

Minutes of the meeting of Newbourne Parish Council 5th
December 2015, Newbourne Village Hall 7.30pm

Present

Erica Pattinson (Vice Chairman)

Michael Frost

Jim Wicks

Sue Pollard

Kwini Lusher

Laura Naunton (Clerk)

Public Question Time

There was one members of the general public present

The chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm by Erica Pattinson Vice Chair.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** Lionel Scott
- 2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2nd November 2015.** The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Update from District Councillor**

Planning

One of the changes in planning is the new recently adopted Scheme of Delegation. When the Parish Council gets the notification from the relevant planning officer that the application has triggered one of three triggers the Parish Council will be asked if they want an application to be referred to the Planning Committee. If the PC wants this to happen and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee agree that the planning reasons are strong enough it will be expected that someone from the Parish Council will turn up and represent the views of the PC at the Planning Committee meeting. They will be given three minutes to put their points across.

Annual Budget Review

This meeting, put on especially for town and parish councillors, took place on November 16th. It was an excellent meeting and representatives from the Police, Suffolk County Council and SCDC were present, they discussed challenges that they are facing and they answered questions. I was very disappointed that no one from any of the Parishes in the Kirton Ward were present.

Safer Neighbourhood meeting.

I attended this meeting. Police are very keen to get Speed watch teams out to monitor speeds with a camera. Several of the villages in my ward have issues with speeding vehicles. I am hoping that you can persuade one or two people in your parish to do the training so that our villages will become safer places. If enough people come forward they would not have to be on duty in their own village which might be an attractive option. Please give this some thought. It is no good

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complaining that people are speeding and not being prepared to do something about it. I am considering putting some of my enabling budget towards the camera for this project which I hope we can roll out throughout the Kirton Ward.

Funding

Funding from central government has been cut by 40% since 2010. During that period SCDC Council Tax has been frozen. The result is the budget has been reduced by £3.7million. Having said that Suffolk Coastal has the strongest economy in Suffolk.

5. Suffolk Police Update Due to a new crime investigation system being introduced to Suffolk constabulary IT system we are no longer able to get a rural crime report for forthcoming meetings

6. Fund Raising for the Revelry Update on fund raising

- a. Set up a 100 club £1.50 a month/£18 a year by standing order.50% of entry money makes prize fund each month. No limit of participants e.g. 100 members = £900 profit per annum. This to be set up ready to go in the January meeting.
- b. Sue has spoken to CDC who have agreed to carry out the work to the carpark and we have only got to pay for materials. I will chase this up with CDC and find out if this is correct and how quickly the work can be done hopefully will have some dates and confirmation of the agreement by the January meeting.
- c. The Fox Inn have agreed to contribute money to the carpark.

7. Planning update

DC/15/4357/FUL – 24 Mill Road Extension of property/ installation of new roof windows, demolition of existing garage and erection of new double garage.

Discussed and agreed no issues with the working being carried out.

DC/15/4612/PN3 – The Steadings, 10 Ipswich Road. Converting existing building into single dwelling. Discussed at meeting it was raised that the environment agency/ highway agency have both raised concerns due to the access to the property. Issues were raised about the visibility for traffic as Ipswich Road is mainly a single track road with few passing places. These issues will be passed on to the council.

8. Finance

- a. Budget Report – The chairman and parish councillors looked at the budget report.
- b. Cheques for signing – One cheque signed for Amie Veerman.

9. Clerk's correspondence

- a. Audit details have now changed have e-mailed all a copy to view these please see Lionel's comments on e-mail.

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- b. Will chase the invoice so Jim receives his certificate for safeguarding the play equipment.
- c. Precept was discussed and decided that Lionel should make final decision

10. Highway Matters in Newbourne

- a. 16 Ipswich Road – Does not appear to have changed in some time, they have compared this to google earth/street from 2011 there is no significant change.
- b. Newbourne springs – They plan to carry out works to take water from the road surface near pub and near the bus shelter. This is subject to funding.
- c. Hemley Hill – They believe it is spring water and hopefully work will be carried out in due course.
- d. The Street – Road and verge damage is now been resolved.
- e. The Beeches – Concrete blocks – It has been agreed the blocks would be removed. In the meeting it was discussed that a few other properties have concrete blocks on the verge now too.

The next meeting will be 4th January 2015 at 7.30pm

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Chair
Newbourne Parish Council