

# North Newnton Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8th November 2021 at 7 p.m.

## Minutes

**Present:** Cllr Tom Ellen (TE) (Vice-Chair) (Chair of the meeting), Cllr Sean Devine (SRD) and Cllr Mac McLean (MM). In attendance: Gillian Tatum Clerk. **The meeting started at 7pm**

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

**Absence apologies and Declaration of interests.** Apologies: Cllr Tony Mulliken (TM), Cllr Olivia Campbell (OC), Cllr Marcus Stoneham (MS), (Chair of the PC), Cllr David Brisker (DB) (Vice -Chair) & Wiltshire Cllr Paul Oatway. 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 Extraordinary Planning Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** The minutes were approved by all Councillors present and signed by the acting Chair as a true record.

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

None present

### 4 **Planning – to gain Statutory View of the Parish Council as Consultee**

1. **PI/2021/09897 - Works to a Protected Tree Address: The Limes Bottlesford Pewsey SN9 6LU Proposal: 7 x Lime trees - re-pollard to previous points (G1 of TPO E 124)** Clerk  
**Cllrs had no objections. Action: Clerk to inform Wiltshire Council**

2. **Feedback from Planning Training Cllr MM Cllr MM attended the same training as Cllr TE provided through WALC ;**

The briefing was presented by David Kaiser who had made some alterations from the briefing attended by Tom. The following I found of particular interest:

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is made by the Government of the day and overrides any Statutory Legislation. Thus making the NPPF June 2021 a must read.
- Permitted Development Rights (PD) covers a wider range than you might expect and includes the addition of additional 1-2 storey to existing dwellings, creation of flats from buildings built between 1948 and 2018, demolition of unused buildings unused since 1990 and replacement of a new one on the same footprint and up to 7 metres higher.
- Reductions of the “Classes” from 18 to 12 which can in some instances affect S106 and CIL obligations.
- NPPF includes protection of AONB and recognises the importance of Conservation areas.
- Neighbourhood Plans do carry weight in the planning process but Village Design Statements “have no teeth whatsoever”
- Do not underestimate the use of Cumulative Impact in assessing planning applications; relating it to knock-on effects within the parish are relevant.
- It is worth mentioning other factors for although the Planning Officer will adjudge their decision on the material facts and may well grant permission, it does not mean that that permission can be executed as there may be factors beyond the planning authorities remit that prevent it going ahead.

5 **\_Section 106 Agreement update covering North Newnton Progress Update;** Wiltshire Cllr PO has been following this up on the Parishes behalf & had reported confirmation that the Deed of variation has been returned, signed by Acorn , to their Solicitors to enable them to liaise with the Council regarding completion of the same. Cllrs present thanked Cllr Paul Oatway for his help in getting the Document signed by the developer and wanted to know if Wiltshire Council have also

now signed. It was hoped that monies could be released to the Parish ring-fenced for the footpath. **Action: Clerk to check that the Deed of Variation has now been signed by Wiltshire Council and next steps for the release of the funds.**

Clerk

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## Governance

### 1. Beechingstoke Parish Review – feedback from initial virtual meeting

(The Parish of Beechingstoke has no Parish Council or local representation, Wiltshire Council are reviewing the options for the community, ideas include incorporation into neighbouring parishes and North Newnton have been asked to comment). **Motion to consider Cllr TE “the occupants of Broad Street from the Village notice board to the railway line to be considered by Wiltshire Council to be incorporated into the Parish of North Newnton (NN)”.** Cllr TE had attended a virtual meeting with many reps from Wiltshire Council and had said that residents of Beechingstoke Parish must be consulted but that North Newnton Parish Cllrs would like to invite the residents of Broad Street (not already in the NN) to join our Parish. The Clerk reported one representation;

“I have lived 50 metres from the Beechingstoke/North Newnton Parish boundary in Broad Street for 36 years. There are often matters that concern us, but because they are just on the other side of the boundary we have to make our comments, reports, etc. to Beechingstoke. Since there is no parish council, our voices are not heard. Issues include planning, the state of the road and traffic problems including frequent speeding.

