

## MINUTES

### NEWTON ST LOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Newton St Loe Parish Council held on Thursday 21 September 2017 at 7 p.m. in Newton St Loe Village Hall

**Present:** Parish councillors Mark Foster (Chairman), Hugh Gay and Kylie Light

**Also in attendance:** District councillor David Veale, Clerk and twelve members of the public

#### MATTERS FOR DECISION

##### **COU36/17: Apologies for absence**

None

##### **COU37/17: Declarations of interest**

Hugh Gay declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda item 6(a) (planning application 17/04208/FUL) as owner of the Farm Shop and Café.

Mark Foster declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item as relatives of his worked in the Farm Shop.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### **COU38/17: Public participation**

Members of the public commented on Agenda item 6(a) (planning application 17/04208/FUL):

- There had been no pre-application consultation
- Were residents aware of the application?
- Would there be an increase in traffic?
- Residents were concerned about the expansion of the business

A representative of the Village Hall drew attention to its application to the Ward Councillor's Initiative Fund (Agenda item 8).

#### MATTERS FOR DECISION

##### **COU39/17: Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

##### **COU40/17: Invoices and staff costs for payment**

RESOLVED that the following invoices and staff costs be approved for payment:

- Zurich Insurance, annual policy: £374.89
- Renewal of .net domain name: £21.02
- Rent of Recreation Ground, half year in advance: £72

- Crispin Taylor MILCM (Clerk), total staff costs for May 2017: £353.72

#### **COU41/17: Comments on planning applications**

- **17/04208/FUL:** Farm Shop And Cafe Newton Farm Village Road Newton St. Loe Bath: Extension to existing farm shop/cafe with new entrance, office and additional seating, details at <https://isharemaps.bathnes.gov.uk/data.aspx?requesttype=parsetemplate&template=DevelopmentControlApplication.tmplt&basepage=data.aspx&Filter=%5erefval%5e='17/04208/FUL'&SearchLayer=DCApplications>

The Parish Council was unable to comment on this application because of the lack of a quorum (NOTE: the Chairman has convened an Extraordinary Meeting for Thursday 19 October to consider this application.)

- **17/03374/FUL:** Stothert & Pitt Recreation Ground Lower Bristol Road Twerton Bath BA2 9EU: Enhancement, enlargement of existing access to the site following closure of eastern access. Resurfacing of existing car park and installation of car park lighting, details at <https://isharemaps.bathnes.gov.uk/data.aspx?requesttype=parsetemplate&template=DevelopmentControlApplication.tmplt&basepage=data.aspx&Filter=%5erefval%5e='17/03374/FUL'&SearchLayer=DCApplications>

The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

#### **COU42/17: Action to be taken to discourage on-street parking in the village**

The Clerk reported on correspondence with Bath Spa University.

#### **COU43/17: Ward Councillor's Initiative Fund**

Members noted the comments by a representative of the Village Hall (above) and asked the Clerk to publicise the Fund.

#### **COU44/17: State of the verges in the village**

Members noted comments from members of the public. Members were concerned in particular about the state of Footpath

#### **COU45/17: Bin emptying at the Recreation Ground**

Members noted comments by members of the public and agreed to monitor the adequacy of bin emptying.

#### **COU46/17: Contributions made by Bath Spa University to the community**

Members noted concerns expressed by a member of the public.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be asked to write to Bath Spa University to ask for details of the University's financial and other contributions for the benefit of the local community

#### **COU47/17: 'Yonder' Festival on 30 September**

Members noted concerns expressed by members of the public and an adjoining parish council and agreed to monitor concerns.

#### **COU48/17: Co-option to the Parish Council**

Members considered an expression of interest.

RESOLVED that John Everitt be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council to fill a vacancy unfilled at the ordinary elections in 2015, to hold office until the ordinary elections in May 2019.

#### **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **COU49/17: Income and expenditure account from 1 April 2017 to 21 September 2017 (Annex 1)**

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#### **COU50/17: Report from District Councillor David Veale**

David reported on:

- Forthcoming Boundary Commission review of Bath & North East Somerset Council ward boundaries
- Potential move of Bath Library
- Funding available to West of England Combined Authority

#### **COU51/17: Future agenda items**

- Co-option onto the Parish Council: Clerk to draft letter to businesses
- 2018/19 Budget
- Council duties under auto-enrolment
- Bath Spa University travel policy

#### **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

#### **COU52/17: Council website**

Members considered two quotes (Annex 2). Members noted that set-up costs should be covered by a grant from the Transparency Fund.

RESOLVED that

- The quote from City Web Design (Clare Williams trading as City Web Design) be accepted
- A payment of £300 as deposit be authorised (NOTE: a request for a corrected payment will be submitted to the meeting on 19 October)

Meeting closed 8.15 p.m.

Signed.....  
Chairman

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