

North Newnton Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Chair of the meeting - Cllr Marcus Stoneham (MS), Cllr David Brisker (DB) (Joint Vice - Chair), Cllr Kate Boulter (KB) (Joint Vice -Chair) Cllr Tom Ellen (TE), Cllr Mac Mclean (MM) and Cllr Olivia Campbell Slight (OCS). In attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Paul Oatway (from 8.20pm as attended another meeting prior), Gillian Tatum Clerk, 2 parishoners.

The meeting started at 7.30pm

- 1 **Absence apologies and Declaration of interests.** No Apologies. Members are bound by the provisions of the Code of Conduct and are required to declare either personal or prejudicial interests.
- 2 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th November 2019.** The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true record.
- 3 **Adjournment. Welcome to the Public.**

Parishioner suggested the idea of a Parish community celebration of VE Day (75th anniversary) new bank holiday Friday 8th May (National celebrations 8-10th May 2020), in conjunction with the Church. He could offer his garden (as he did last year with the BBQ) and marquee, may be tea and cakes? Would like Parish to consider and lead with co-ordinating, ticket selling, tombola etc. Potential for a joint event with another Parish. Cllrs thought it was a fantastic idea.

Action: Clerk to email Cllrs with date, seek councillor lead and project team to take forward organising the event.

Clerk

Parishioner asked why the Neighbourhood Plan not on the agenda

It was explained that no real progress had been made; no members of the community have come forward, despite 3 Cllrs identified to help with a steering group. Another plea for help in this month's Messenger will go out in February. It was agreed after discussion that the Cllr members (Cllrs MS, MM & OCS) will meet anyway and start to audit and assess what needs to be done to finish off current documents and move to next stage.

Action: Meeting to be set up, Clerk to assist.

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Parishioner asked about the use of the chair email address (as noticed chair is using a new address; chair.northnewnton.pc@gmail.com). Old address is forwarded to clerk to review & forwards any relevant emails. There is a database of email addresses under this old address that could be used to target /information outlet (all had given permission to use under GDPR). **Action; Promote new chair email addresses and those of other councillors (Clerk) and review list of contacts for use.**

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A Village Hall Trustee reported back on the meeting 13/01/2020 Trustees &

Management committee; The Patrick Wilson Architects report confers that the Hall is in a sorry state and water under the floor. The Trustees decision following this additional work is a Rider; to remove the existing floor to enable inspection of more of the area (the Architects have said it is not necessarily impossible to repair as they had not seen the rest of the hall, but suspected it was in similar condition). Then to re-build. The questionnaires (sent out before the PW architect report) were 24 repair, 18 new build. Further work on costs for repair are now likely in the region of £50k. For re-build a number of requirements before applying for grants; Architect design and plan (sustainability

objective), project plan and team, timeframe, planning application, building control. Need 3 quotes for building costs and need to show match funding/community funding. Plus stabilisation of existing building. So a lot of cost before can even apply for grants. Trustees are hoping £10k Utility First Hills Waste (they have already contributed towards the floor) and £2,000 from Area Board (via Parish) and so hoping for financial support from the Parish directly. Already presented bill for vacant insurance (£332.55 and £612 for Architects).

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Motion; Agree to pay current bill for insurance and architects report; unanimous.

Discussion about need to take up floor as any new build will destroy the building anyway, but for the sake of a few hundred pounds it was agreed prudent due to affordability issues for new build to fully ensure building is not salvageable firstly. Cllr TE clarified 3 quotes hoped ask for innovative solutions, green and open for ideas. Discussion took place about the need to help support any preliminary upfront costs associated with a new village hall and therefore the need to make a larger provision in the budget. The PC decided to financially support the Village Hall costs up to the budgeted amount for 2019/20. The PC then reviewed the budget for 20/21 to increase the financial support to the village hall up to a maximum of £5k. This financial support will then be reviewed on an annual basis

5 Planning Applications

Planning; To obtain statutory view of Parish Council

19/11664/FUL Application for Full Planning Proposal:- Proposed First Floor and Ground Floor Extensions, Enlargement of Rear Porch and Associated Alterations at 1 Turnpike Cottages, Hilcott, Pewsey, SN9 6LQ

The scale of the development was noted but also the distance from neighbours (adjoining semi-detached property and the property Fourways). There were no objections to the proposal. **Action; Clerk to notify Wiltshire Council of formal views.**

Clerk

6 Correspondence /Updates/Issues; to update for next steps (item taken out of order to accommodate Cllr Paul Oatway who joined from another parish meeting).

