

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council held on Thursday 7th April 2022 at the village hall, Guntons Rd, Newborough, commencing at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors Kevin Angrave (Chair), John Rowell, Dawn Stilwell, Graham Britton, Patrick Skerritt, Jon Hill and Chris Taylor.

Also in attendance: Irene Healiss (Clerk), Ward Councillors Nigel Simons, Richard Brown.
Ten (10) members of the public.

Public Participation:

- Resident update requested regarding extra tree maintenance at Fernie Close Park – the Clerk has written to the land agents acting on behalf of the church commissioners for an update and is awaiting a reply.
- Query raised regarding funds being spent on a skate ramp against other projects - enquiries made surrounding planning restrictions and concerns.
- Resident query regarding precept increase showing on council tax bills – the Clerk is investigating this matter with PCC.
- Objection raised regarding dog walkers through farmers' fields.
- Councillors agreed to look into issues of recently tipped rubbish.
- Heated debate regarding Councillor conduct.
Cllr Taylor left the meeting at 7:30pm and returned moments later.

1564/4-22 **Apologies for absence:** were received and approved for Cllrs Thompson, Cole and Coleman.
Not received: Cllrs Hercock and Henderson.

1565/4-22 **To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations**
Members of the Council are subject to the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012. All dispensation requests must be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting.
Cllr Britton declared an interest in all planning matters.

1566/4-22 **Minutes of the meeting of 3rd March 2022:**
It was proposed by Cllr Skerritt, seconded by Cllr Rowell and **resolved** to approve the minutes for signing.

1567/4-22 **Matters arising from minutes of 3rd March 2022:**
None.

1568/4-22 **Minutes of the EOM on 15th March 2022:**
It was proposed by Cllr Skerritt, seconded by Cllr Rowell and **resolved** to approve the minutes for signing.

1569/4-22 **Matters arising from EOM minutes of 15th March 2022**
None.

1570/4-22 **Matters for information and reports:**
1. Cllr Brown is soon due to retire, and thanks were offered by the Chairman on behalf of the parish council for services to the community.

Contractors are due to return to Church Close following the substandard level of work at this location. Rubbish in the dyke on Peterborough Road has been reported to North Level drainage for clearance.

Thanks were offered to the Chairman for his support in attending the recent litter pick in the village.

Seven (7) members of the public left the meeting.

1571/4-22 Finance

(s150, s111 LGA 1972)

April Payments

27/4/22	Payroll	S/O 27 th April 2022	Salary	£1188.76
8/4/22	Clerk – expenses	BACS	Home as office	£16.00
			Eye test	£25.00
			Postage	£7.08
			Travel to and from Newborough on 31/3/22 @.45p per mile	£15.30
8/4/22	Inland Revenue	BACS	N/I	£225.75
8/4/22	Superannuation (Clerk £76.73) (NBFPC £300.00)	BACS	Pension	£376.74
8/4/22	Vodafone Ltd	D/D	Mobile phone	£23.78
20/4/22	IONOS by 1&1	Debit card	Website domain	£6.00
8/4/22	CGM	BACS	Parish maintainance	£556.97
8/4/22	Red Shoes	BACS	Payroll	£60.00
8/4/22	J and M Electrics	BACS	Defibrillator installation	£169.20
8/4/22	Savills	BACS	Agricultural rent	£957.50
8/4/22	Wave	BACS	Water	£22.26
8/4/22	Good Neighbours Scheme	BACS	Annual membership	£824.00

1-2. The Clerk advised an adjustment to the April payments as shown on the agenda.

Additional authorised payments include the EOM meeting venue, the skate ramp planning application fee and the Clerks agreed backpay/contributions.

The Clerk notified the council that CGM had increased their prices by 7.5% as of the 1/4/22. It was agreed to pay the contractor the agreed £556.97 until the increase has been clarified.

It was proposed by Cllr Skerit, seconded by Cllr Stilwell and **resolved** to approve the accounts and Clerks expenditure for payment.

3. The monthly bank reconciliation for March was agreed as correct.

1572/4-22 Village and Community:

1. The Clerk updated that the National lottery grant application for the Jubilee 'picnic in the park' had been successful and that an amount of £712 would be available to pay for the agreed inclusions, such as the band, bunting, cakes etc as per Cllr Coleman's proposal. Once the funding has been received, the Council may start to make the necessary spends for the event.

It was proposed by Cllr Angrave, seconded by Cllr Skerrit and **resolved** to purchase 500 pin badges at 0.74p incl. VAT.

2. The Chairman requested that leading up to the May elections/poll, any social media use is to remain fair.
3. It was agreed to defer this item to the May meeting for the new council to consider.

8:05pm Cllr Taylor stated that he would be recording the meeting.

