
NEWTON BROMSWOLD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting Wednesday 12th December 2012, 8pm
Newton Bromswold Memorial Hall

Present: Mrs S Barnhurst
Ms H Lines
Mr C Turner
Mr M Clarke - Chairman

1. **Apologies** were received from Mr D Francis.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** were unavailable, they will be brought forward to the next meeting for agreement and signing.

Matters Arising - Four Towns Plan – Regulation 18 Consultation - dealt with as separate item.

3. **Parish Response to Four Towns Plan – Regulation 18 Consultation** - Following a lengthy discussion on the above information provided regards the areas to be defined for expansion to Rushden and Higham Ferrers for a 20 year strategy. Feedback at this stage of the consultation was sought on the “process” being followed by ENC to seek feedback, and not to feedback on views of the strategic finding as the report is scheduled for 2014. Discussion was had on the information made available which referred to many other consultations over the previous 5 years. Including new reports from the Duchy of Lancaster (which owns land ear marked for development). Feedback was passed to ENC on their questionnaire regards the process though in response highlighted concerns such as:

- Area proposed to be developed being the East of the A6 Rushden bypass. This would place the by pass through Rushden/Higham and no longer define a boundary as most by-passes do.
- Why was there not further discussion regards possibilities towards the east now we have the planning application for the new development opposite Waitrose on the Northern side of the A45.
- The process being followed seemed fair considering the many existing reports and consultation carried out in the previous 5 years and not requiring to open each and re-commission.

3. **Any other business**

Horses On the road there appears to be some very conscientious riders. However, there are some that:

- i. ride at dusk with no reflective clothing or lighting.
- ii. ride 3 abreast so passing is difficult.
- iii. ride whilst on their mobile phone.
- iv. do not trot around the sharp bends

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we can do but maybe some form of approach to the liveries requesting that horse riders protect themselves by riding sensibly. The horse riding community have a way of looking down on motorist and that we should always pander to their requirements and pass them slowly. In my experience this happens all the time along and around the Avenue and newton Road areas but the riders need to appreciate the needs of the motorists and ride at sensibly, at sensible times and with due regard to other road users.

Dog Bin	<p>Suggestion of a Dog Bin being placed at the top of the lane</p> <p>It would appear that many dog walkers that use the back lane opposite the pub are incapable of collecting their dog mess. Could we investigate the placing of a dog bin?</p>	<p>The chairman will refer to the highways and byeways team.</p>
Footpath	<p>The corner of Avenue Road and Rushden Road up to the public footpath is an area of concern. Their needs to be a proper footpath as many dog walkers are in the road on a dangerous and blind corner. Of particular note is the chap who has a dog sitting business and walks up to 10 dogs simultaneously, about 3 tomes a day. Again I think it will not be long before an accident happens.</p>	<p>The Chairman will investigate the probability with the council highways section.</p>
Broadband Access	<p>Currently most Internet users in the Village receive a modem speed up to 1.5Mb</p> <p>It could be possible for Newton to use the same connection, which is being trialled in Dean.</p>	<p>Chairman and Mr Turner to investigate further</p>
Background Noise	<p>Mrs Barnhurst raised the issue of background noise that you could hear from the John White's site out of hours and through the night. This was especially noticeable in the summer when windows are open. Is there a limitation of hours this site can operate or can it operate 24hrs?</p>	<p>Mrs Barnhurst agreed to contact the Noise Pollution Officer.</p>
Notice Board	<p>Ms Lines raised the state of the current Notice Board</p>	<p>The Chairman will take Notice Board for repair</p>
Speed Limit	<p>The Chairman raised the issue of Speed of Traffic along Rushden Road in to village. Currently national speed limit applies.</p>	<p>Parish Council agreed to contact East Northants about having a speed limit</p>

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put on the Road from Mrs West to when the road turns for Chelveston

Newton Bromswold Signage

It is the wish of the Parish Council to have village naming to identify the village boundary, such as a sign saying Newton Bromswold.

Parish Council to contact Highway authority

Meeting closes 9pm

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