

Newport Parish Council Facilities and Amenities CommitteeMinutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 19th April, 2010 at Church House, Newport.

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr A. Johnson	(AJ)	(Chairman)
	Cllr P. Arscott	(PA)	
	Cllr L. Baillie	(LB)	
	Cllr M. Bowker	(MB)	
	Cllr C. Gilbank	(CG)	
	Cllr M. Sell	(MS)	
	Cllr J. Smith	(JS)	
	Cllr A. Yarwood	(AY)	(from F031)
<u>In attendance:</u>	C. Griffin	Clerk	
	M. Yarwood	(On work experience with PC)	

F022 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C.Mitchell and Dist Cllr P. Wilcock

F023 To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the Agenda

The following personal interests were declared: AJ in F029, F032, F035 and F038; CG in F038; LB in F033; MB in F038; MS in F030, F032 and F033. JS declared a personal and prejudicial interest in F032 and F035.

F024 Public participation session

No other members of the public present.

F025 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February, 2010

Resolved that the Chairman should sign the Minutes as approved.

Proposed: MS Seconded: MB All agreed

F026 To receive reports on Village Care

MS reported that:

- ∞ The work on the triangle at Bridge End has been completed. Grass seed will be sown shortly.
- ∞ He will ensure the new tree outside the Coach & Horses is watered during the Summer and Neil Saville will be asked to look after the new tree near "The Elephant".

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PA reported that he is pleased with all the work being carried out by the Caretaker.

F027 To review the litter bins and dog bins

Clerk raised the issue of the additional dog bin at junction of Frambury Lane/ Wicken Road at the Quality Council meeting and is awaiting a reply.

Clerk to clarify with the District Council whether the black litter bins on the roadside verges can be used for dog waste.

F028 To discuss quotation for repainting seats, bins, railings and lamp posts

PA reported that he is still awaiting a quotation. Deferred until next meeting.

F029 To consider planting more daffodil bulbs in the roadside verges

The Chairman said he feels that planting additional bulbs would enhance the village. It was decided to organise a working party in the Autumn and agreed that bulbs would be planted in random groups. JS has an adequate supply for planting the verges in London Road.

To be included on agenda of the August meeting.

F030 To consider planting additional trees on the Common

MS suggested planting some Willow trees at the South end of the Common. These would take up some of the moisture and reduce flooding. These will need to be substantial trees and must be protected.

It was agreed that MS would obtain quotations and Clerk will contact the ECC Arboriculturist regarding the possibility of a grant.

F031 To consider a request for a Village Notice Board

JS reported that this has been raised by many people in the Village Plan questionnaires. It was felt that this should be an open board (not glazed or locked) and available for the whole community to use. It was suggested that this should be located near the High Street junction with Bullfields.

Clerk to contact the Newport Business Association regarding the possibility of sponsorship.

F032 To receive an update on the Village Walkabout

It was agreed that Clerk should:

- ∞ Contact Riga again as dead tree adjacent to No 163, Cherry Garden Lane has still not been dealt with.
- ∞ Add hedge at the top of Frambury Lane that is encroaching on the pavement.
- ∞ Add hedge on the corner of Bridge End that is hanging over the road.

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- ∞ Add small paths and amenity areas on the Cherry Garden Lane estate (PC need to establish responsibility. It is thought that some of these may have been retained by the original landowner)
- ∞ Attach list from JS of pavements in London Road requiring attention. The large hole in the pavement outside the Potteries is extremely dangerous.

List will be reviewed before the next meeting and an abbreviated copy will be included on the website.

F033 To receive an update on the Diana Sell Playground and BMX/Skate Park on the Recreation Ground

MS reported that the new fencing has now been completed and is a great improvement.

LB reported that following her applications for grants she has received two offers, one from the Big Lottery Fund and another from CIF. It was decided that initially LB should accept the Lottery grant and then contact CIF. Following discussions at the Full Council meeting a letter was sent to the Gaces Charity and they have now confirmed that they are agreeable to the lease being extended for a further seven year term in 2014 when the current lease expires.