4. Concern was raised regarding the effectiveness of owl boxes as a pest control measure.
5. Anglian water responded to the Clerks correspondence that they were unable to offer compensation to the parish in the ways suggested.
6. The Clerk is still awaiting a date for installation of the village white gates from PCC and will further chase this for update.
7. Installation update for the Milking Nook defibrillator and notice board; Cllr Angrave will purchase a 2m x 1m board, and Cllr Skerrit agreed to weld brackets to install the defibrillator.
8. PCC confirmed that they are unwilling to take on any further management beyond their statutory requirement regarding the land behind Waterfall Gardens. Cllr Taylor will contact Mike Horne at PECT to assess the trees and will provide any information gathered to the Clerk, for further consideration by the new council at May's meeting.
9. The landscaper, MW Paving is due to start work on the Soke Road corner project on the 25th April. It was confirmed that a 10% deposit is no longer required. Cllr Taylor offered his continued assistance with this project following the May poll. The telephone box has been ordered.
10. The planning application for the skate ramp has been submitted and the associated fee paid.

1573/4-22 Allotments:

- Following the meeting regarding possible self-management, it was agreed for letters to be sent to all tenants regarding interest in this scheme. Allotment associations are eligible for grant funding opportunities regarding future improvements, although sufficient volunteers are required to form a committee. Anticipated re-investment did not take place in the last financial year at the allotments due to council delays.
- It was proposed by Cllr Skerritt, seconded by Cllr Rowell and **resolved** to commission CGM to clear the community plot based on the quote provided.
- It was agreed to defer this item to the May meeting for consideration by the new Council. The favoured posts are made of recycled material and supplied by Kedel at £6.16 each.
- It was agreed that allotment hive limits are one (1) per plot.
- The tenant request for a greenhouse (6ft x 7ft) was agreed.
- The tenant request for six (6) chickens was agreed.

1574/4-22 Burial Authority:

- It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Angrave and **resolved** for CGM to offer a quote to dig over the new rose beds at the rear of the cemetery, ready for future planting.
- The Clerk will look into quotes for correcting the cemetery driveway entrance and pathway.
- The Clerk will contact PCC to replace the missing grit bin along School Road. Cllr Angrave will investigate the chain fencing for repair.

1575/4-22 Planning Applications

- 22/00319/FUL – Construction of single storey agricultural building for use as a grain store for storage of crops at Sisson Farm Equestrian centre, Thorney Road, Peterborough, PE67NT. It was agreed to offer no comment.
- 21/01194/FUL – Proposed conservation pond at Twenty Foot Farm, Drain Road, Peterborough, PE67SG. It was agreed to offer no comment.

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- 22/00275/FUL - Proposed hybrid planning application for the proposed Grantham to Bexwell Pipeline Scheme with full planning consent sought for a proposed 95-kilometre pipeline and 4-kilometre spur; and outline consent for associated above ground infrastructure at Elton and Welby Heath with all matters reserved except for access
- Site address: Land along the Proposed 95 -kilometre Grantham to Bexwell Pipeline Route. It was agreed to offer no comment.
- 22/00262/CLE (Certificate of lawfulness – existing) -Dwelling house without any occupancy conditions, continued use in excess of 10 years in breach of planning permission 114.69C2 at The Beeches, Bridgehill Road, Newborough. It was agreed to offer no comment.
- 22/00407/PRIOR – for 500kWp solar PV system to roof at Joice and Hill Poultry Ltd, Green Road, Eye Green, Peterborough. It was agreed to offer no comment.
- 22/00362/HHFUL – For single storey front extension at 20 Soke Road, Newborough, Peterborough. It was agreed to offer no comment.
- 22/00224/PRIOR -Change of use from an agricultural building to a residential dwelling including associated building works at Thorpefields, Gunthorpe Road, Newborough. It was agreed to offer no comment as the application has been withdrawn.

Permitted/Refused/Withdrawn

- 22/00144/PRIOR – For agricultural building for the storage of grain at Sisson Farm Equestrian centre, Thorney Road, Peterborough. Withdrawn by applicant on 9/3/22.
- 21/02002/FUL – Detached outbuilding for use a hairdressing salon by the applicant for single clients by appointment only (retrospective) at 18 Waterfall gardens, Newborough, PE67QN. Permitted on 8/3/22

1576/4-22 Matters as agenda items for future consideration (decisions cannot be made under this item)
Queens Jubilee event, land behind Waterfall Gardens, allotment markers.

1577/4-22 Correspondence

- Received from a resident regarding vandalism concerns at the allotments; any vandalism is to be reported to the police.

1578/4-22 The following items are to be held as a closed meeting due to sensitive, personal and commercial data to be discussed.

Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act1960 s1(2)

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Skerrit and unanimously **resolved** to hold the following items as a closed session to the sensitive and personal nature of the business to be transacted.

The meeting was closed at 21:45pm and reconvened at 21:55.

- It was proposed by Cllr Angrave, seconded by Cllr Taylor and **resolved** to agree the increased rent proposed by the land agents for the church commissioners.
- Complaint received- forwarded to the monitoring officer.
- The asset of community value application has been submitted by the Clerk.
- Staffing matters – secondary employment update offered.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowell, seconded by Cllr Skeritt and **resolved** to increase the Clerk's work from home allowance.

The next full Council meeting (the Annual meeting) is on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7:15pm in the village hall, preceded by the Annual parish meeting at 6:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:55 pm.