

# NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
at 7.30 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

**Present:** Councillor - Mrs Carol Perry (Chairman)  
Councillor - Mrs Renee Forrow  
Councillor - Mr David Flatt  
Councillor - Mr Jonathan Green  
Councillor - Mr Mike May  
Parish Clerk - Mrs Pauline Stoddart

1. **Apologies for absence** – none, all present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Approval of the draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016** – draft copies of the Minutes had been previously circulated and were taken as read. Proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Green, as a true and accurate record, duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting** –
  - 4.1 (9) The Clerk reported that she had not received a response from SEBC regarding the dangerous condition of the road surface along Fox and Pin Lane. The Chairman advised that she would telephone the Highways Department. **Action: Chairman**
  - 4.2 (8.2) The Chairman updated Councillors on responses made in relation to the Children's Nursery application.
5. **Finance – including balances of Accounts and approval of any invoices for payment** - Current Account: £968.84 Deposit Account: £5,826.52 = £6,795.36.
  - 5.1 Budget Review – a table showing budget against actual spend to date was tabled; Councillors were content that figures were accurate and any overspend against budget, i.e. web site administration and election fees, was unforeseen at the time the budget was set.
6. **Village Emergency Plan** – copies had been produced by the Clerk for distribution to Parishioners. Master copies for Emergency Personnel had also been produced.
7. **Information Leaflet** – copies had been produced by the Clerk for distribution to Parishioners.
8. **Planning** – Councillors took into account earlier discussions and concluded as follows:
  - 8.1 **DC/16/1810/VAR** – The Barn, Low Green Barn, Low Green, Nowton.  
Planning Application – Variation of condition 10 of E/89/1085/P to allow working hours 0800 to 1830 hours on Mondays; 0600 to 1830 Tuesdays to Fridays inclusive and 0600 to 1600 on Saturdays; no work to take place anytime on Bank Holidays or Sundays.

The Parish Council is supportive of local innovative business but also needs to take into account the loss of amenity to residents. Councillors considered that the revised working hours and timings now seemed more acceptable and consequently voted unanimously in support of this application. However, Councillors were in favour of it

being made a condition that no deliveries to or dispatches from the site are carried out prior to 0700 or after 1830 Monday to Friday, or prior to 0700 or after 1230 on a Saturday. The Clerk was instructed to respond to SEBC accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

9. **Village projects/future expenditure, for discussion** – Councillors were aware that the levels of reserves held by the Parish Council were higher than ideal, due to saving for a specific project (footpath) which was subsequently paid for from Councillor Clements' locality budget.

Whilst some of the reserves would be used against the Precept required in future years, Councillors also discussed possible projects where funds could be utilised. These included improvements to the car parking area of the Village Hall and the possible purchase of a Defibrillator; Councillor Green advised that whilst these pieces of equipment were expensive, grants might be available. The Clerk was instructed to investigate costs. **Action: Clerk**

10. **Road Safety/Crime/Public Nuisances** – Complaints had been received from Parishioners concerning noise arising from a nearby equestrian centre. The Clerk was instructed to contact SEBC in relation to the volume of the public address system. **Action: Clerk**

11. **Correspondence – to include any correspondence to hand at the time of the Meeting** – No correspondence, other than which had been discussed at the meeting had been received.

12. **Dates of Next Meeting – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 p.m.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....