

Newport Parish Council Facilities and Amenities Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th December, 2009 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. Mitchell	(CM)	
	Cllr M. Sell	(MS)	
	Cllr J. Smith	(JS)	(from F089)
 <u>In attendance:</u>	 C. Griffin	 Clerk	

F085 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A. Yarwood, Cllr C. Gilbank, and Dist Cllr P. Wilcock.

F086 To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the Agenda

The following personal interests were declared: AJ in F090, F093, MS in F089, F090 and F092, LB in F092, MB in F094 and F096, PA in F090 and F097, JS in F095 and F097 and personal and prejudicial interest in F090, F093 and F094.

F087 Public participation session

No members of the public present.

F088 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th October, 2009

Resolved that the Chairman should sign the Minutes as approved.

Proposed: MS

Seconded: MB

All agreed

F089 To receive reports on Village Care

MS reported that:

Footpath 12 has now been cleared.

There are a number of items in the village requiring attention; litter bins, railings and lamp posts need repainting and wooden seats need treating with preservative. Clerk will prepare a list and PA will obtain a quotation.

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The trees have been replaced outside the Coach & Horses and The Elephant. Clerk will chase UDC as the replacement Ash tree near the Church has not been planted. It has been reported that the tree on the Elephant Green triangle needs attention. As this is a memorial tree, the family concerned will be approached.

A plan has been drawn up showing the existing shrubs etc., in the triangle at Bridge End and a quotation has been obtained for removing the Rhustyphina, levelling the soil, tidying up and seeding. The grass and shrubs would then be maintained on a regular monthly basis by the Parish Council as part of the contract with NS Landscapes.

Proposed: AY

Seconded: PA

All agreed

It was proposed that the Rhustyphina should be removed, the area levelled and then seeded, for a cost of £250.00. Work to be carried out at the end of February.

Proposed: MS

Seconded: PA

All

agreed

To be included on the agenda of the next Full Council meeting for approval.

Clerk to inform residents when arrangements have been made with the contractor.

Clerk reported that the Caretaker has used the Graffiti cleaner at the playground and this was found to be very successful. Clerk reported that further calls have been received regarding the graffiti in London Road. It was reiterated that this is not the responsibility of the PC.

F090 To receive a report on the Village Walkabout

It was agreed that:

Clerk will update the Walkabout list for discussion at the next meeting

.Additional items submitted by JS will be added.

The Chairman, MS and PA will carry out a further inspection of the Common as the undergrowth needs clearing in order to gain access to the pipe outlet behind the Lilacs in London Road.

Flooding issues to be included on the agenda of the Facilities meeting in future.

Clerk will chase ECC regarding the pavement outside the White Horse Public House.

Clerk to contact ECC regarding refurbishment of the Bus Shelter in the High Street.

F091 To receive an update on existing litter bins and dog bins and consider additional bins

It was agreed that a new dog bin should be ordered and placed on the corner of Wicken Road/Frambury Lane.

A new plan will be prepared showing all litter bins and dog bins in the village. This will be circulated as soon as possible and additional facilities will be considered at the next meeting.

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F092 To receive an update on the Diana Sell Playground

The aerial runway will be back in use by approximately Easter 2010. The new fence has been ordered. When the old fencing is taken down, the wooden five bar gate will be available for use elsewhere and MS suggested this could replace the current gate to the Common. It was agreed that a quotation should be obtained from N.S.Landscapes for putting in new posts and re-hanging the gate at the entrance to the Common in London Road.

To be included on the agenda of the next Full Council meeting.

LB reported that the Playground Committee would like four new pieces of equipment (an activity trail, a roundabout, a cantilever swing, and a spinner). These would be additional and would be suitable for the older children. Total cost approximately £20,000. LB is currently applying for grants and will give an update at the next meeting.

LB confirmed that the Playground Committee is considering other locations in the village for additional playground equipment and stressed the importance of consulting with the young people.

MS advised that the CCTV equipment has been serviced. It was agreed that correct notification of the equipment is required at the Playground and the Recreation Ground. LB will obtain information

F093 To receive an update from the Traffic Management Group

Clerk will contact TD and arrange a meeting in January.

It was suggested that it would be helpful if a meeting could be arranged with a representative from ECC Highways to discuss the issues outstanding and the PC's dissatisfaction at how long it takes to get things done and the quality of some of the work carried out. To be discussed further at the Full Council meeting in January.

JS submitted a list of proposals for the Traffic Management Group to consider. Clerk to

pass these to TD, copy to AJ.

F094 To carry out a review of the Parish Council's Street Lights

Clerk has a copy of a plan produced by the County showing all ECC lights. Clerk will add the lights owned by the PC and this will then be copied and circulated.

Clerk will also contact the PC's lighting contractors regarding the current condition of the PC lights and columns.

Additional lights have been suggested in London Road, Cambridge Road and Pond Cross Way. These requests will be discussed further after the plan has been circulated and a walkabout, to look specifically at street lights, has been organised.

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Clerk reported that an interest has been registered in the ECC Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative. Further details will be sent to us if the County 's bid is successful.

F095 To discuss the 2010/11 Grant application for Public Rights of Way and other footpath issues

JS and MS will compile a comprehensive list of footpaths to be included on the grant application and endeavour to submit this for approval at the February meeting.

After clearing Footpath 12 at the rear of the houses in Frambury Lane it became apparent that there are many other small walkways in the area that need attention. It was agreed that the PC need to establish who is responsible for these paths. The Chairman will discuss with MB and CG.

The Caretaker has reported to the Clerk that dog waste is being left on an area behind the houses in Frambury Lane. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to all the residents on the North side of Frambury Lane pointing out that, now the footpath has been cleared, residents must not deposit items or rubbish on the path and dog waste must not be left on open areas.

F096 To receive a report on the Allotments

MB reported that:

The majority of the rents have been received

One plot which is vacant at present will be split into two.

Alistair Bayford has sprayed two new plots and these should be ready for letting in the Spring.

There are still eleven people on the waiting list.

She will try and get the water turned off during the winter.

(JS pointed out that water bill charges are increasing dramatically and suggested that the last bill should be studied)

F097 To receive a report on the Village Hall

PA reported that the “wish list” is being updated and this will be available for further discussion at the next meeting.

JS reported that although the Hall’s income has increased slightly, costs have also increased, therefore the VHTMC are reviewing the hiring rates.

F098 To discuss any other Urgent Parish matters

F098.1. Clerk reported that a complaint has been received regarding the dog bin at Gaces Meadow as this is being used inappropriately. Clerk has contacted the UDC Animal Warden and new notices (For dog waste only) will be placed on the bin.

F098.2 Clerk reported the litter at the Railway Station and this should have been cleared. PA will check.

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F098.3 The Chairman expressed surprise at the report in the local newspaper regarding the clearance of rubbish by NFGS. The pupils should be congratulated on this and if the PC had been made aware they could have supported the initiative. The Chairman will draft a letter to the teacher involved.

F099 Items for Next Agenda

To discuss flooding issues in the village.

To approve replacing the existing gate on the Common with the five bar wooden gate from the playground. (Full Council)

To approve quotation from N.S. Landscapes for removing the Rhustypina, levelling the soil and seeding the triangle at Bridge End (Full Council)

To receive an update on outstanding issues and consider arranging a meeting with ECC to discuss the PC’s concerns. (Full Council)

F100 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday, 15th February at Church House.

The Chairman wished all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.