

Newton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the working party on 3 May 2016 at Royal Oak, Main Street, East Bridgford, 7.30pm to 8.40 pm.

Cllrs present

Chair Cllr Mrs I Shouler, Cllr Mrs M Topping, Cllr Mrs J Dobson, Cllr D Simms, Cllr A Forward

Other members of the Working Party

Mrs P Harris

Mrs Kirsty Waters

Mrs Sharon Wilson —

Carl Henshaw

Jamie Weber

Jason Stray

In attendance

E Temple (minute taker)

Members of the public

Cllr L Morgan Cllr Mrs M Goulder

Mr Lee Sycamore, Chartered Membership of the Landscape Institute (CMLI) of Landscape Design Services landscape architecture + design: tel 07977 010 627
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1 Apologies for absence

None

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2016.

Approved. .

Matters arising, not covered in the following agenda. None.

3.1 Planning permission needed for Wellington Avenue land leased from Residents Association?

See clause 4.4 and 23.1 of existing lease. And previous minutes. No further action on this at present.

3.2 Who is the tenant?

The existing lease is granted to Shelford and Newton PC, the Land Registry entries need to reflect only Newton PC and there will be some document recording the split of the two parish councils so that the correct name of the PC as tenant is shown at the Land Registry and can be shown to any grant funder.

Action Mr Temple to register the split of the two parish councils at the Land Registry to put the registered leaseholder as Newton Parish Council.

From Land Registry

Please submit a formal application to "change the name of the registered proprietor" and "update address" using form AP1.

You should include all the relevant evidence with your application. No fee is payable for such application(s).

Please send your application on from AP1 (before 27 May 2016) to:- Land Registry, Nottingham Office P.O. Box 6344 Coventry CV3 9LL

4. Location details

Reported that the PC has asked for further review of the most suitable location.

Mr Sycamore was invited to speak, and he confirmed that he has no personal interest in which site is chosen. Linked in to this, as relevant, will be:-

- a) who owns the land he recommends as possibilities,
- b) whether there are restrictive covenants on the title preventing use for a play area,
- c) whether the landowner agrees to the use,
- d) ease of access and natural surveillance.

It may be that after consultation, the PC chooses the existing leased area in Wellington Avenue, but more evidence-gathering and more consultation is needed with Newton residents, before any decision is made.

If different sites are chosen as possibilities, it is necessary to be specific in a request to a landowner as to precisely which bit of land is requested. Too general a request, will receive too general a reply.

There may be policy information and advice from Fields in Trust which was founded back in 1925 as the National Playing Fields Association. "Our mission is the same now and as it was then: to ensure that everyone – young or old, able or disabled and wherever they live – should have access to free, local outdoor space for sport, play and recreation. These spaces are vital to building happy and healthy communities and sadly continue to be threatened by all kinds of development"

There may be policy information and advice from Sport England.

"In order to create a world-class community sports structure, we need to invest in sport at every level and that is why we fund hundreds of different projects every year. Whether you are a village club who needs to purchase extra equipment or a multi-million pound facility that hosts Olympic athletes, we have a funding stream that can help you."

There may be policy information and advice, possibly even, funding, from the Rushcliffe Play Strategy.

“The Rushcliffe Play Strategy has focussed over £500,000 of funding to improve children’s play parks in the Borough. Seven new play facilities have been built and a further 14 existing sites have been significantly improved. These play areas provide children of all ages with somewhere safe and stimulating to play in their local area. We have also been working with partners from Nottingham Rugby to tackle childhood obesity through our joint Try-It – A Conversion for Life programme, which looks to enhance the lives of young people through sport.”

Action Mrs Shouler to arrange with Mr Svcamore an inspection walk round the area

Action Mr Temple to obtain from Rushcliffe BC some up to date OS maps of the Newton area.

5. Public consultations

There have been two working party meetings and one Parish Council meeting in each case where the public have been invited to express views and have done so.

Further public consultations are to be held over the coming months. This will include a more in-depth questionnaire being circulated to all Newton households and representation by the committee at any community events.

