

Minutes of Old Newton with Dagworth Annual Parish Meeting held on

26th April 2017 at Old Newton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs K Goudy (Chair), M Reeve, J Miller, M Clements, K Baker, R Lawson, M Shave, S Hill, Karen Hall-Price (Clerk), District Cllr J Willshaw, and 10 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to 2017 Annual Parish Meeting and advised that refreshments would be available at the end of the meeting.

2. **No Apologies for absence were received.**

3. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 20th April 2016.**

The minutes of the meeting held 20th April 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

4. **Old Newton with Dagworth and Gipping Parish Council report was given by Cllr Ken Goudy.**

“This is my seventh year as Chair and I have chaired all parish council meetings and various other meetings and sub-committee meetings for the Parish Council throughout the year. My wife and I have attended various village functions on behalf of the Parish Council namely - Old Newton Country Fayre and Dog Show, Old Newton Remembrance Service, Old Newton Christmas Fayre and the Village carol service.

We have struggled again this year with broadband and this has been a topic of discussion at almost every meeting. Cllr Andrew Stringer and Mr Tony Arnold have been acting on our behalf to improve the situation and have been keeping the parish council updated. There is a separate report from Mr Arnold.

The Parish Council are still awaiting SCC decision moving forward to extend the 30mph speed limit along the B1113 from Old Newton past Applewhite Barn. The parish council have now installed a new SID unit to monitor the speeds and the monitor can be moved to either end of the village. This is having an impact, and so far, we have had positive feedback. It should be noted, it is with thanks that we received grant funding for this device from our County Cllr Andrew Stringer’s locality budget.

I have had the opportunity again to take a trip around the village with County Cllr Andrew Stringer and have pointed out again all of the pot holes that need to be dealt with. The Parish Council have also met with Highways to discuss some improvement suggestions around the school. The replacing of the buff non slip surfacing on the junction (which has worn away and is now hardly visible), the repainting of the road markings in front of the school and the surrounding area, the positioning (and redirecting) of the sign, and the safety barrier by the pedestrian access to the school which needs to be either repaired or replaced as it is badly damaged. We are still waiting for SCC to come back to the Parish Council, but Cllrs have at least now bought the issue to their attention. Other highways issues for consideration have been raised such as the moving of the 30mph signs which are extremely close to the school, additional ‘SLOW’ signs painted onto the surface of Chapel Road and the repositioning of the 20’s plenty signs on to Chapel Road as they are currently so close to the junction they are too close to be seen.

The Clerk is attending review meetings with the Police in Stowmarket and the last meeting was also attended by two members of the neighbourhood watch schemes within the village. The village defibrillator that was purchased from kind donations and parish council funds is now fully operational and training was provided by the East Anglian Ambulance Service which was very well received.

We have co-opted two new Cllrs onto the parish council this year and we welcome Mrs Kerry Baker for Gipping and Mr Richard Lawson – Old Newton and finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me in my role as Chairman of the Parish Council - a role that I still very much enjoy. I would also like to thank our District Councillor Jill Wilshaw and County Councillor Andrew Stringer and my fellow Parish Councillor’s and of course the Clerk who serve this village admirably through the year”.

Financial balances were reported by the Clerk.

Bank Account Balances:

- Cheque account balance = **£17,033.47** (30/03/17)
- Scottish Widows 60 Day account balance = **£3,377.52** (01.04.17)
- Scottish Widows Deposit account = **£253.35** (01.04.17)
- FGBurton Trust has £241.27. We received the annual rent for the year and a total of 9 residents were eligible for the Charitable donation of £25 cash each.

5. **Community Police Report** – Clerk has not had a report. The Crime Map latest information is for February and reports 1 x crime on or near the sports and social club and 1 x crime on or near Netherall Close. The information available is quite generic and obviously follows data protection laws. The clerk and two members from our neighbourhood watch schemes attended a meeting in February and there will be more of these meetings scheduled. The police are hoping to hold these meetings at least three – four times through the year. Some of the issues raised at the last liaison meeting were:
- **Speeding** – There are some new changes that mean the SNT are no longer responsible for any speeding offences. Any reports will be collated on a list and passed to the speed enforcement teams who will target specific areas. Any persons caught with the community speed watch traffic gun three times or more will be visited by the police.
 - **Parking** – This is becoming the responsibility of the local authorities and not Police but there will be a lull between now and when the local authorities can be up and running. The police are no longer enforcing parking offences unless they are presenting a threat, harm or risk. Complaints will be handled by the control room.
 - **Police Connect** – This is a website that will alert via email of anything parishioners / Cllrs need to be aware of in our parish. The service is free, and anyone can sign up to it. The Clerk has done it and it is quite straightforward. Google search Police Connect Suffolk.
6. **Suffolk County Council Report – County Councillor Andrew Stringer.** – Andrew was not present at the meeting and no report has been received.
7. **Mid Suffolk District Council Report – District Councillor Jill Wilshaw.** - A report was submitted by District Cllr Jill Wilshaw that will be held on file with the parish clerk.
8. **Reports from Local Organisations (reports held on file with the parish clerk)**
- *Badminton Club – No report submitted*
 - **Broadband – Report provided by Mr Tony Arnold and read by the clerk.**
 - **Carpet Bowls – Report provided by Mrs Sue Turner.**
 - *Old Newton Bowls Club – No report Submitted*
 - **Community Council and The Crier – Report provided by Mr Melvyn Barnes.**
 - **DONG – Report provided by Mrs Sue Clements**
 - **Evergreen Club – Report provided by Mrs Barbara Goudy.**
 - **Methodist Chapel – Report provided by Mr Trevor Newton.**
 - *St Nicholas Chapel – Gipping – No report submitted*
 - *St. Mary's Church - No report submitted*
 - **Old Newton Football Club – Report submitted by Mr Roy Balmforth**
 - *Old Newton Cricket Club – No report submitted*
 - *Old Newton Local History Recorder – No report submitted*
 - **Old Newton Under 5's - Report provided by Cllr Kerry Baker**
 - *Old Newton Primary School – No report submitted*
 - **ONEG / Onwoods / ONSCREEN / ONCE – Report provided by Mr Philip Groom**
 - **ONGAA – Report provided by Mr Philip Groom.**
 - *Neighbourhood Watch – No report submitted*
 - **Sports and Social Club – Report provided by Mr Roy Balmforth.**
 - **Village Hall – Report provided by Mr Philip Groom**
 - **Women's Institute – Report provided by Clare Blake**

Copies of all reports were handed to the clerk or promised to be emailed following the meeting and will be kept on file by the clerk. The Chairman thanked all people who work so hard to maintain our village organisations and thanked everyone who attended and presented reports. The Chairman invited all to stay for some light refreshments.

Meeting closed at 8.48 pm