LB was congratulated on all her efforts in securing the funding and thanks were expressed to the Gaces Charity for agreeing to extend the Lease.

MS and LB will be meeting at the playground on the 22nd April to discuss the Activity Trail. It was noted that other improvements/maintenance could be necessary following the ROSPA inspection.

F034 To discuss flooding issues in the village

JS pointed out that there are a number of flooding issues in the village and the PC should consider the most appropriate action, whilst noting that our powers and responsibilities were limited. Details of Floodsax, a new type of flood defence, were included in the March Newsletter and it was agreed that a letter should be sent to all residents, who may be at risk of flooding, giving further information and prices.

Clerk will obtain accurate costings from Floodsax and report back.

F035 To receive an update from the Traffic Management Group

A report was given at the Full Council meeting in April and there will be a follow up meeting with Chris Stoneham, ECC in a few weeks time. Update to be given at the June meeting.

Clerk reported that several complaints have been received regarding the signs at Bridge End. ECC has advised that the 5mph sign on the railway bridge is illegal. Caretaker to remove.

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F036 To receive a report on the Sports Committee Meeting held on 25th February

AY reported that:

- ∞ The Sports Committee have a new Treasurer
- ∞ They are grateful for the assistance they receive from the PC
- ∞ The new development at Jikes Hall was discussed

Clerk to request a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting and also a Financial Statement.

F037 To complete the UDC Open Space Audit Update and Questionnaire

It was agreed that the amenity areas should be added to the map.

AY and LB will study the form and return to Clerk for completion

F038 To receive a report on the Allotments

MB reported that:

- ∞ The Green Waste collection started last weekend and is really helpful
- ∞ One vacant plot has now been halved and let.
- ∞ Most tenants have now started work on their plots. Letters will be sent to tenants who do not commence work in the next few weeks.
- ∞ There are still twelve people on the waiting list
- ∞ The tree on plot 13 has been severely pruned but is still a substantial size. The Chairman and PA have inspected the entire site and this tree, plus a Hawthorn on another plot, is unsuitable for an allotment setting. Following discussion it was agreed that letters should be sent requesting removal. With regard to fruit bearing trees, it was agreed that existing fruit trees could remain but no additional fruit trees to be planted. MB/ Clerk to send letters.
- ∞ Some tenants have more than one plot. MB/ Clerk to send letters advising that some redistribution will be considered in a year's time.

F039 To receive a report on the Village Hall

PA reported that:

- ∞ A plan is being drawn up for a platform outside the Green Room
- ∞ The Committee are currently considering the most suitable colour to paint the Hall.
- ∞ An 18th Birthday Party booking was declined
- ∞ Fencing included on the Walkabout list is a long term issue.
- ∞ The Annual Accounts are available
- ∞ The AGM will be on Wednesday, 12th May.

F040 To discuss any other Urgent Parish matters

F040.1 JS advised that the Consultant working for the JPC Group has advised that the best option would be Option 2.

F040.2 The Chairman has arranged a walkabout on 20th April, to inspect the PC street lights.

F040.3 CG reported on the extra pressure being placed on local schools at the moment.

F040.4 Work on installing the new gate at the Common should be completed shortly. This will be padlocked, PC Office and Neil Saville to hold keys.

F040.5 AY reported that he has been approached regarding a Music event in the village. Further details will be given at the next Full Council meeting.

F040.6 Clerk reported that the application for the footpath grant for 2010/11 has not yet been completed. JS will pass details to Clerk as quickly as possible.

F041 Items for next agenda

To discuss the Playground Committee (Full Council)

To receive an update from the Traffic Management Group

To receive an update on the Village Notice Board

To receive the updated Village Walkabout schedule

To receive an update on the planting of additional trees on the Common

To discuss quotation for repainting seats, bins, railings and lamp posts

F042 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21st June

The meeting closed at 9.40pm