Mrs Shouler reported that the Committee had set up a Facebook page linked to Newton Parish Council to enable contributions of views from as many as possible.

In the future, if it is considered appropriate, the Parish Council will be asked to have consultation leaflets printed at Parish Council expense for a drop at houses in the village.

Questionnaires?

A view was expressed that in the questionnaires or in some other way, the Newton residents should be asked what they want to be done with any Parish Precept money surplus. Eg a new play area somewhere, a village hall somewhere, a bandstand somewhere?

What is a Parish Precept? A Parish Council gets its funding by receiving a small amount of the local Council Tax. This is referred to as a Parish Precept. Each Parish Council forecasts the amount of funding it will require for the following year and requests this funding from its local Borough Council (Rushcliffe BC) in the form of a precept tax that is included within the local Council Tax.

It was agreed that questionnaires be distributed in due course to every household in the village to ensure maximum consultation but only after more detailed evaluation of possible sites. No green space site in the village was ruled out at this stage. At present ALL green space within Newton Village is being considered.

Action that the draft questionnaires be reviewed to add in further items as requested.

6. Construction and choice of equipment

It was noted that the insurers will require regular checks of the condition of the equipment by qualified Health and Safety experts. This will be an ongoing cost to the Parish Council. The amount is as yet uncertain but is to be ascertained.

It was noted that the Chair and some others on the Committee had already made arrangements to consult possible contractors to evaluate possibilities of what equipment would be most suitable, and costings. It was agreed that this should continue. Refer back to next meeting.

Reports on meetings with potential contractors, and possible pricings.

Various sites are yet to be investigated but will be, pending the outcome of the feasibility survey of the land and any subsequent feedback from the land owner(s) and local residents.

7 Maintenance

Streetwise estimates to be asked for in due course

Action None.

8 Financing

It is believed that the similar project on Lowdham Village Hall cost about £75,000. Newton needs to obtain detailed costings of what equipment is chosen, what it costs to buy and install. But for the purposes of making calculations at this stage, it was agreed to estimate costs at £75,000.

Possible sources of grant funding

WREN FCC community action fund,

Biffa landfill community fund

Veolia landfill community fund

Nottingham supporting local communities fund

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN)

Notts County Council

Rushcliffe Borough Council Play Strategy

None of these will fund 100% and all require part of the funding from alternative sources. Biffa for example requires 20% or more to be found from alternative sources. 20% of £75,000 is £15,000 and it was noted that it was not just the equipment cost and installation, but design fees, lowering of the pavement for access by push chairs/prams and any vehicles of contractors. It might also be useful to factor in installation of 2m high hedges to preserve privacy of the children, and safety, and an incidental benefit would be to reduce noise from the play area for the benefit of nearby houses.

Mrs Shouler reported that the PC had agreed in principle to support the project up to a maximum of £20,000.

VAT issues? On equipment? On builders fees? It was reported that the PC is registered for VAT.

Fund raising events?

Provisional plan for an event on Sunday 4 September, just before school starts and that there be organised in the village some other fund-raising events to obtain additional cash resources and that this item be put on the agenda for the next working party meeting.

Play area committee bank account? Cllr Forward reported that a bank account has been opened at Lloyds Bank in Bingham.

Possible sources of grant funding? Progress?

It was noted that the various sources of grant funding insist on ensuring wide community involvement. Eg Is the project supported by the community, does it meet community needs, how will the project make a difference, who will benefit?

Action None at present.

9 Insurances

Risks during construction and ongoing risk assessment

Action Nothing at present

10 Target timescales?

These in previous minutes were recognised as aspirations and in views of the differing views of villagers, these may be put back. Mr Sycamore's report gives aspects of timings issues.

10. Date and location of next working party meeting

Tuesday 17 May 2016 at Royal Oak , Main Street, East Bridgford. at 7.30pm in the skittles room at the rear of the building.

11. Date and location of next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 25th May at Car Colston Village Hall.

12. Any other business

None,

13. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Mrs I Shouler, Chair.....