

Lee Parker reported that Babergh had now implemented its Leader and Cabinet governance and that there is a heavy backlog of planning applications now being reviewed by the Planning Committee, which had been held up due to the legal challenge to Babergh's CS11 policy. He advised councillors that the latest Strategic Housing Market Assessment for the Ipswich area had now been published on the Babergh website.

James Finch updated councillors on his previously circulated report which covered school allocations, Tour of Britain, Suffolk Records Office and the Energy waste Plant Visit on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017. He also informed councillors that the revised A134 speed restrictions are likely to be re-consulted upon shortly.

**17/104 Multi Use Games Area**

John Wyman from Hintlesham & Chattisham Parish Council updated councillors on how his council have looked at installing a MUGA in Hintlesham. With the initial driver being to spend S106 money the council sought a mandate from parishioners to proceed with the MUGA project. After fully engaging with residents they obtained a mandate and went about setting key objectives for the project, researching similar schemes, setting a budget and looking for funding. As they near their funding target they are now applying for planning permission for the scheme which comprises a high specification 38 by 18 meter MUGA. From inception to submission of the planning application the project has taken 18 months to date. John agreed to be available to NPC should the councillors wish to consider a MUGA for Newton.

**17/105 Correspondence (Appendix A)**

Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated since the last meeting the councillors agreed to support the July Speed Watch survey(s) following a request from Graham Parry.

**17/106 Clerks Report (Appendix B)**

Following a review of the Clerk's Report the Clerk was asked to write to the owners of Woodean to request that the hedge be cut back to allow residents to use the full width of the pavement in Links View. Lee Parker was asked to determine with BDC the progress on the submission of a planning application for 15/069. Cllr Parker is scheduling the work to remove the concrete (17/046a). The Clerk updated councillors that the application for the re-instatement of the byway is now being

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considered by SCC and that the Babergh Ward Boundary Review consultation was now underway. The councillors agreed to respond to the Boundary Review at the July meeting.

**17/107 Finance**

- a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix C), were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting, agreed the Reconciliation of Accounts against the Bank Statements and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget. It was noted that Dave Crimmin had repaid NPC the £0.21 income tax outstanding for 2013 / 2014.

**17/108 Planning**

- a. The councillors noted **Planning Application B/17/01124 Valley Farm, Valley Road** - Notification Under Part 11 of Schedule 2 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - Demolition of 2 No. modern farm buildings within the curtilage of listed building (Valley Farmhouse).
- b. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/17/01049 Valley Farm, Valley Road** - Application for Listed Building Consent- Re-roof farmhouse and farm buildings, repoint 3 no. chimneys and rebuild additional chimney and resolved to support the application.
- c. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/17/01105 Red House Farm, Sudbury Road** - Erection of replacement four-bedroom dwelling (Plot 2), 3 no three bedroom dwellings and 2 no four bedroom dwellings and resolved to support the application.
- d. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/17/01072 Caravan, Wheldons Fruit Farm, Joes Road** - Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use - Static caravan used as a residential dwelling and councillors agreed that the caravan had been used for this purpose for the last 15 years.
- e. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/15/01718 Chilton Woods Mixed Use Development, Land North of, Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury** - Re-advertisement - Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) - Erection of up to 1,150 dwellings (Use Class C3); 15ha of employment development and resolved to object to the planning application on the following grounds:
  - i. NPC is disappointed that the Highways amendments set out in the Planning Comments document are so limited in scope. The councillors welcome the acknowledgement that the A134 / Valley Road junction requires work, but are not convinced that creating a right turn lane on the A134 is safe or sufficient. The proposal does not address vehicles turning right out of Valley Road and indeed a queue of vehicles waiting to turn right into Valley Road could obscure the visibility of traffic turning right out of Valley Road. Both for the emerging traffic and westbound traffic proceeding along the A134 which will be passing the waiting queue on the inside at 40mph. In any case, how long can the proposed right-hand turn lane be, before the queue still backs onto the main carriageway – only now potentially much closer to the bend just outside Newton – Loss of hedgerow would be needed to provide sufficient visibility for traffic coming up behind that queue. A mini roundabout would surely serve for better traffic flow and safety, which would also suit (and enforce) the lower maximum speed limit proposed for the road.
  - ii. NPC is disappointed that there are still no proposals to improve the junction at Northern Road / Milner Road (Martin's Buildbase) junction on the industrial estate. This is now a busy turning in the morning with northbound traffic queuing behind vehicles turning right into Milner Road regularly backing up to the KFC roundabout. The additional traffic generated by the Chilton Woods development coming southbound in the morning will make turning opportunities even rarer and therefore back up the queuing traffic for longer, snarling the KFC roundabout.
  - iii. There is also no mention of dispensing with the idea to put a light-controlled pedestrian crossing phase in at Acton Lane onto the A134, for pedestrians heading for Stanley

