

North Newington Parish Council – MN11/16

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: None

Guests: None

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1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were agreed and signed.

2. Declaration of Interest – There were no declarations of interest. The Clerk noted that planning application 16/00296/TCA relates to her property.

3. Matters Arising

1. Renewal of playing field association membership – The Council resolved not to renew the membership at this time and to review it again in 12 months. Proposed DJ seconded MD all agreed.

4. Planning Permission

- 16/01601/F – Conversion of existing garage into home office. Insertion of 2 x conservation style roof lights and 2 x dormer windows. External timber staircase. Existing driveway to be re-surfaced in tarmac – Ash Tree House, School Lane, North Newington – GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
- 16/01592/F – Alterations to existing planning consent ref: 15/00307/F to include the addition of a third bedroom and a bathroom and detached garage – The Roebuck, Banbury Road - GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
- 16/00242/TCA – Twisted Willow – Fell – Laverock Main Street North Newington – GRANTED
- 16/02006/F – Two storey side extension and amendments to planning consent ref: 08/00208/F – Glen View, School Lane, North Newington – The Council wishes to raise no objections to this application and has no further observations
- 16/00296/TCA – T1, T2, T3 x cherry – Crown thin by 15% T4 x Eucalyptus, T5 x Elder, T6 x Laburnum T7 x Apple – Crown thin by 20% - T-Tree House, Main Street, North Newington – The Council has no comments or observations regarding this application

5. Finance

1. Review of Income and Expenditure - The monthly accounts from July – October were reviewed by the Responsible Finance Officer at this meeting. They were found to be a correct and accurate account. Proposed PE seconded DJ.
2. Bill payments - The following bill payments were presented to the council and approved for payment: -
 - Chq: 300076 £102.00 – Grass Cutting, September
 - Chq: 300077 £96.10 – Emptying dog bin, summer period

6. Children's Playground – There were no problems to report with the playground equipment. However, Councillor Jennings reported that the hedge is now in need of cutting and the matting area is covered in leaves that need clearing. The Council resolved to ask the grass-cutting contractor if he could cut the hedge and to arrange a working party to rake/blow away the leaves. Proposed DJ seconded MD all agreed.

7. Clerks Business

- Defibrillator – ‘Community Heartbeat’ will come & give a presentation to the Council at the next meeting, which is scheduled for 6th December. A notice has been put in the village ‘Gossip’ notifying residents as they may have an interest in attending.
- Village transport - No 269 Bus service – The approved questionnaire has been printed and will be distributed with the November issue of the village ‘Gossip’.
- Speeding survey - ‘Community Speed Watch’ - Thames Valley Police have responded, they are currently unable to fulfil any speed watch communities due to the kit being broken, they are in the process of replacing the kit and will be in contact once this is done.
- Barclays bank - signature mandate - Barclays have now requested further information from the RFO & Clerk; they will need to visit the Banbury branch to complete.
- Letter to Bishop Carpenter – The letter regarding the opening time of the school gates has now been sent.

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- Tombla Pit inspection – The Clerk and Councillor Jennings carried out the inspection on 11th October, there were no problems to report. Photos were taken, dated and signed and will be kept on file. The Tenant is to provide the Council with a key for the new padlock as it has been changed due to vandalism.
- Village telephone box – BT are proposing to remove the telephone box situated on the Shutford Road due to very little use over a significant period of time and has started a consultation period. After some discussion the council resolved not to take part in the consultation.
- Open space, sport and recreation review - The Council reviewed the map and will feedback to CDC that the green space within the school grounds is not an ‘outdoor sports facility’ as their map currently shows.
- Bloor Homes – Bretch Hill Development – Bloor Homes are holding a drop in session on Thursday 10th November from 3pm – 7pm at the Sunshine Centre. Their aim is to have an informal discussion with local residents and to receive any views they have on the Specialised Housing Scheme. After some discussion the Council resolved to place a notice on the website and notice board as some North Newington residents may have an interest in attending. Proposed DJ seconded GD all agreed.
- Donations – After some discussion the Council resolved to make this year’s donation, to the value of £150.00, to Katherine House Hospice. The Council also resolved to canvas residents at the next open meeting as to which other local charities they would like to see benefit from a donation from the Parish Council.

8. **Village Improvement Group** - The VIG met on the 18th October. The village Christmas event is set to be held on Friday 16th December, the details of which will be published in the November edition of the village ‘Gossip’. The Christmas tree will be erected on 3rd December. The village tubs have been re-planted for the winter season. Discussions were held regarding the Kids & VIG screen with the group resolving to reduce the number of kids films to 4 per year from the current monthly showings and to alternate times and with a view to include some films more suitable for teenagers. The VIG screen will continue to run as it is, showing monthly films. The VIG were approached by an individual asking if they would help organise and support a firework display in the village, however they do not have the relevant insurance so are unable to do so.

9. **Any other matters for discussion**

1. A resident has reported vehicular activity along The Pound beyond the ‘No vehicle access’ sign. The PC can only reiterate that it has no powers of enforcement regarding this other than to erect ‘No Vehicular Access’ signs, which it has done and note are still in situ. The PC suggests that concerned individuals contact the relevant authorities.
2. Message in a bottle – This is aimed in particular at those who live alone. CDC are currently giving away a green bottle in which people can store medical and contact details in case of emergency. They will be available from the Clerk who will put a notice on the website and in the village newsletter providing further information.
3. Website – The Clerk to check the Parish Council details are up to date on the village website.

The next meeting will be held on 6th December

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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