

**Minutes of the meeting of Newport Parish Council held on  
10 December 2019 at Newport Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Etherington (in the chair), G Bate, R Bate, Hills, Lamming and Pettit  
Also in attendance was the Clerk/RFO

**16. Apologies**

None

**17. Declaration of interests**

None

**18. Minutes**

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12 November 2019 be accepted as a true record subject to the correction of a typing error in minute 15, Cllr Gate to read Cllr R Bate.

Proposed by Cllr Hills and seconded by Cllr G Bate.

**19. Public Forum**

None

**20. Ward Councillor's report**

None

**21. (a) Notifications from ERYC of planning applications received**

i) Planning consultation for 19/03810/PLF - Poplar Farm, Mill Lane, Newport, HU15 2QE.

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection but recommended that an assessment of the environmental impact on neighbouring properties be considered prior to a decision being taken.

ii) Planning consultation for 19/03632/PLF – 25 & 26 Canal Side East, Newport, HU15 2RL.

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection.

**(b) Notifications of decisions received from ERYC**

i) Erection of single storey extension to rear and side following demolition of conservatory at 45 Oak Drive, Newport, HU15 2QU. After taking all relevant issues into consideration, ERYC had resolved to grant planning permission subject to conditions.

ii) Erection of single storey extensions to side and rear including a car port and construction of timber decking and jetty at Bywater, Landing Lane, Newport, HU15 2QD. After taking all relevant issues into consideration, ERYC had resolved to grant planning permission subject to conditions.

iii) Erection of boundary fence, siting of storage container and change of use of building and agricultural land to use as dog training and agility facility (retrospective) at land north west of Nyasa, Canal Side West, Newport, HU15 2RX. After taking all the relevant issues into consideration, the Council had resolved to refuse planning permission.

**22. Clerk's report and matters arising**

i) Parish Council agenda – Members' attention was drawn to the change in format, incorporating the Clerk's signature and the inclusion of a standard agenda item to enable the Ward Councillor to report to the Parish Council as necessary.

ii) Excessive surface water– ERYC had been notified of roads affected by standing water following recent heavy rainfall and confirmation received by the Clerk that the locations would be assessed by the Engineers Department.

iii) Safety signage – A request for signage to warn motorists of horse riders in and around the junction of Thimblehall Lane and Landing lane had been sent to ERYC.

iv) Christmas arrangements – Thanks were recorded to members for their assistance in delivering the Parish Council's Christmas newsletter. Christmas trees had been ordered and new lights purchased.

v) Westbound slip road of the A63 – Members were asked to note that the area lies outside the parish boundary and is the responsibility of the Highways Agency. Local residents contacting Parish Councillors are to be advised that matters relating to the slip road should be reported direct to the Highways Agency on 0300 123 5000.

## 23. Finance

**Income** – cheques paid in by the Burial Clerk £650.00

### **Expenditure**

Staff salaries (November) £1,933.96

Clerk's expenses ( 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps (£3.66) & A4 envelope (20p) )

B. Sherwood (Invoice 41) £150.00 (Cemetery)

P. Coates (Invoice 48) £336.00 (roads)

P. Coates (Invoice 50) £336.00 (village maintenance - grass)

P. Coates (Invoice 51) £245.00 (village maintenance – planters)

P. Coates (Invoice 52) £140.00 (village maintenance – repair fencing)

P. Coates (Invoice 53) £126.00 (Brick yard)

P. Coates (Invoice 54) £550.00 (Church yard)

PKJ Littlejohn – Invoice SB20193915 - External Auditor Report and Certificate 2018/19 £360.00

ERNLLCA (Invoice SI-574) Clerk/RFO Induction Training held on 19 November - £35.00

JRB Enterprise Ltd (Invoice 20490) Dog bags for dispenser- £296.40

Newport Village Hall (Invoice CB2/nov/19 Youth Group x 9 sessions - £340.00

Newport Village Hall (Invoice CB1/nov/19 Parish meetings x 9 - £136.00

Kall Kwik Centre (Invoice 1011094) printing of Christmas Newsletter 2019 - £314.50

Kall Kwik Centre (Invoice 1011095) printing of fishing day permits - £42.00

Total expenditure during November 2019 = £5,344.72

It was **agreed** that staff salaries/expenses and accounts presented at the meeting be authorised.

Proposed by Cllr Lamming and seconded by Cllr G Bate

## 24. Gilberdyke landfill site

Cllr G Bate highlighted concerns relating to the seepage of water from leachate ponds onto surrounding agricultural land following the recent heavy rainfall and potential contaminants given the proximity of the ponds to the now closed adjacent landfill site in Gilberdyke Parish.

Resolved – (a) that the Parish Council commissions independent testing, analysis and a report on findings on the level of contaminants at the location of the leachate ponds within the Newport Parish Council boundary and (b) that the Chair and Vice Chair seek independent legal advice and report back to a future meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Hills and seconded by Cllr Pettit.

## 25. Flood Warden arrangements

Cllr Etherington reminded members that the PC emergency plan recently updated, was now in place. Flood warden arrangements were the responsibility of the Environment Agency and not the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the situation with flooding be reviewed in the spring.

**26. Councillors' reports**

Cllr Hills queried whether Fen Court had been adopted or was a private road given that pot holes required repair. It was agreed that the Clerk would send an enquiry to ERYC.

Cllr H requested that the plaque beneath the War Memorial clock be cleaned. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange.

Cllr R Bate requested that horse riding warning signs be erected along Landing Lane. It was noted that this matter had already been addressed in the Clerk's report.

Cllr R Bate highlighted concern in relation to the road layout in the village at the crossing following recent accidents. It was agreed that reinstatement of the Traffic Working Party be placed on the agenda for January.

Cllr R Bate stated that overhanging trees on the canal side, north of the M62 bridge required attention. In response, Cllr Etherington reminded members that a tree survey had recently been commissioned by the Drainage Board on behalf of the Environment Agency.

Cllr R Bate highlighted the need for a public speaking protocol. In response, Cllr Etherington reminded members that this was work in progress and would be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

- 27. Exclusion of the press and public from the meeting** - The Parish Council was asked to consider excluding the press and public during consideration of minute 28 on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. In making its decision, the Parish Council was asked to confirm that, having had regard to the circumstances, it was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

**Resolved** – that having had regard to the circumstances, the Parish Council was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the next item of business.

**28. Staffing**

Recent operational matters of relating to staff were discussed.

It was agreed (a) that Cllr Etherington (Chairman) formally writes to the Monitoring Officer at ERYC and (b) that the Clerk arranges a meeting with staff on a date to be confirmed in the new year, Chairman to attend.

Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 14 January 2020