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Wood Avenue, to walk into town. There are no desire lines tracked on the verge to indicate anyone crosses here – not surprising as there is the footbridge and footpath network directly adjacent to this. Bringing pedestrians and cyclists down into the cutting to cross the bypass is downright dangerous and entirely a pointless duplication of the existing provision.

- iv. The above issues suggest to NPC that the S106 Highways improvements are just not being thought through properly. Why has the developer dispensed with the community consultation group meetings? They were told most of these issues at previous meetings.
- v. The decision to open up the employment land and Western access to Chilton Woods earlier in the development timeline is welcome. However, this must be used as the construction vehicle access for the site for the duration of the development. This will enable the Construction Management Plan to restrict the flow of construction traffic to the A134 to and from Bury St Edmunds and remove this traffic from the other roads and roundabouts around the site.
- f. A further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/17/01137 2 Tudor Cottages Sudbury Road** - Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of new bathroom on first floor with new stud wall and resolved to support the application.
- g. The status of previous applications and appeals were reviewed:

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
	Enforcement enquiry on the expected completion date of building works at Motts Farm.	12/118d		
B/15/01718	Chilton Woods Mixed Use Development, Land North of, Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury - Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) - Erection of up to 1,100 dwellings (Use	16/044c	Objected	Revisions to application 15/05/2017
	A134 Speed Restrictions	17/057	Objected	
B/17/00157	Valley Farm, Valley Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Timber frame repairs, replacement insulation and re-rendering.	17/092a	Supported	Approved 14/05/2017

### **17/109 Community Led Plan**

The councillors reviewed their meeting with Babergh's Bill Newman and discussed the development of neighbourhood plans with Lee Parker in his capacity as Babergh's Cabinet member for Planning. The councillors agreed that at the July meeting the proposed engagement process with Newton residents should be formulated so that their views on developing a neighbourhood plan can be ascertained.

### **17/110 Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme**

The councillors reviewed the current projects:

- Cllr Taylor is planning to meet Advantage Environmental regarding the repairs to the playground fencing and gates
- Cllr Schwenk is meeting an equipment suppliers on the 15<sup>th</sup> June to review the existing provisions and to offer suggestions of enhancements
- With permission from the Saracen's for an electrical supply for the Christmas Tree lighting, Cllr Presland will obtain a quotation from OT Electrical for the works to create a permanent location for the tree.

### **17/111 Village Hall and Trust representatives' reports**

The NGT are finalising the easements for residents adjoining The Green, and have given permission for the sleepers to be retained on The Green as they are protecting the land. The new agreement with the Golf Club has now be exchanged and full details of the agreement will be published in the July newsletter. Blyth & Vaughan, who are developing the homes opposite the

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Saracen's, have agreed to repair damage to the trust land by the pond caused by any of the vehicles during the development. The Village Hall has recently lost its regular booking on Tuesday evening for line dancing.