I welcome the suggestion that the rest of Broad Street up to the railway bridge be incorporated into North Newnton. It is a real anomaly that when parish boundaries were changed in the early 70's this section of Broad Street became part of Beechingstoke. We were even given a Beechingstoke postal address. I am sure you can imagine the confusion this has caused over the years to delivery drivers, fortunately due to sat nav this rarely happens now.

So I hope councillors will look favourably on this plan”.

**Action: Clerk asked to check with the Parishioner if we can forward comments onto the committee considering this proposal.**

Clerk

2. **Flood Warden/Emergency Plan update;** Cllr SRD provided a full update; “We had torrential rain Saturday 30th night/Sunday 31st morning October 2021. I had a look around the Parish and found several severely flooded areas. I put out as many signs as we had. I engaged with 2 parishioners. Phillip Eddell, who explained to me problems and showed me water courses where water should be going and problems with drainage, of which he has now sent detailed information in his email. Also spoke to John and Anne Thompson-Ashby, Faulkner’s Cottage, who were having issue with water running onto their property. John had 2 water pumps running to remove as much water ASAP. I Left him some sandbags to help situation. Spent rest of Sunday 31st keeping eye on levels and clearing branch limbs that had fallen into road. Also; 28th October water main burst in Bottlesford, which was running into Hilcott at road junction, Wessex Water Emergency Team cleared, 2 Flood signs and sandbags issued to residents who had water up to garage door. Andrew Duff (Volunteer flood assistant) had cleared flood water from near pumping station at Bottlesford. We now have 6 Flood Warden tabards, 6 Snow Warden tabards, 2 new “Flood” signs, 2 new “Drive Slowly Through Flood” signs, 2 boxes of Aqua sandbags and 4 bags of salt at my home address for use when needed. We also have 2 active volunteers; Andrew Duff for Bottlesford and Philip Eddell for Hilcott to support myself & Tony”. Further photographs were distributed at the meeting showing the extent of the flooding in Hilcott and the drains.

**Action: Ask Parish Steward on his next visit (scheduled 22/11) to clear drains in Hilcott (details to be passed to Cllr DB & DB), Cllr SRD will also be available to meet in Hilcott to show the areas that need attention).**

Clerk

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### Village Hall at Hilcott

The Trustees had provided an update; “ Very successful quiz night on 16 October, proceeds of £550 split between the village hall and St James Church, special thanks to Paula, and all helpers/donations and of course quizzers. Our project team have put up green screening

netting within the safety fencing of the hall site, looks better. Also two boards on the front, (one of cats brain to come soon), a new post box for hall correspondence ordered and will be erected on the noticeboard.

Other news – during the period of planning for the new build and the planning application, concerns were expressed by some members of the parish council and a few parishioners about the lack of parking space at the proposed hall and safety issues on the road. Taking on board these concerns, we (the Hilcott Village Hall Trust) have acquired the piece of land to the west of cassocks, with the prime plan of creating a car park and garden area to serve the hall. Planning permission of course would have to be sought and granted.

The Chair thanked the Trustees for their update and congratulated them on the acquisition of the land for the potential car park.

## 8 **Correspondence and matters arising from previous meetings**

### 1. **Informal Footpath up to existing right of way, Bridleway 8 (outside our Parish)**

**Woodbridge roundabout/Pewsey road to Parish Boundary;** Cllr SRD & Cllr TE undertook maintenance cutting vegetation the weekend of 6th November 2021, from the bus stop, across the bridge and down to the bridleway. They have agreed that they will continue to maintain the informal footpath every few months. Cllr MM thanked them for undertaking this.

Cllr  
SRD &  
TE

2. **Waste Bin (dog waste) at X5 bus stop, Upavon Road;** Cllr DB had provided details of the proposed waste bin proposed to be purchased for dog waste (which will be collected by the Parish Council. The cost will be £90.95 plus VAT (which we can reclaim) plus £4.99 fixing kit. All Cllrs present agreed to go ahead with the purchase. **Action: Clerk to notify Cllr DB to arrange purchase.**

Clerk/  
Cllr  
DB

3. **Rushall Road/Woodbridge Close Visibility – Request has been made via CATG for Wiltshire Highways to visit the junction and suggest any improvements possible to the visibility.**

This will be assessed after completion of the development on the corner of Park Road.

