

North Newnton Parish Council

**Annual Meeting of the Parish, held at Woodbridge Inn, North Newnton on
Saturday 7th May 2022 commencing at 1030am**

Minutes

1. Tom Ellen (TE) (Chairman of the North Newnton Parish Council) welcomed everyone. Olivia Campbell Slight sent apologies.
2. A brief silence was held to reflect on the war in Ukraine. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 11th September 2021 were signed by Cllr TE as a true copy.
3. The Report by the Chairman of North Newnton Parish Council for the period 31 August 2021 to 30 April 2022 is available at www.nnpc.org.uk.
4. The Chairman then fielded questions:
 - Jennifer Brisker, Church Warden St. James' Church asked about the value of 'The Messenger' to residents. All parishioners present agreed that it was very useful. The current editor is leaving in June 2022 and as it stands there is no one to take on this role. If there is anyone in the local community who would be willing to help for approximately ten hours/month then email clerk@nnpc.org.uk or apply direct to the Editor.
 - There was a question about the jubilee mugs, and it was agreed that any surplus stock would be available for adults in the parish to purchase at cost price. It was also decided that the mugs would be delivered to the children in the community by the councillors.
 - Carolyn Whistler asked if the welcome pack for new residents was still able to be circulated. Carolyn was going to have a look and send a digital copy to the clerk. The clerk and current councillors will update and make it available on the website.
 - Carolyn Whistler asked if North Newnton, Bottlesford and Hilcott should be referred to as settlements or villages. Councillor Paul

Oatway clarified that they are classified as 'hamlets'. Parishioners and councillors present agreed that 'hamlet' should be used.

5. **Wiltshire Councillor for Pewsey Vale West, Paul Oatway QPM (PO).** Paul Oatway paid tribute to those councillors who have left over the past few months and thanked them for all their hard work and contributions to the community. He shared how dedicated he is to continuing to improve roads and road safety in the vale of Pewsey, he is working on freight strategies across Wiltshire to reduce large vehicles on the small rural roads in this area. The rural mobility transport scheme funding has been confirmed, this will be a scheme that works in a similar way to the old 'wiggly bus' scheme, and should be in action by the end of 2022. Funding in many areas has been increased in Wiltshire this year. Locally PO will continue working on the North Newton footway project (Wiltshire Council have stated that they do not need any money from the parish at this stage, and will draw the parish contribution from the Section 106 money). The parish money allocated to the Project will stay ringfenced in the investment account until it is required. PO will continue to support the Hilcott Village Hall project. PO has discussed speed reduction strategies in the area with the Police and Crime Commissioner and asked about more speed control officers in the Vale of Pewsey.

6. **Local Community Groups:**

- **Hilcott Village Hall Trustees.** Carolyn Whistler, Chair of the Hilcott Village Hall Trust presented starting with the back history of the Hall, to its demolition and looking forward to new beginnings for a new Hall. A Copy of the presentation is available on our website www.nnpc.org.uk.
- **St James' Church Parochial Council.** Jennifer Brisker, Church Warden, discussed the plans for the church and asked parishioners to have a look at the display board after the meeting. There are going to be archaeological investigations in the graveyard to determine where drainage could go for a toilet. The church is open 24/7 and will have a refreshment stand inside during the summer months, for walkers to

stop and have a rest. To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee there will be an exhibition of children's cards for the Queen (advertised in local schools), which will then be taken to Windsor Castle (closing date for card entries **30th May**). On **Sunday 5th June** there will be an informal 'café church' service that all are welcome to attend.

The Annual Meeting closed at 11.51am

Attendees (around 10 parishoners) had the opportunity to view the displays covering the proposals for St. James' Church and to have an informal chat with the councillors.

Rosie Charnock

Clerk to North Newnton Parish Council

07/05/2022