

NORTH NEWNTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SAT 27TH MAY 2023

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

If any of you know about BOGOFS ?

This is Buy One Get One Free

This can now be applied to the position of Vice Chairman of the North Newnton Parish Council

You now get two for the price of one !

David Brisker

Tony Mulliken

This means we are interchangeable – although this has come as rather a surprise to our respective wives Jen & Pam

As Vice Chairs, we decide at each Parish Meeting who will be chairing the next meeting *and, of course work together on everything between meetings*

It shares responsibility and allows us a little more personal time in our busy lives

The Parish Council, as it is, has turned out to be both collegiate and, a pleasure to be a part of

We are trying to do things that are of benefit to the whole *parish* community and trying to balance the three separate areas of North Newnton, Hilcott & Bottlesford to be harmonious and to share the good works & money equally – as far as humanly possible

Tony Mulliken

A little about me, in case you don't know

I have lived in the area for around 20 years. Firstly, in Sharcott and now in Bottlesford

I ran an Arts & PR Company in London but have now semi-retired

I fell in love with the Pewsey Vale and very happy to be a part of this Parish Council

I am married to Pam – a very patient Pam

David Brisker

As some of you will know, I have been a resident of the Parish for about 20 years and after retiring from the logistics systems world – originally with Xerox and then keeping Concorde flying, Dutch and German Railways running and Dell and HP computers active - among many others. Having spent much of my working life in the USA, we settled into our little house at Bottlesford Corner.

I have been a member of the Parish Council for several years.

Like Tony and Pam, Jennifer, yes, long suffering Jennifer, and I love this area. Where else could you meet a Great Bustard walking down the street as I recently did in Hilcott!

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TONY:

Now to the meeting here today for the Annual Parish Meeting

So, a warm welcome to fellow Parishioners of North Newnton and friends, especially those who have recently joined the community. Nice to see everyone here on such a lovely day. And a special thank you to Graham Thomson for hosting us here at the Seven Stars

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Also great to see representation today from Hilcott Village Hall Trustees, St James' *Parochial Church* Council and Paul Oatway QPM – whose support is so much appreciated – it is wonderful that he not only imparts his great knowledge to us but also fights on our behalf with this distant powers at the Wiltshire Council !

Firstly, I would like to thank a few local people

We would like to thank

Sean Divine for his hard work on the Council and he is very much missed as part of the team

David Benson – who works very closely with our Parish Steward to try and do as much as possible by way of hedgerows, drains & potholes – full time job !! We have, on numerous occasions, tried to persuade him to join the Parish Council – but to no avail. He is probably the sensible one in this matter

I would like to thank our Parish Clerk – **Rosie Charnock** who has jumped in at the deep end and is a truly wonderful member of the team and fab Clerk

On the team at the moment we have (and I will get them to raise their hands and make themselves known)

Richard Cooke

Andy Gray

Tom Ellen

Rather than go through a whole lot of stuff that is done & discussed at the meetings these are the things on the top of our list

We understand how important and controversial the subject of road safety and speeding is in the parish

To that end we have invested heavily in 6 SIDs – Speed Indicator devices

These are to be installed

*On Broad Street approaching Bottlesford Corner -
Running by Saturday???*

One at each end of Hilcott

One near the junction of Hilcott & Bottlesford

One in Bottlesford

One on the main A345 up from the Woodbridge Pub

One on the Rushall Road – already up and running

We are also in discussion, through Paul, to try and get the speeds in our area reduced to 20 mph – don't hold your breath but giving it a good shot

North Newnton Footway Project:

This pretty much has its own life at the moment with Section 3 to happen in the near future –

Paul / Tom will update you on this

Planning Applications:

We are happy to hear about all planning applications and also happy to have a view but you must understand that your views should really be heard by Wiltshire Planning as this is something that they decide on

Parish Council Finances and the Precept:

We try to spend the limited money we get every year (around £10,00 to actually spend on the Parish) as wisely as possible and also as evenly as possible throughout the parish

Future Plans

We want ideas/suggestions on things that would enhance our parish such as, possibly, white gates at the entry & exit of each community to help drivers realise that this is a village and to drive with care

Tring to improve the gates/stiles on the footpaths – the first one is the one behind the Seven Stars to Woodborough – it make it easier for senior people, disables and pets

We do need to hear from you all, please, either through our Clerk or directly by attending the Parish Meetings

We really do welcome and appreciate your support and if you care about your local community I would urge you to attend