**17/112 Welcome Booklet**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**17/113 Questions to the Chair**

The Clerk was asked to report the dip in the recently repaired road near Red House Farm, following works by Anglian Water.

**17/114 Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 starting at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 9.29pm**

**Appendix A Correspondence**

No correspondence received since last meeting.

**Appendix B Clerk's Report**

Minute	Action	Complete ✓
15/069	Update from Mr H Wheldon circulated via email on 22nd March 2016.	
17/046 a	Cllr Taylor to remove concrete in path to playing field.	
17/051	Still awaiting Trust confirmation of The Green's boundary.	
17/079	SALC advised of Chairman.	✓
17/083	Draft Minutes published on website and in newsletters.	✓
17/085	Organisations advised of NPC representatives	✓
17/086	Heelis & Lodge advised of appointment.	✓
17/089	Letter sent to Mr Coe.	✓
17/090	Provided telephone numbers of homes with slow broadband to SCC.	✓
17/091 d	Annual Return sent to BDO and website updated re Transparency Code.	✓
17/091 f	Payments sent to suppliers.	✓
17/092	Planning response(s) sent to Babergh.	✓
17/093	Pensions Regulations met re new Clerk.	✓
17/096	Cllr Crawte booked on BDC meeting.	✓
	<b>Speed Watch outings (Drivers Reported)</b>	
	No surveys to date.	

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**Appendix C RFO Report**  
**Receipts & Payments**

Date	Details	Ref	Power	Receipts	Payments
11/05/17	HMRC VAT Repayment			616.52	0.00
14/06/17	Flowers Groundcare - Grass Cutting	1104	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	72.00
14/06/17	DF Crimmin - Expenses 28 Feb to 6th June 2017	1105	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	163.90
30/06/17	DF Crimmin - Salary April to June	1106	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	1,722.53
30/06/17	DF Crimmin - WFHA April to June	1106	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	39.00
30/06/17	HMRC - DFC Clerk Tax	1107	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	430.40
30/06/17	HMRC - NPC NI Confs for DFC	1107	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	15.45
30/06/17	HMRC - Tax owed for 2013 / 2014	1107	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	0.21
30/06/17	HMRC - JH Clerk Tax	1107	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	97.60
30/06/17	J Hatton - Salary May to June	1108	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	390.78
30/06/17	J Hatton - WFHA May to June	1108	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	26.00

**Bank Reconciliation**

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Unpresented Cheques	Credits not shown	Difference
Community Premium Accounts	31/05/17	£100.00				
	31/05/17	£19,749.32	£16,603.16	£3,201.71	£0.00	£44.45
Tracker Account	31/05/17	£11,110.16	£11,110.16	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Petty Cash	06/06/17	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00
		£30,959.48	£27,713.32	£3,201.71	£0.00	

\* Uncleared cheque of £44.45 relates to 2016/17 payment to Saracens Head

**Actual v Budget**

	Budget	Actual	Reserves	Budget	Actual
Assets B/F		£25,364.51			
<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>		
Precept	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	Clerks Salary	£1,258.36	£3,816.00
Grants	£207.00	£0.00	Admin		£1,900.00
Recycling	£500.00	£0.00	Grants		£800.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00	Annual Subscriptions		£425.00
Bank Interest	£25.00	£0.00	Footpath Maintenance		£300.00
VAT Repayment	£0.00	£616.52	Insurance		£320.00
			Inspection		£245.00
			Maintenance		£2,000.00
			Projects		£1,400.00
			Other		£0.00
			Village Hall		£0.00
			VAT Paid		£0.00
			Contingency		£500.00
			Youth Council		£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,732.00</b>	<b>£5,616.52</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,258.36</b>	<b>£11,706.00</b>
			Assets Carried Forward		£27,713.32
<b>Total</b>		<b>£30,981.03</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>£30,981.03</b>

**End of Appendices.**

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 Newton Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015.