

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2016 in The Village Hall, Guntons Road.

PRESENT: Mr N Harris, Mr. J Rowell, Mr. W Cave, Mr K Angrave, Mr G Britton, Mrs D Clipston, Mr A Jacobs, Mr G Jones

7 Members of the public and the Clerk Mrs E Tajer
Peterborough City Cllr Steve Allen

696/16-17 To receive and approve apologies for absence
Peterborough City Cllrs Richard Brown and Sanders
Mr D Harrington, Mr P Fowler

697/16-17 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations
There were none, however Cllr Clipston declared a Personal interest on item 700/16-17

698/16-17 To approve minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2016
Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th July 2016 were confirmed and signed

699/16-17 Matters arising from minutes

- The order for the two community defibrillators has been placed
- The Clerk met with Sharon Smith (representative from the allotment committee) to start to work through the issues at the allotments
- Website progress- continues to be updated and application has been made to move over the domain name.

700/16-17 Public Participation and Cate Harding and Lewis Banks from Peterborough City Council (Principal Transport Planning Officer)

Letter from Mr and Mrs Vessey

"Service 22 bus passing through Newborough.

This has been unacceptable by passengers since it began operation and numbers have decreased because of the appalling roads used, the length of time it takes to get to Peterborough centre (45 minutes), and the route it takes.

As an alternative the Spalding bus No 37 service route appears a possibility if it was rerouted from Eye Church to Newborough. This would give Newborough residents a very much improved service including an evening and Sunday timetable.

The Peterborough-Eye-Thorney- Holbeach service is another route which could be changed to come to Newborough from Peterborough then Eye onwards and reverse. This would not give us an evening or Sunday service which is lacking at the present time

Can the City Council explain why Bus Service Nos 1, 2 and 3 have a 10 minute service when it is a normal occurrence to see three buses following each other on their routes. Surely it would be financially viable to reduce these services to 15 minute intervals and pass on the savings to rural areas.

2. We are always reading that Peterborough City Council wants to lead in environmental matters, how this can be when residents of villages such as Newborough are forced to use their cars to come into the City because of poor public transport services"

Mr Banks outlined that the budget cuts at Peterborough CC impacted on the no22 bus service following a review.

The no22 bus service is controlled/timetabled by Peterborough CC.

There are other options for residents such as the Octane dial a service mini bus for those who are physically unable to use the no22. This operates twice a week to the city centre and back to Newborough. There is also a voluntary driver scheme (similar to a taxi service).

Mr Banks advised he was not aware of any potential changes to the services in the future.

Sharon Smith advised she was confused that Peterborough is growing but the bus services are being cut. A member of the public advised a month bus pass costs £87 from Newborough, compared with £44 from Eye. There is only four buses a day (two going to the centre and two returning to Newborough). Other rural villages get a more regular service, such as Crowland which gets a bus every hour. The cost from Newborough is very high, considering the bus is subsidised by Peterborough CC. You could commute from Haverhill (Suffolk) to Peterborough for the same price as travelling from Newborough to Peterborough.

You cannot walk /cycle to Peterborough as no footpaths.

Mr Banks will investigate price discrepancies.

Mrs Goodale- complained about bus service when the route changed and suggested a different route which would not use Chaucer Road.

Cllr Jones said that although Peterborough CC cannot control commercial bus service why cannot there be more control over the no22?

The Chairman highlighted the concerns from the residents of Newborough that the routing of the no22 down Bridgehill Road, which causing nausea as the road is so uneven. The bus does not stop on this road. He feels the bus services do not serve the residents of Newborough.

Cllr Cave stated that Newborough has never had a good bus service.

Cllr Clipston advised Mrs Goodale that she had circulated her email regarding a suggested route for the no22 bus. She also Cllr Clipston advised the meeting that a number of residents and David Harrington (former Peterborough CC Councillor) submitted surveys and letters at the time of the review regarding the bus service. She highlighted that the feedback received from her meeting with Cate Harding and residents is that the young and elderly feel isolated.

Mr Banks advised he would take the routing issues back to Peterborough CC and Stagecoach.

Cate Harding advised she is working with Mr Banks to develop community led transport schemes eg car share.

Cllr Clipston inquired about the Paston reserve transport plan, advising Newborough and Borough Fen PC would like to be included in the development of this plan.

Cllr Allen asked whether the commercial routes could be routed via Newborough or can the no22 bus be re-routed.

Mr Banks said he will investigate.

It was agreed the Clerk would forward Mrs Vessey and Mrs Goodale's emails to Mr Banks.

Other matters:

A residents raised his concerns over the speeding on Guntons Road. The Clerk will feed this back to the local policing team and invite them to a meeting to discuss.

Mr Spridgeon inquired if the parish Council were still looking at adding parking opposite the Church. The Chairman advised that Peterborough Highways would not support the project, so it could not proceed.

Mr Spridgeon advised a resident had inquired because they were having issues with the trees. The Chairman advised some of the trees have TPO's attached to them and the residents need to contact the tree department at Peterborough CC.

701/16-17 Matters for Information and Reports

- Crime report
Willow Drove, Newborough – Y reg white panel van reported to be acting suspiciously in the area.
- Thorney Rd, Newborough – theft from van and tools stolen
- Werrington Bridge Rd, Milking Nook – theft from van and tools stolen.

Richard Taylor from Cambs Police writes “My name is Rich and I have been the lead for the CCTV/ANPR van that covers all of Peterborough and outskirts, Inspector Andy Bartlett has asked me to make contact with all, with the view of meeting you at some point and finding out any issues or anything causes alarm and distress within the community you live in.

The plan is I would like to become the first point of contact with issues, we are hoping by the end of October / November 2016 to have two new state of the art CCTV/ANPR vans to join the current van we have use off. Also you may or may not be aware with are to be given casa accredited powers by our Chief Constable.

The Clerk was asked to feedback issues of speeding, dirt bikes, hare coursing, arson and drug dealing.

2. Community Association report

They are offering support to the community action and Cllr Allen. Investigating the possibility of internet for the village hall and facilitating a mobile post office.

702/16-17 Report from City Councillor

Cllr Harris raised his concerns about Cross Keys properties being allocated to residents with lots of cars. This is a particular problem on Laws Close and Bridgehill road, where safety of other road users is being compromised. Cllr Allen advised he would raise the issue at Peterborough CC.

703/16-17 Finance

1. To approve accounts for Payment

Mrs. E Tajer	Salary	S/O	£789.09
Cambs County Council	Superannuation employee	S/O	£60.63
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Inland Revenue	PAYE	S/O	£199.60
Inland Revenue	NI	S/O	£83.52
Mrs. E Tajer	ISP Connection & email, Home Office	S/O	£43.50
Savills	Playing Field rent	000069	£245.43

2. Monthly bank reconciliation was noted and approved

Doctors Surgery – Lease update. The lease seems to be at a stalemate. If we, as a Parish Council through our solicitors push all the way for a new lease the possibility is that NHS would close the surgery - no doubt claiming the Parish Council was responsible. This was the view we came to last year.

As for this years' rent an invoice was sent to NHS in April this year for £5000. The Clerk has chased payment.

Cllr Jones advised the lease was approved by NHS England but was awaiting a signature. He will chase this. The Clerk will send a copy of the invoice to Cllr Jones.

704/16-17 Burial Authority

Nettles in cemetery extension need addressing- Mr Harding has cut the nettles and will spray off

705/16-17 Planning Approvals and Refusals

Appeal Ref: APP/J0540/W/16/3144406 Land to the rear of 90 Guntons Road -
The appeal is dismissed

16/01522/NONMAT for Non-Material Amendment (Replace dormer with velux window, change external windows from white frame to gray frame) to planning permission 15/00219/FUL at 4 Northborough Road Milking Nook Decision: Determined

Drain Road- Cllr Cave asked about this application status. Cllr Harris advised it was withdrawn. Clerk will confirm.

Gunton's Road- Mobile home being used without planning permission. This has previously been a planning application but was withdrawn. The Clerk will investigate.

706/16-17 Planning Applications □

Peakirk Parish Council has now completed it's Draft Neighbourhood Plan - a copy of which was circulated

707/16-17 Allotments

Allotment 4a and 4b are tenanted by Mr Clifton. He had a letter some time ago stating it was a condition that no fires on the allotments should be left unattended. He is clearly in breach of this agreement as a fire he left burning was extinguished by Sharon Smith who had considerable difficulty in doing this. It was proposed by Cllr Jones and second by Cllr Clipston that notice is served on Mr Clifton to vacate the allotments.

The following a discussion it was agreed:

1/ The Notice board would be erected within four weeks, as it will need to be made smaller. It will go at the end of the parking area.

2/ Nick, William, Sharon Smith and the Clerk will meet on the 27th September at 9:30am to measure out the allotments

3/ Changes to tenancy agreement to include: zero tolerance for aggressive/abusive tenants, non payment (the Parish Council will not chase non payments and it is the responsibility of the tenants to ensure payment is cleared), irresponsible fires. A warning for not tending allotment will be issued before eviction. All tenants will be notified of these changes when the renewal for rent is sent out.

4/ Those who did not respond to the Clerks first letter regarding not tending their allotment will be sent another letter giving them until the end of September (we can remove them from their allotments on the 1st October when the rent is due)

5/ Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council will work on a role description for the allotment manager/ coordinator. Sharon Smith has agreed to take on the role. However, due to data protection the Clerk will still administer payments and receipts.

6/ A letter will be sent to Mr Denton requesting the removal of his waste on plot 19- Plot 19 is not a plot for rubbish.

8/ Vacant allotments will be advertised in the notices boards (incl the village hall), village magazine and Parish Council website

9/ Footpaths- the Parish Council will continue to cut the footpath to ensure all allotments are accessible, as it is not practical or cost effective to cut selected areas.

708/16-17 Countryside

Fly- tipping continues to be an issue. Peterborough CC advised that they would be willing to work with farmers to clear fly-tipping from their land. However, removal of fly-tipping has been poor over the month of August due to holidays at Peterborough CC.

709/16-17 Roads and Footpaths

1. Street lighting – Cllrs Clipston and Rowell continue to work together to resolve any issues.
2. Other matters
Cllr Harris reported the appalling road surface on Werrington Bridge Road to Lee Moore following an accident. The chairman will send a formal letter through to highways regarding this road.

Cllr Jones left the meeting

710/16-17 Playing Field

711/16-17 Village Matters

1. Land adjacent to no 4 Willow Drove- no update
2. Fernie Close play equipment renovations- no further update of the funding applications.
3. Investing in Communities - Cllr Clipston circulated a questionnaire that would help identify the needs of the residents of Newborough. This will be emailed to the Clerk, who will circulate to the members of the Parish Council.

712/16-17 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

- Deposit amount for new allotment holders

713/16-17 Correspondence

714/16-17 Any other business

The meeting closed at 9:17pm. The date of next meeting: 17th October 2016