1. **Traffic Hilcott Survey;** Cllr OCS reported that a resident in Hilcott following the traffic data results had asked for SID to be installed. The overall desire is to campaign for 30MPH through the village rather than 40MPH. Unfortunately SID cannot be put in place as no community speedwatch in place and too dangerous to undertake this in any case. Mean results 35.4 below the 40MPH. The survey has been done now 3 times and each time not met the criteria. **Action; Cllr PO agreed as a priority to ask for Police Speed Checks to be undertaken to try to convey the message about speeding through the village.**

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2. **Hilcott HGV issues;** local resident has been keeping notes of events and forwarded to Clerk/all Councillors/Cllr PO. Recently noted vehicles are carrying grain locally. Road is still very muddy wet and potentially dangerous with blocking of drains. It was noted that gully clearance had been in our parish twice in December and Parish Steward assisting. **Action; Cllr PO will liaise directly with resident.**

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3. **Bottlesford Survey;** the data was not yet available from Wiltshire but has been chased. Will be reviewed and discussed at next meeting.

4. **Flooding Issues/gully update, Flood Plan Position;** today Cllr KB (thanks for reporting via Warden Volunteer Andrew Duff) had been successful in getting Wessex Water out within 2 hrs to investigate water flooding from manhole in Bottlesford (and adjacent woodland flooding) close to river Bottle which looked like sewage. Also North Newnton to Pewsey road manhole cover water streaming; **Action Cllr MS to report to Wessex Water.** Cllr DB reported we have had good

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support from Wiltshire Council with gully cleaning twice in December (2 days work) and supported by the Parish Steward. Flood Plan still needs finishing off; **Action; Clerk to email Keith Laing to see if can complete.** Cllr PO reported progress with North Newnton to Upavon road to fix potholes and re-surfacing plus broken drain that causes flooding across the road. Following a site meeting with Cabinet member this has been scheduled to start February 2020. He will be monitoring progress and also meeting with officer Richard Dobson to re-visit A342.

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7 Parish Finances – for Approval

- a) **Cheques approved and signed;** Ch. 593 £78 Wiltshire Association Local Councils (chairman training), Ch. 594 £60 GeoXphere (Parish on line), Ch. 595 £200 NN PCC (cemetery maintenance), Ch. 596 £200 PCAP (Pewsey Community Area Partnership) donation, Ch597 £332.55 Hilcott Village Hall (insurance), Ch. 598 £612 Patrick Wilson Architects (village hall report) and Ch. 599 £25.98 clerk administration expenses, Salary approved by bacs.
- b) **Bank Reconciliation;** April – December 2019 distributed and approved (previously verified by Finance Group; Closing balance (with unrepresented cheques £11,105.06, £23,741.40 Investment account.
- c) **Proposed Budget for 2020/21;** 2 scenarios were distributed (prepared by finance group); with precept at £15,500 and £16,000. Both were prepared prior to the village hall decision on way forward. After discussion it was suggested that £5,000 should be allocated for the Village Hall. **Cllr KB suggested raising the precept to £16,500 so this could be accommodated at the expense of other projects/contingency budget headings. This would help draw match funding, especially Area Board funding for the Village Hall. Cllr TE seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.**
- d) **Precept;** the precept proposal of £16,500 was agreed, The Chairman abstained from voting. This represents an increase of 8.74% from last year, amounting to an additional £6.68 on the bill for a Band D house owner. **The form was signed off by the Chair and Clerk ready for submission to Wiltshire Council.**
- e) **Invitation to Buckingham Palace (for past chairs);** Nomination declined the offer, so agreed no name to be put forward.

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8 Projects and Activities; Update and next steps

- a) **North Newnton Footpath;** no further update; progress is delayed until March 2020 due to BT. Cllr MM cannot attend the next CATG 5/02/2020 when this will be discussed. Cllr PO to cover. **Action; Clerk to see if anyone else can attend to champion the footpath.**
- b) **Bench update;** No progress ; **Action; bring forward March Meeting**
- c) **Speedwatch Update;** No sessions have taken place for several months either due to weather (wet) or cold and windy (equipment won't work in these conditions) or due to lack of volunteer availability. 3 Volunteers needed per session (only 4 trained at present).
- d) **Flood Warden Update;** FW has been out in the bad weather checking for floods across our Parish. 2 problem areas reported; A345 NN to Upavon drain blocked, deep hole and bank erosion. A345 NN to Pewsey by Woodbridge Bridge, drain blocked opposite trout farm. Unfortunately the sand bag storage box at Woodbridge Pub car park has gradually been destroyed and front and lid missing. **Action; Agreed Cllr KB will check out the condition for next steps with the sand bag box.**
- e) **Parish Steward;** Has been out today to our Parish cleaning gully's, coping with

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flooding. Cllr DB wanted to emphasize thanks to his continual hard work.

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f) Additional Litter bin NN; No progress. Action; bring forward March Meeting.

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9 Area Meetings; Report, future attendance & feedback

- a) Pewsey Area Board; 20/01/20 cancelled , next 09/03/20 attendee tbc
- b) PCAP 30/01/20. Carolyn Whistler to kindly attend.
- c) CATG 05/02/2020, Attendee tbc.

1 Next Meeting 02/03/20 venue tbc

0 Items; NP; traffic issues follow up Hilcott & Bottlesford, CATG; footpath, budget preparation for AGAR

Thanks were expressed to Woodborough School for the use of their hall this evening.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Future Parish Council Meetings 2020

2nd March potentially 8pm at Rushall Hall (tbc).

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