

Minutes of the meeting of Newbourne Parish Council  
1st February 2016, Newbourne Village Hall 7.30pm

**Present**

Lionel Scott

Michael Frost

Tony Finch

Jim Wicks

Kwini Lusher

Sue Pollard

Erica Pattinson

Laura Naunton (Clerk)

**Public Question Time**

There were four members of the general public that attended.

David and his family have recently moved in to the village and David is interested in joining the parish council so has come along to introduce himself. In previous meetings the blocks outside the property of The Beeches has been discussed and David has advised they will be painting these so they are more visible but won't be removing them as other properties in Newbourne have them and they don't want the verge to be ruined he will contact the council to discuss if he needs too.

Howard and Charlotte are new residents to Newbourne and Charlotte is interested in joining the parish council. Howard and Charlotte are carrying out some work on their land and a few residents in Newbourne were concerned by the large amount of Lorries that were visiting the property so Howard explained to the meeting what work was being carried out. They are building a storage area on their land to storage vehicles like caravans and tractors. They have flattened the land and have built buns around the area in which they have started to plant trees and grass so it blends in with the rest of the land once this is done and the trees have grown the storage area will not be so visible from the road. They are also doing general work to the house and putting up gates to the property. The council planning department has visited the site.

The meeting was chaired by the chairman Lionel Scott and the meeting was opened at 7.30pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** None
- 2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015.** The minutes were approved by all members of the council and signed by Lionel Scott.
- 4. Update from District Councillor.**

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February 2016 District Cllrs Report by Susan Harvey

### Emergency Planning

Every village should have an Emergency Plan. This includes having a list of vulnerable people in the event of a power cut. Locating a venue where people can go for warmth etc. Training and help can be given for this. So far only Levington and Waldringfield Parish Councils have these in my Ward.

### Rate Increase

Suffolk Coastal will be putting up the Council Tax by about 1.9% in April. It has not been put up for 5 years.

### New Premises

The cost of the move to East Suffolk House, the new council offices will be completely paid for by the sale of Cedar House in Woodbridge and The present Offices at Melton Hill. The Melton Hill site is in the process of being sold for development. There will be 70 dwellings of which 33% will be affordable.

### Affordable Houses

It is possible that SCDC will start to build their own stock of affordable houses in the future using £1.68million funding gained from 106 agreements. Specialist staff would be brought in to do this.

SCDC embraces the National Living Wage which comes in on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Philis

The Port Health Information management system developed at Felixstowe Port in combination with SCDC has been leased to the Southampton Port for the next 3 years. This is a fantastic system.

### Eating Out

Before you eat out you could check the Eat out Eat Well ratings which restaurants and cafes are adopting.

### Community Enabling Budget

I have received several requests which are now being processed.

I now have 2 people happy to do the Speed watch Camera training.

## **5. Village Hall Accidents**

A village hall committee member gave us an update regarding the accidents one was in the afternoon when a lady who was at the Thursday sewing group slipped on ground just down from kitchen ramp who chipped a bone in her ankle and damaged ligaments and tendons in leg. Pat went to see the police at the village hall regarding the break in and came out went to her car and lost her footing in slippery mud fell hurt her back and also broke the bone in her wrist.

It was discussed by the parish that we should maybe get a few signs to indicate that it may be slippery and also a bucket with salt to have near the ramp and the steps so these can be used in the colder months. Hopefully with a new carpark it will not get so muddy and slippery as the new car park will cover a larger area.

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**Village Hall Break In**

A member of the village hall committee gave us an update regarding the break in to the village hall the thieves got in through the emergency door on the roadside took two speakers, broke into patchwork cupboard but don't think anything stolen. It is believed to have happened on the Tuesday night because Jim wicks and his son came past hall around 8pm and saw men's toilet light on and window open. Sue Pollard advised that the police advisor stated that the windows were good but the front door and the fire door needed improvement to update security.

It was discussed in the meeting that maybe a sensor alarm in the building would be an option and a new fire door was needed also Erica questioned if the insurance covered the patch work quilt which hangs in the village hall.

**6. Raising for the Revelry** Update on fund raising

Susan Harvey confirmed that the enabling budget would be sorted in the next couple of weeks. Also Erica will be speaking to Waldringfield School regarding fund raising. 100 club information to be printed out by the clerk.

**7. Finance**

- a. Budget Report – The chairman and parish councillors looked at the budget report.
- b. No cheques to sign

**8. Clerk's correspondence**

- a. Waldringfield Quarry – It was discussed that we should be invited or allowed to comment in the meetings regarding the quarry as the sand makes a mess on the road and the sand blocks the drains and it is a road that we all use. The next meeting is in July I will e-mailed to see if someone from the parish council can attend.
- b. Fly tipping – I have reported fly tipping that I had noticed on Ipswich road and Woodbridge road and this has now been removed. If anyone notices any fly tipping please report to Norse on **01394 444000** or email [scs@ncsgrp.co.uk](mailto:scs@ncsgrp.co.uk).
- c. The queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations - It was discussed that we would celebrate the occasion by holding an Afternoon tea event in the village hall. I will add this to the agenda for next month so this can be discussed further.

The next meeting will be 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm

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Chair  
Newbourne Parish Council

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