

Draft Minutes

Present: Cllr Tom Ellen (TE) (Chairman), Cllr Tony Mulliken (TM)(Vice-chair), Cllr David Brisker (DB) Vice-chair), Cllr Richard Cook (RiC), Cllr Andy Gray (AG) and Cllr Paul Oatway (PO).

In attendance: Parish Clerk Rosie Charnock (RC), 3 Parishioners.

The meeting opened at 7pm

1 Matters of the Council

Absence, apologies and declaration of interests. Apologies from parishioner Carolyn Whistler.

1.2: Election of chair and vice chairs:

- **Voted unanimously for TE to continue for the next year as Chair.**
- **Voted unanimously for DB and TM to continue for the next year as Vice Chairs.**

1.3: Co-option of new councillor. There are two vacancies on the Parish Council caused by resignations. Sean Devine (SD) put himself forward for co-option. He resides in North Newton and has lived in the area for over 30 years. He has served as a parish councillor previously. He feels the PC is on the right track and would like to return to the role to get involved in the community and get things done.

- **Voted unanimously to co-opt SD onto the council.**

1.4: Review of Parish Councillor Responsibilities and Training. Councillors reviewed the current roles and ensured that jobs were all assigned. The new responsibilities list will be published on the website shortly, after a final review.

1.5: Wiltshire Councillor for the Pewsey Vale West Ward PO briefed the PC: The PCAP Meeting that TE attended was not as well attended as normal, PO reminded councillors to keep attending external meetings, as they provide useful information and opportunities to meet people. More standards training for Parish Councillors is going to be offered by Wiltshire Council in the future. TE asked for PO to inform WALC that the Chairmanship Training that was supposed to take place last week did not happen, and we are waiting to hear the new dates. (**Afternote:** new dates offered to Parish Clk on 5 May and TE will attend the two sessions)

2 Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1: North Newton Parish Council Meeting Monday 28th March 2022. Approved by councillors. Two copies of the minutes of the were signed as a record by the Chair.

2.2: Pewsey Community Area Partnership. TE provide feedback from PCAP. A good opportunity to meet neighbouring Parish Councillors and to put names to faces. Minutes at <https://www.pewseycap.org.uk/pcap-meeting-21-04-2022-reports-minutes/> Main point of interest was that fly-tipping has increased in the area by 21% this year. This could be to do with tip closures during the pandemic, or the permanent closure of the Everleigh tip. Wiltshire Council is going to 'try' to extend opening hours at the Marlborough recycling centre to help with this. Next PCAP meeting is on the 21st July 2022, TE suggested that two people attend.

3 Adjournment: Welcome to the public. No questions were asked or matters raised by members of the public or Parishioners.

4 Planning

RC read the proposal for Application PL/2022/02679 (Fairacre, Upavon Road, North Newton, SN9 6JT). Councillors had reviewed the proposal and spoken to the owner and a neighbour. Two parishioners had commented 'no objection' on the Wiltshire planning site.

- **TE proposed, voted unanimously for 'no objection'.**

5 **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Distribution of mugs. The 72 mugs had arrived, and will be taken to the Annual Parish Meeting on Saturday 7th May 2022. RC is keeping a log of who has requested one through emailing clerk@nnp.org.uk, there are 13 requests to date. Discussion around what to do with the surplus mugs, an idea is to sell them to parishioners at a later date at cost

- **TM proposed, voted unanimously in favour of selling any surplus mugs at cost.**

Parishioner asked why the council did not apply for some money from Wiltshire Council to help to celebrate the jubilee? TE explained that it had been investigated, but there were so many restrictions involving risk assessments, supervision and insurances, that it was decided that it was not suitable for this parish to organise such an event.

6 **Annual Parish Spring Clean**

DB: Spring clean was well attended, with 18 volunteer pickers taking part. The majority of people noted that there was less litter than last year. Next year to plan the event for a few weeks earlier, before the grass gets so long.

