

# North Newington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Jennings, G Doidge, P Espinasse, M Davison, S Holford.  
Clerk E Boswell

Apologies None  
Guests None

## 1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

1. These were agreed and signed.

## 2. Declaration of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

## 3. Matters Arising

1. Review Clerk – Due to the recent appointment of the new Clerk the review was postponed and will take place in January 2016, DJ proposed SH seconded, all agreed.

## 4. Planning Permission

- 15/00283/TCA – Walnut/Hazel/Beech/2x Confers – Fell Yew/Copper Beech/Cedar/x5 Mixed Leaf – Crown reduce by 20% - The Hollies, Park Lane – The PC has no objections
- 15/00287/TCA – T1 x Oak – Reduce crown by 3 meters, Pound Cottage, The Pound – The PC has no objections
- 14/01816/F - Penfield Homes – REFUSED
- 15/00272/TCA – NOTICE OF DECISION – no objections
- 15/01688/F – Erection of 3 Bedroom Detached property – Land to rear of Wheelwright Cottage, Main Street. The PC has the following objections to this planning application: The PC believes the proposed build would be a dominant and imposing feature on Wheelwright Cottage, which is a Grade 2 listed building and stands in the historic core of North Newington in the Conservation area. The proposed access on the plan does not currently exist. In refusing an earlier application to build on the Allotment Gardens (at the end of the Pound South East of the Blinking Owl) CDC considered The Pound to be sub-standard in width, alignment and surface construction to accommodate any additional traffic, the PC agrees. Vision at the junction from The Pound onto Main Street is often obscured due to parked cars being either side; the PC feels an increased volume of traffic would make the junction more hazardous.
- 15/00325/TCA – Oak – Crown thin by 20% - Village Green – The PC has no objections
- 15/01721/F – Erection of extensions to roof to insert dormer windows and erection of proposed garage to front – Roselyn, School Lane – The PC has the following objections: The position of the proposed garage is in front of the existing build line of School Lane and would have a visual impact on the surrounding properties. It is not clear from the planning application what materials will be used to build the garage, however, from the drawings it would appear to be of timber construction, the PC does not feel this would be in keeping with the other properties in School Lane or the rest of the village.
- 15/01299/F – Two storey extension – Forget-me-not-Cottage, Main Street - GRANTED

## 5. 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

- 300052 - S Davis Expenses £176.56
- 300051 - OALC £162.00 - Course fees Minutes & Meetings Course/Response to planning applications Roles & Responsibilities – EB to attend these courses, proposed DJ seconded PE, all agreed.
- 300053 – BDO £120.00 - External Audit Report

## 6. Children's Playground

1. There are no problems in the normal checks on the playground. DJ to continue with the diary.

## 7. Clerks Business

1. Meetings outside of scheduled dates – EB attending Meetings & minutes course 14<sup>th</sup> October and will obtain information regarding this at that time.
2. External Audit – We have now received the external audit report from BDO, there were no issues to report.
3. Contract of employment – EB has received contract and will complete and circulate draft to Councillors for approval.
4. Bank signatories – The new signature sheets have been completed and passed back to EB to add new Clerk details and then return to bank.
5. Footbridge & footpaths –
  - Sor Brook Footbridge reported broken, it has now been repaired by OCC
  - Footpath behind the Pound – OCC are able to produce some 'No Vehicular Access' laminated signs that we can then position where the vehicular access ends. EB to order from OCC, DJ proposed, SH seconded, all agreed.
6. Planning application completed & returned to CDC 22/9/15 to prune Village Green Oak Tree. A verbal quote of £120.00 has been received from J Percy to carry out the works. Currently awaiting further quotes from Acorn Tree Services & John Whitworth Tree Services.
7. Waste consultation – A joint response has been submitted by North Newington, Wroxton & Balscote Parish Councils.
8. Grass cutting – Currently awaiting response from Create & construct. EB Spoke with Nigel Prickett who currently has the Grass cutting contract for Wroxton & Balscot. His contract with them comes up for renewal in November; if he gets the contract again he will consider taking on the mowing and strimming of North Newington Greens.

## 8. A.O.B

1. An email address solely for NNPC, proposed DJ, seconded PE, all agreed.
2. Salary payment for S Davis – this has now been submitted for payment a total of £496.60, proposed DJ, seconded PE, all agreed. EB to raise cheque for signature at next meeting.
3. DJ has inspected the village salt containers and found there is sufficient salt that we will not need to buy or store any over and above the normal allocation from CDC.
4. Bishop Carpenter School is holding a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October to discuss parents no longer being able to park in the school playground. GD to ask the school to extend the invite to all villagers as this will impact everyone not just those who have children at the school.

- The next meeting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

Meeting closed at 8.40pm