

North Newnton Parish Council Meeting
Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7pm at The Seven Stars, Bottlesford

Minutes

Present: Cllr Tony Mulliken (TM) (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Paul Oatway (PO), Cllr Tom Ellen (TE), Cllr Richard Cook (RiC) and Cllr Andy Gray (AG) In attendance: Parish Clerk Rosie Charnock (RC), 2 parishioners.

23/ Matters of the Council

39 Absence, apologies and declaration of interests

1: Ric nominated TM to chair this meeting, seconded by TE, all voted in favour.

2: Apologies from David Brisker, who was unable to attend due to a holiday.

Action	Person	Outcome
Arrange to invite SSE to a meeting in the Autumn	AG/RC	Ongoing. RC and AG have been emailing regarding this and SSE will be invited to the NNPC meeting in September.
Gate on entry to hamlets to be on the July agenda	RC	Complete.

23/40 Minutes. Minutes from Annual Parish Council Meeting 24th May 2023 were signed and approved.

23/ Adjournment to the public for questions: CW raised a question about how the community awards
41 had been chosen at the Annual Parish Meeting. She informed the council that in the past the parish had voted for those they believed deserved recognition in the community. TM responded that the parish council would be happy to do it this way in 2024. RiC commented that it is hard because so few parishioners attend meetings. TM commented that he has started to advertise the meeting times on the 'What's App' groups to encourage more people to attend. Unless more people attend meetings, decisions will be made by the parish council on behalf of the parish.

23/ Update from Wilts Pewsey Vale West Councillor Paul Oatway QPM:

42 PO asked the NNPC whether they would be appealing for a 20mph limit in Bottlesford at the LHFIG meeting on 26th July 2023. TE is attending the meeting on behalf of the NNPC meeting. PO advised that it would be best to wait until the data from the traffic survey in Bottlesford has been published. TE asked PO how to move forward with phase 3 of the North Newnton footpath project. PO explained that Mark Stansby will be coming back with costings and then the NNPC can offer funding at this point. TE proposed that the NNPC recommend the use of the section 106 money held by Wiltshire Council if needed. All voted in favour.

PO discussed a potential idea that phase 4 of the footpath could be similar to the new footpath in Upavon that is on the road, rather than up a kerb. TE commented that there might be a problem that the road in North Newnton is 40mph rather than 30mph. PO is going to investigate the idea further. AG asked PO when the results of the Bottlesford traffic survey would be ready. PO suggested that RC should email to enquire if the council has not heard anything in about a month.

PO gave a brief update from Wiltshire Council explaining that a new local plan is being developed and will be signed off shortly. There will be a national celebration for the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024. PO requested permission to join the local 'What's App' groups in the parish to stay up to date with local opinions and events. PO also reported that engineering near Hilcott cemetery will start shortly to help with flooding in the area.

23/ Update from Committees:

43 1. Hilcott Village Hall Committee. CW read the update from the Messenger:

Hilcott Village Hall Trust

We have sold old reusable tiles from the Barnard Meadow site at a small profit and will also be disposing of the old metal. The skip (grant from Magic Little Grants) is now on site for disposal of other rubbish and more clearing of undergrowth, bushes and hedges will take place once the nesting season is over, as will erection of a post and rail fence to delineate the boundary (thanks to matched funding grant from Pewsey Area Board and Andrew Ford for his guidance).

A successful site survey has been carried out and a Preliminary Environmental/Bio Diversity Survey was carried out on 5 June. A report will follow in early July with land management recommendations. All being well, we should then be able to apply to WC for planning permission for the Car Park/Community Space. We have disposed of the old chairs and tables which were in storage at The Old Rectory (Thanks to Nick Bird) and sold some to Wilsford Village Hall and the Coopers Arms in Pewsey. Amazon Smile have discontinued fundraising support so we are pursuing other avenues e.g., Give as You Live, focusing on raising funds for the Community Garden/Space at Barnard

Meadow. More on this in our forthcoming newsletter. Thanks to all our volunteers and Friends of the Hall for their continuing interest and support in the project. Your commitment is much appreciated.

