

# North Newnton Parish Council Meeting

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7 p.m.

## Minutes

**Present:** Chair of the meeting - Marcus Stoneham (MS), (Chair of the PC), Cllr David Brisker (DB) (Vice -Chair), Cllr Olivia Campbell Slight (OCS), Cllr Tom Ellen (TE) (Vice-Chair) and Cllr Tony Mulliken (TM). In attendance: Gillian Tatum Clerk, and 3 Parishioners (1 applicant of the planning application, 1 near neighbour representing 3 closest properties).

**The meeting started at 7pm**

### 1 **Matters of the Council**

**Absence apologies and Declaration of interests.** Apologies: Cllr Paul Oatway and Cllr Mac Mclean. Members are bound by the provisions of the Code of Conduct and are required to declare either personal or prejudicial interests; None declared.

### 2 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021** The minutes were approved by all Councillors present and signed by the Chair as a true record.

### 3 **Adjournment. Welcome to the Public.**

3 Parishioners present.

1 Applicant of the Planning Application and was invited to speak for item 1, 1 near neighbour to the planning application and speaking on behalf of closest neighbours also wanted to speak under this item.

1 Parishioner present wanted to be considered to join the Parish Council under co-option at the next full meeting of the Parish Council. The Chair asked him to say a few words in support of becoming a Parish Councillor for North Newnton;

Sean Devine was born in the Parish (North Newnton) and for all his life has lived within a 3 mile radius of the area. His first job was at the farm close to St. James Church and he has been running his own decorating business for the last 15 yrs. Since moving back to his late father's house in North Newnton he would like to give something back to his immediate community and help in any way he can. He already has volunteer experience with Wiltshire Ambulance and the Steam Fair Committee. He views change objectively and very much for achieving improvements for the local community.

The Chair and all Councillors thanked Sean for his words and obvious commitment towards helping his community. As this was only an extraordinary meeting and missing a Parish Councillor it was felt that it would be useful for Sean to listen into the meeting to get a feel of how we operate with the intention of consideration at the next full meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. Councillors also asked if they could email him any further questions and the Clerk was available to provide any further information Sean required. **Action: Clerk to diary for next meeting.**

Clerk

### 4 **Planning Applications for Statutory Consideration**

#### **1. PL/2021/03680 Conversion of redundant agricultural building to residential Barn south side of Village Road opposite Tawsmead, Pewsey, Wilts, SN9 6LW**

Andrew Ford, the applicant was present and was asked to outline the broad concept of the planning application by Cllr TM; Andrew and his family have farmed in the Parish since the 1880's starting as corn merchants as well as farmers. The building in question of the planning application known locally as the old piggery as the field it stands in is locally known as "The Pigs Meadow" was in the fact used as a Cattle shed in the mid to late 1960's but cattle became uneconomical and it was then used for general storage. The size of the buildings however

cannot accommodate the newer larger agricultural machinery and recently when he did try to store corn here there were problems with using farm vehicles turning in and out of the access and was a problem for Bottlesford drivers. He therefore thought that the building is redundant for the farm and what other use it could be for. He is looking to create a home for himself (he used to live in Bottlesford and at present in the main farm house at Hilcott). He pointed out that if the area were not an AONB (Area of Outstanding Beauty) he could have applied under a lesser planning policy to allow the change of use of the farm building but has employed extensive consultants to produce a full planning application to meet the requirements. He also consulted with neighbours prior to putting in the planning application as he wants to be a good neighbour and indeed live in the property after construction. The proposal is using the same footprint as now and apart from a door facing the road has no windows overlooking existing properties.

The Parishioner present representing the 3 closest properties confirmed they had been consulted well before the planning application was submitted, that herself and neighbours were supportive of the application and on the whole saw it as an improvement to the existing vacant barn building. She wanted clarification about the height of the building proposed – so that it would not exceed the existing roof line – this was confirmed apart from a chimney flue, she wanted to ask about construction so that residents were not disturbed from working on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The Applicant did say it would probably be a combination of himself and workers plus specialist contractors to convert the building and they would comply with any working hour's conditions. He was also asked when he might start work and thought it would be late autumn this year (after planning and building regulation approval). The access was discussed and he had been advised to use the existing access by his consultants. It was noted that some local residents rent a parking space in front of the building that would be lost. The application confirmed this was case although he had tried to look for other parking alternatives but this was not possible. Cllrs asked further questions and remarked that all consulted had been in support of the proposals. The Clerk reported she had one supporter from a Parishioner in Hilcott. The Chair raised a motion to fully support the application which was unanimously agreed by all Cllrs present.

**It was resolved "To support the application". That conditions should be proposed to protect the local amenity of Parishioners during construction to restrict building work on Saturday afternoons and Sundays". Unanimous support from all Councillors present.**

Clerk

**Action: Clerk to inform Wiltshire Council of the resolution.**

5 **Future Parish Council Meetings:**

The Govt. had just announced that lockdown will now continue until the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 making the proposed Annual Meeting of the Parish unworkable due to COVID-19 restrictions at the Woodbridge Arms. It was therefore agreed, with regret, that It must be postponed again. Due to COVID-19 uncertainty and then the holiday period it was proposed to re-arrange the meeting in September. **A provisional date of 11<sup>th</sup> September, 10am Woodbridge Arms has subsequently been suggested (to be confirmed).**

**The meeting closed at 7.46 pm** Gillian Tatum Clerk to NNPC [Clerk@nnpc.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@nnpc.org.uk)  
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