7 **Phone Boxes**

TE: Parishioners have reported the tatty condition of the two phone boxes (North Newnton and Bottlesford). Two families have volunteered to look after these. The Bottlesford phone box has been cleaned up. Both phone boxes need painting. SD has volunteered to paint the boxes free of charge, the council has paid for the red paint. Discussion surrounding whether to save the red paint for three years hence and paint the box in a royal purple and silver to celebrate the platinum jubilee. SD showed the council a drawing he had made up and explained that this could be painted over in red in three years. SD has also spoken to the new owners of the Woodbridge Inn, which is right next to the phone box location, and they are enthusiastic for the purple box. SD has also offered to supply the purple and silver paint free of charge. RiC commented that it could be a real focus for the area, as it is in such a public spot. AG: only concern is how long it will stay purple, if it is left too long after the event, then it will be obvious. SD suggested that three years would be an appropriate time span.

- **TE proposed, voted unanimously in favour of painting the North Newnton and Bottlesford phone boxes purple and silver to commemorate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

8 **Road Safety**

8.1: SIDS. RC spoke to Durrington town council clerk, having noticed the SIDs in Durrington. The clerk told RC that their chairman Graham Wright had taken the appropriate training and had fitted theirs. Having spoken to him, he is happy to fit the devices for NNPC. He is in communication with DB and will arrange a date. RiC asked about how speed restrictions get decided, as it is only 40mph in Hilcott and North Newnton. PO responded that assessments are carried out based on speed data gathered and housing stock in a particular area (e.g. how close houses are to the road and how many dwellings there are, proximity to public buildings etc.). Will raise the issue at the CATG meeting tomorrow and report back to councillors. RiC could we revisit this issue going forward? **Afternote:** To keep this as a standing agenda item.

8.2: Park Road Junction: PO: negotiation between Highways Agency and planners was ongoing and had been carried out without consultation with PO and NNPC. It is frustrating as it is hard to see a safe distance when pulling out of the T junction. TE: noted that historically the plans changed over time (2014/17/20) and the width of the footway reduced with each iteration. The PC commented on the 2020 application variation (from a conventional build to a *passivHaus*) that the materials and size and positioning of the dwellings should be in keeping with the local area. PO: A Senior Highways Engineer has come out and this situation is ongoing.

9 **North Newnton Footway**

PO: next phase has been confirmed by Wiltshire Council, commencement date January 2023. PO and TE also meeting to discuss the future footpath projects, to ensure that the scheme progresses. TE: the Parish contribution is being taken from the Section 106 funds first; the NNPC will retain its agreed contribution ringfenced in the Investment Account until it is called for by Wiltshire Council. PO wanted to clarify that the NNPC will still be making this contribution to the project, the money just is not needed yet at this stage. All councillors understood and agreed.

10 Finance

10.1: Bank reconciliation. RC explained the latest expenditure from the bank statement. Some questions raised about what the CATG contribution of £300 had been for, it was confirmed to have been for some road markings.

10.2: Cheques to be ratified. RC talked through the current outstanding cheques, the biggest expenditure was for the jubilee mugs (£527.23)

10.3: The **AGAR** submission forms were presented to the councillors and signed by the chairman. These will shortly be uploaded to the website for public viewing and sent off to the external auditors to be checked.

10.4: Online banking progress and mandate forms progress. RC confirmed that Lloyds have received the mandate forms for TE, RiC and AG to become signatories, but this process has not been completed yet. RC is also investigating online banking, in order to be able to pay by BACS.

11 Attendance at External Meetings

TE to attend Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group, 2pm Wed 4th May, Pewsey Area Board 7pm Mon 23rd May and LH & FIG Wed 20th Jul

A councillor tbc (ideally two) should attend the Pewsey Community Area Partnership meeting at 7pm on Thursday 21st July

12 Future Meetings

- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sat 7th May 2022, The Woodbridge Inn, North Newnton, 10.30am
- **Parish Council Meeting:** Mon 13th June 2022. The Seven Stars at Bottlesford, 7pm (agenda due Tue 7 Jun)
- **Parish Council Meeting:** Mon 18th or Mon 25th July 2022 (tbc)

The meeting closed at 8:23pm.

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