2. St. James' Church Committee: there were no updates at this time.
3. Clerk's Report. RC reported that time since the last meeting has been spent keeping up with correspondence with parishioners. RC also chased up the speed survey for Bottlesford, which took place recently, the council is now awaiting the results. The parish council online banking is working effectively, saving the council time and money.

23/ Update from external meetings:

44 EV Charging Webinar: TM attended on behalf of the parish council and reported that the government scheme is behind schedule as there is a difficulty of where to place charging points. There are grants available, but only for specific locations, none of which are relevant to the parish of North Newnton. WALC Annual Conference: TE attended on behalf of the parish council and felt that this event was more suitable for larger councils, therefore there were no matters to discuss from this.

23/45 Planning: No upcoming projects to discuss.

23/46 Projects:

1: SIDs update

TM updated that the SIDs have been installed at both ends of Hilcott with solar panels. CW expressed gratitude to the council for their hard work with this project. The SID in Broad Street has a battery and will continue to do so. There is also a SID on the way into Bottlesford from Woodborough Garden Centre with a solar panel but the one along from the Seven Stars is to have a solar panel (ordered and waiting to be fitted). The next SID will be installed on the A345 heading towards Upavon at a time and place yet to be agreed. TM acknowledged that all SIDs have currently been set 10mph below the speed limits to suggest drivers slow down, not to imply that they are breaking the speed limit but creating additional awareness of speed to help road safety in the area. All councillors voted in favour of this decision. RiC commented that it seems the SIDs are working and that parishioners have expressed gratitude for the installations. TE shared some Wiltshire data from 2019 that found that SIDs are an accident reducing measure, potentially reducing accidents by as much as 34% in a 30-40mph zone, they also result in a speed reduction of between 2mph – 7mph in these areas. Councillors asked RC if a speed survey in Hilcott could be arranged. At a later date data will be collected from the SIDS for further local analysis
ACTION: RC to request a speed survey for Hilcott.

2: North Newnton footpath update Discussed in PO update.

3: Progress in changing stiles on footpaths at the back of The Seven Stars. There is no progress on this matter to discuss, the council is still in the process of contacting the relevant land owners.

4: SSE Grant funding AG has spoken to SSE and they would like to attend a parish council meeting in the Autumn. Once a date has been agreed, then AG and RC will arrange this accordingly.

5: Replacement of Hilcott village sign.

ACTION: RC to email Matt Parrott regarding the replacement of the Hilcott sign near Broad Street.

6: Gates at entrance to hamlets. PO reported that Beechingstoke now have a parish council and they are proposing to put up gates on entry into Beechingstoke, one of these being a border with the parish of North Newnton. PO asked if the council would consider sharing the cost of a gate at this entry, so that it would sign the different parishes going in each direction. All councillors voted in favour. Future discussions on this topic will continue when the costs from this gate are agreed. The NNPC also offered PO their support to the new parish council. PO will contact democratic services about the idea to change the name of North Newnton to Woodbridge (as suggested by a parishioner and supported by the council at the Annual Parish Meeting). The results of this will also impact new gates and signs into the parish.

23/47 Finance:

1: Bank reconciliation: Treasurers account balance on 31st May 2023: £8799.56. Large expenditures in May included WALC membership fee £190.66, Community First Insurance renewal £255.48 and Clerk salary £346.56. Business account balance on 31st May 2023: £17,992.47 (£12,800 ringfenced for North Newnton Footpath project).

2: Cheques and online payments to be approved: £20 cheque to Graham Thomson for hire of

The Seven Stars for meeting, May clerk Expenses: £38.87, Income tax (HMRC): £240.20, Mr AJ Martin for SIDs installation: £690, Elancity for SIDs solar panel: £475.06

23/48 Future Agenda Items

Councillors requested that future agendas could inform the council of what the current bank balance is after all current invoices have been paid.

23/49 Future Meetings 2023:

Pewsey LH&FIG: Wednesday 26th July 2023. TE to attend.

Pewsey Area Board: Monday 18th September 2023. AG to attend.

PCAP: Thursday 20th July 2023, TM to attend.

Parish Council Meeting. Monday 11th September 2023, The Seven Stars, Bottlesford

Rosie Charnock, Clerk to NNPC clerk@nnpc.org.uk

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