

# North Newington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 7.30pm at T-Tree House, Main Street, North Newington.

Present: Cllrs D Jennings, G Doidge, P Espinasse and M Davison.  
Clerk E Boswell  
Apologies Cllr S Holford  
Guests None

## 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. These were agreed and signed.

## 2. Declaration of interest

1. There was a declaration of interest from D Jennings regarding item 6.1 of the agenda. [Indeed other councilors involved in the recruitment of the Parish Clerk also declared an interest in 6.1.](#)

## 3. Matters Arising

1. **Position of Parish Clerk.** Following recent interviews E Boswell has been appointed Parish Clerk; the PC ratified the decision.

### 2. Footpaths & Verges

There is a plank missing from the footbridge across Sor Brook – EB to report the damage to OCC. The Oak Tree on the village green is in need of pruning – EB to complete as necessary the planning application and obtain quotes from Tree Surgeons for the works to be carried out.

4. **Bus Subsidies Reduction** – The joint proposal was reviewed and agreed. Wroxtton Parish Clerk will submit the proposal to CDC.

5. **Waste Consultation** – There is currently a public consultation regarding waste, NNPC have been approached by another Parish Council to submit a joint response. EB to contact the Clerk involved.

## 6. Planning Permission

1. 15/01299/F – Two Storey extension, Forget Me Not Cottage, Main Street – due to the declaration of interest [the Parish Council](#) were not quorate and have passed the planning [back](#) to CDC. The PC would like to note that they have not received any objections from parishioners to the application.

2. 15/00272/TCA 3x Popular – Fell, Grafton, Park Lane. The PC has no objections.

## 7. Finance

1. **Review of Income and Expenditure** – The monthly accounts were reviewed by the financial officer at this meeting. They were found to be a correct and accurate account. Proposed PE, Seconded DJ All agreed.

2. **Bill Payments** – There was one bill payment this month

- 300014 – Playsafety Ltd - £78.00 ROSPA Play area safety inspection report.

8. **Children's Playground**

1. ROSPA report has been received and reviewed. The PC would like to note that the report states there is 'a small hole in the grass surface in front of toddler swing'; the PC could not find this on inspection. No remedial work is required at this time.
2. There are no problems in the normal checks on the playground. DJ to continue with the diary for the time being.
3. DJ to commence inspection of village salt container levels in due course.

9. **Clerks Business**

1. EB has had handover of Clerks duties from SD, there is one file to be returned to the PC, DJ to contact parishioner concerned. EB to obtain job description and contract details from Wroxton parish Clerk. DJ to contact previous Clerk S Davies regarding outstanding [salary payment](#).

10. **A.O.B**

1. The new signature sheets for the bank account need to be signed by all members of the Parish Council, they are currently with SH, EB to contact SH for return of signature sheets, the mandate also needs to be changed to take into account the new Parish Clerk details, once completed they will be returned to the bank.
2. Allotment Gardens - CDC planning meeting will be held on 3rd September. Penfold Homes/Mr McNally is expected to try to prove he has vehicular access over the footpath to his land. There is a petition of Evidence and Legal Testimonies from some NN residents being put forward to refute his claim. DJ has asked for a copy of this for PC records.
3. Fly Tipping – the PC has noted a heightened activity and will continue to monitor and notify CDC.
4. Grass cutting – GD suggested contacting Construct & Create, EB to contact and obtain quotes.

- The next meeting will be on 6th October 2015

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm