

Minutes

Present: Cllr Tom Ellen (TE) (Chair), 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.

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 maintain position as Chair. Voted unanimously for DB and TM to maintain positions as vice chairs.

1.3: Co-option of new councillor. Sean Devine (SD) put himself forward for co-option. He resides at 8 Park Road North Newnton and has lived in the area for over 30 years. He has served as a parish councillor previously and would like to return to the role to get involved in the community and get things done. He feels happier than when he resigned and would like to get involved again. Voted unanimously to co-opt SD onto the council.

PO: 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 training is going to be offered by Wiltshire Council in the future.

TE: Can PO feedback to WALC that chairperson training that was supposed to take place last week did not happen, but we are waiting to hear the new dates.

1.4: Review 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.

2 Approval of Previous Minutes

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

2.2: TE fed back from PCAP Meeting. It was a good opportunity to meet people and put names to faces. Next meeting is on the 21st July 2022, suggested that two people attend. Things to note were that fly-tipping has increased in the areas 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 try to help with this.

3 Adjournment: Welcome to the public

No questions raised.

4 Planning

RC read the proposal for Application PL/2022/02679 (Fairacre, Upavon Road, North Newnton, 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. Vote unanimously for no objection.

5 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Distribution of mugs. The mugs had not arrived yet, if they do arrive then they will be taken to the Annual Parish Meeting on Saturday 7th May 2022. There are 72 mugs arriving, 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 surplice mugs, an idea is to open up selling them to parishioners at a later date, some mugs can be also be presented to the previous councillors as gifts. Voted unanimously in favour of this suggestion.

Parishioner asked why the council did not apply for some money from Wiltshire Council to help to celebrate the jubilee?

TM explained that it had been investigated, but there were so many restrictions involving risk assessments 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.

Lessons to be learned for next year is to plan the event for a few weeks earlier, before the grass gets so long.

7 Phone Boxes

TE: Parishioners have reported the 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. The North Newnton phone box is in need of painting. SD has volunteered to paint the box free of charge, the council has paid for the red paint. Discussion surrounding whether to save the red paint for three years 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 the motion to paint the North Newnton phone box purple, all voted in favour.

8 Road Safety

8.1: SIDSRC 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 still 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?

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 when pulling out of the T junction. TE: noted that historically the plans changed over time. 2014 planning application there were no comments from NNPC, 2017 planning application the only comments made from the NNPC were regarding flood risks, the 2020 planning application went through on a variation and did not go through the NNPC, and it was in this variation that the footpath size was changed. 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 to be confirmed, but could be January 2023. PO and TE also meeting to discuss the future footpath projects, to ensure that the scheme progresses. TE: the money is being taken from the section 106 fund first, the NNPC will keep the agreed figure for when needed. 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.

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, RC and AG to become signatories, but this process has not been completed yet. RC is also moving forward with investigating online banking, in order to be able to pay more people by BACS.

11 Attendance at External Meetings

TE to attend Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group, 2pm Wednesday 4th May and Pewsey Area Board 7pm Monday 23rd May.

A councillor should attend the Pewsey Community Area Partnership meeting at 7pm on Thursday 21st July

12 **Annual Parish Meeting:** Saturday 7th May 2022, The Woodbridge Inn, North Newton, 10.30am

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 13th June 2022. Time and location to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8:23pm.

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