

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting & Ordinary Parish Meeting held in St Giles Church on Wednesday 24th May 2023

Attendees	Cllr. James Nettleton (JN) Cllr. Graham Howlett (GH) Cllr. Mike Black (MB) Cllr. Peter Ablett (PA) Cllr. Duncan Howlett (DH) Nikki Howlett (NH) (Resident) Bianca Mays (BM) (Resident) Sophie Carmichael (SC) (Resident) part Eva Goble (EG) (Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr. Robin Bennett (OCC) Cllr. David Turner (SODC)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
AGM AND APM		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	
23/23	Introduction	The Chair (JN) opened the meeting at 19:30 and welcomed all present.	
24/23	Apologies	As above	
25/23	Declarations of Acceptance of Office	Declarations of acceptance of office all completed for five Councillors.	
26/23	Review of Standing Orders	Standing orders reviewed, agreed and adopted by all five councillors.	
27/23	2022 to 2023 Annual Reports	<p>Report from Chair – James Nettleton (see www.newington.org.uk) Received with thanks to JN with no comments.</p> <p>Financial Report from RFO – James Nettleton (see www.newington.org.uk) Year end accounts approved by all. JN to submit to auditor, MB will put on notice board and Clerk will upload to website.</p> <p>Annual Report – Cllr Robin Bennett (see www.newington.org.uk)</p> <p>Annual Report – Cllr David Turner (see www.newington.org.uk)</p>	JN MB Clerk
28/23	Open Forum & Village Matters	Nothing raised.	
29/23	Election of Officers	JN asked if anyone would like to stand as Chair but all were happy for JN to continue. PA proposed and GH seconded that JN be reappointed as Chair and RFO. JN thanked everyone for their continued support.	
30/23	Close	The AGM & APM meeting closed at 19:55	

ORDINARY PARISH MEETING commenced at 19:56			
31/23	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations.	
32/23	Minutes of the Last Meeting	Minutes of the meeting held on 13 th April 2023 were agreed by the Councillors who had been present, approved and signed by the Chairman.	
33/23	Matters Arising (not on agenda)	Parochial Church Council. JN informed that the PCC had asked for financial help from the pc. PA asked if it is legal to spend council money on the church. It was agreed that all would consult with residents with a view to possibly raising funds by crowd funding as suggested by NH and JN would ask the Church Warden to prepare a short briefing explaining the financial situation and MB agreed to help the church warden to prepare a presentation to support the financial situation and possible threat to the future facing the church	All JN MB
34/23	Councillor & Parish Reports		
35a/23 DH/GH	Community Liaison/Notice Board	Notice board updated regularly.	
35b/23 DH/GH	Planning Applications	No applications received.	
35c/23 MB/JN	Event Co-ordination	A funeral will shortly be taking place for a parishioner and JN suggested recruiting volunteers to tidy up the churchyard in preparation. JN planning tennis tournament for September to raise funds for the church.	ALL JN
35d/23 MB/EG	Website Management	The website is updated regularly but would benefit from more articles of interest.	
35e/23 MB/GH/	New Highways/ Potholes	MB has written many emails to Highways which have gone unanswered, regarding the state of Holcombe Lane. This has now become unacceptable to residents of the lane who risk damage to their cars. NH will write a letter of complaint that will be forwarded to County Cllr Robin Bennett.	
35f/23 JN	Responsible Financial Officer	All agreed that these invoices should be approved for payment: Zurich insurance £237.17, Clerk's pay £578.72, Newington Parochial Church Council £400.00, Shaw Fencing £414.00, RBLI £18.47	
35g/23 DH	Footpaths	Nothing to discuss.	
36/23 AOB	<p>a) Defibrillator. SC informed that cost would be from £834 with a heated cabinet costing a further £100 to £200. The running cost for electricity would be approximately £5 per year. The funding would be mostly met by grants from both the County and District councillors. Location was discussed. It has been established that there is no power at the gate to the church but it would be possible to run a cable from the church. Another suitable site would be by the council notice board and post box which is fairly central to the village and has the added benefit of the lay-by for stopping at. MB to speak to Mick Jaunet regarding the electricity supply. Further update at next meeting.</p> <p>b) Allotment fencing. It was agreed that the lower quote for fencing repair from Phil Shaw fencing should be accepted for the work to be carried out.</p>		MB

	<p>c) Tree maintenance. Work is still outstanding as Highways will not accept responsibility and claim the trees are privately owned. A private citizen cannot request a road closure in order for a contractor to be employed to carry out the necessary work.</p> <p>d) HGV speed and weight monitoring. HGV lorries have been witnessed travelling through the village coming from/to local new housing developments. Their correct route should take them towards Oxford onto the by-pass. DH will phone the companies followed by a letter of evidence.</p> <p>e) Ideas for use of Coronation flag. It was suggested that the flag could be displayed inside the church. JN will ask the PCC for permission.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>JN</p>
37/23	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 27th July 2023</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:00</p>	

Signed: Chairman

Date:

