**NEWTON SOLNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at the Village Hall 7pm**

**Present:** Councillors ; D Smith (Chair), L Charles, S Kelsey

1 member of the public

Susan Stack – Locum Clerk

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|  | **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  SDDC Councillor Kerry Haines (arrived toward end of meeting) reported;  No update on the hotel query raised  Will check if there are any updates on the Willington Solar Farm  7 Hollies Close application was deferred pending site visit. |
| **1/4/24** | **To receive apologies for absence**  K Makin-Wall  G Tulley  G Fenlon  David Muller (DCC)  James Lowe (SDDC) |
| **2/4/24** | **Minutes of meeting held 19th March 2024**  It was resolved to accept the minutes (LC/SK) |
| **3/4/24** | **Declaration of members interest**  None |
| **4/4/24** | **To discuss and comment on Planning items:**  **APPLICATION REFERENCE**  **DMPA/2024/0296**  **Proposed Development - The erection of an extension, remodelling of existing property and associated demolition at Site Location**  **Park Manor, Newton Park, Newton Solney, Burton-on-Trent, DE15 0SS**  No objections |
| **5/4/24** | **Report on Speedwatch group**  Progressing |
| **6/4/24** | **Update on Village in Bloom 2024**  Planter arrived. A second planter has been acquired at a reduced price (no cost to the Council). The group are commencing work |
| **7/4/24** | **Update on Village Bonfire**  Ongoing – unable to locate credit note – it is minuted that the fireworks were being stored. |
| **8/4/24** | **To consider items raised by the Clerk;**   1. **Year end AGAR**   The old AGAR has not been found.  Fixed asset register to be re-constructed   1. **VAT reclaim**   The Clerk has done the reclaim the S126 and will send after internal audit complete   1. **New accounting spreadsheet**   Spreadsheet has been created that will automatically produce the accounts and AGAR   1. **Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting**   Advertisement given to Chairman for the notice board.   1. **Status of the lengthsman**   Chairman to investigate the status/insurance |
| **9/4/24** | **To receive the Chairman’s report including;**   1. **New website and e-mail address**   Website is being populated by Karen, Debbie and Sue.  Old photographs – process established.  E-mails will be ,gov – Clerk, Chair and Councillors.   1. **Clearing out of old papers**   Old paperworks has been sorted. We have found paperwork from 2001 stating they have no NSPC records. Also found HGV survey that might be useful for Cllr Muller but sadly does not mention that they agreed to put a sign up.  **Other items**  Noticeboard by the Playing field is on a poor state. It needs removing. The Village Hall may donate their old board for the site (LC/SK)  Recreation field mowing – E-mail received from Ron. SDDC mow it 3 times a year free. T Heath contractors has been asked about what arrangements are in place – twice a month at £53 per cut. GW mows/strims the edges twice per month for £240 per month. In addition the cricket match mowing is £200. Need to streamline mowing. It was agreed to ask Gary Wall to take on the edges and he has agreed to so it at the same price as we pay now. (LC/SK) |
| **10/4/24** | **To receive reports from Parish councillors**  Lynn reported on items for the school;  Lynn visited the school and the Chairman’s invitation to give a talk was welcomed – Chairman to get in touch direct. The Head is keen to reach out to the community in general.  A donation towards books was offered and will get back to us.  The bonfire – making Guy’s as a competition, - agreed.  Would like a school Scarecrow somewhere it can be seen, life size, possibly in uniform. It will raise awareness of the school as numbers are dropping -need to get more details on the design.  School newsletter is happy to contain village events.  May be utilising the Village Hall more with the Children |
| **11/4/24** | **Request for contribution towards Battery chain saw £152.98 and other items**  It was agreed to pay 50% (50% of mower service already agreed) LC/SK |
| **12/4/24** | **Update on Christmas lights**  All in hand |
| **13/4/24** | **Update and authorise any spend required on shed and orchard**  Nothing required – awaiting plans |
| **14/4/24** | **Update on Childrens Fun Day**  No report – Chairman will e-mail |
| **15/4/24** | **Willington Solar Farm**  No further information |
| **16/4/24** | **Consideration of accounts for payment - signing of cheques**     |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Payee** | **Payment for** | **Amount** | | **Susan Stack** | **Planter from Gordon Ellis** | **539.40** | | **Susan Stack** | **Clerking services** | **265.00** | | **Cuttlefish** | **Website build and annual hosting fee** | **1200.00** | | **Gary Wall** | **Lengthsman** | **176.25** | | **SDDC** | **Play equipment inspection** | **65.58** | | **NS Village Hall** | **Room Hire** | **18.00** | | **HMRC** | **Income Tax 2023/24 year** | **358.00** | |
|  | All payments authorised (LC/SK) |
| **17/4/24** | **The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st May 2024 including Annual Parish Meeting**  Noted |
| **18/4/24** | **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS – To resolve that public and press are excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in accordance with Section 100(a) of the Local Government Act 1972** |
| **19/4/24** | **To discuss matters relating to RFO**  The Clerk and Chairman visited the outgoing RFO and have collected all paper documentation he held – no access to any computer records/e-mails etc. |
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