4. **Concerns about the volume and speed of traffic on Upavon road passing residents here to Woodbridge roundabout, Cllr PO update (to pursue the possibility of a weight restriction being imposed on the road to stop over 7.5 tonne traffic to aid road safety).** Nothing to add to Paul Oatway's comments at our last PC meeting.

5. **Defibrillator Training feedback and proposal for unlocking the Defibrillators;** following the excellent training delivered by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust attended by 7 NN Parishioners (including the Clerk and 3 Cllrs) we were advised to keep our 2 defibrillators unlocked to enable easier and quicker access. Clerk has contacted our Insurance Brokers who have confirmed our insurance is still covered if we unlock them. It was therefore approved by all Cllrs present to unlock the defibrillators. **Action; Cllr DB to undertake unlocking.**

Cllr  
DB

6. **Receipt of Environmental Toolkit –** Circulated to all Cllrs already- will be useful if we want to initiate any future environmental projects. Clerk retains hard copy.

## 9 **Finance**

**9.1 Bank Reconciliation for September and budget update; Clerk ran through the latest bank balance as at 30/09/2021 £15,540.81 (3 unrepresented cheques).**

**9.2 Cheques ratified;** Ch. No. 853 (Clerk) Certificates for APM £48, Ch. No. 854PKF Littlejohn AGAR Audit £240, Ch. No. 855 £25 (Cllr TE) teas/coffee APM, Ch. No. 856 £200 PCAP donation, Ch. No. 857 £55 Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership, Ch. no. 859 Netcetera (email host), Ch. No. 860 £20 Easterton Parish Council defib training use of hall. Ch. No 870 Clerk Expenses £42.89. Ch. No. 862 Groundwork UK £189.62, Ch. No. 863 £3,500 transfer to Investment Account (NN footpath).

## 10 **Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllrs MS & OS reviewing Design Statement. Clerk has been contacted by Groundwork who supplied the original grant asking for the outstanding grant back or justification of the spend.

The amount is £189.62 and was agreed we cannot now spend this under the original headings of the grant. **Action: Agreed by all Cllrs present to return the outstanding grant to Groundwork, Clerk to action.**

Clerk

11 **Projects**

**11.1 Traffic Calming Hilcott;** The installation of the Roundels has been approved, is on the CATG agenda and will remain an agenda item until it is completed – timeframe as yet unknown. Total cost £600, 50% grant from CATG.

**11.2 Footpath to Rushall Road/Park Road;** Cllr MM attending the CATG on 10/11/21 to find out if the substantive bid has been successful for the final phase of the footpath. Cllr MM will report back. Project complete cost in the order of £65,000. It was noted that the monies from the Deed of Variation would now be available to contribute towards the footpath but too late to be included in the current substantive bid. **Action: Cllr MM to report back**

Cllr  
MM  
Clerk/  
Cllr  
TM

**11.3 Bottlesford Bench;** Cllr TM has liaised with some of the residents of Martins Close regarding a location for the bench. Clerk has been following up with a contact at Aster regarding locating the bench on the green. **Action: Clerk and Cllr TM to follow up as required.**

**11.4 Proposed Facebook Page;** Cllr SRD has set up but wanted the whole Council to discuss so will bring forward for next meeting. **Action: Clerk to diary.**

Clerk

12 **Update from Meetings**

**12.1 Update from PCAP meeting;** Right of Way in the Pewsey Vale - WC funding for Kissing Gates, Re boot of Messenger looking to try to get this printed again , Endurance Marathon including the Great Stones Way - due in July Aug 2022 (have circulated the proposed route which does run through Bottlesford and via backroads through NN to Wilsford). **Action: Cllrs to review any rights of way that could benefit from Kissing Gates to supply information to Clerk.**

ALL

**Future Parish Council Meetings**

**7pm 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 & 7pm 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**The meeting closed at 7.45pm** Gillian Tatum Clerk to NNPC [Clerk@nnpc.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@nnpc.org.uk)  
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