

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in St Giles Church on Thursday 28th September 2023

Attendees	Cllr James Nettleton (JN) Cllr Peter Ablett (PA) Cllr Duncan Howlett (DH) Cllr David Turner (DT)(SODC) Bianca Mays (BM)(Clerk) Sophie Carmichael/Part(Resident)
Apologies	Cllr Graham Howlett (GH) Cllr Mike Black (MB) Cllr Robin Bennett (RB)(OCC)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
49/23	Introduction	The Chair (JN) opened the meeting at 7.18pm and welcomed all present.	
50/23	Apologies	As above.	
51/23	Minutes of the last meeting	All approved minutes of last meeting. Signed by JN.	
52/23	Declarations of interest	There were no declarations.	
53/23	Matters Arising (but not on the agenda)	Defibrillator update and parish laptop to be discussed in AOB.	
54/23	Open Forum & Village Matters	None.	
55/23	District Councillor Report (David Turner)	Cllr David Turner reviewed key points from September report. Report available to view in full version of these minutes at www.newington.org.uk .	
56/23	County Councillor Report (Robin Bennet)	Cllr Robin Bennet sends apologies. RB September report circulated prior to meeting and available to view in full version of these minutes at www.newington.org.uk .	
57/23 Councillor & Parish Reports			
57a/23	Community Liason / Notice Board Control	BM reports noticeboard up to date.	
57b/23	Planning Applications	None.	
57c/23	Event Co-ordina	JN unable to organise tennis tournament this year. BM mentions upcoming Harvest Supper Friday 13 th October.	
57d/23 DH/GH	Website	BM reports website up to date with latest minutes and articles of interest, however raises issue with slowness of the Parish laptop. BM raises possibility of replacing laptop at cost of £350 – JN	JN

		agrees to look for spare laptop, if not permission to purchase new laptop will be sought at next meeting.	
57e/23 DH/GH	Neighbourhood Plan	No plans to develop neighbourhood plan at present.	
57f/23 MB/JN	New Highways & Potholes	<p>MB continues to chase Highways to find out when we can expect them to deliver the 'dragon' pothole works along Holcombe Lane. MB to update on works at next meeting.</p> <p>PA and MB attended the recent Highways open day, and got to see how various tasks are undertaken including pothole repairs and line painting.</p>	MB
57g/23 MB/EG	Responsible Financial Officer	All agreed that the following should be approved for payment: £250 South Central Ambulance towards Defibrillator, £520 Clerk Pay, £130 Clerk HMRC payment.	
57h/23 MB/GH/	Footpaths	No updates to report.	
58/23 AOB	<p>Defibrillator – Parishioner SC joined by telephone for this section. PA gives update on current project progress: SOHA agreed to provide electricity to defibrillator cabinet, whilst NPC will need to arrange, and pay for, the groundworks to lay the relevant cables. Cost estimates as follows: £1163 electrical contractor, £600 trench, £1,428 Defibrillator, £250 heated cabinet, £3341 total (~£3,000 less VAT).</p> <p>NPC has already pledged £750 towards the project, however PA now proposes that this be increased to £1,000 to represent a third of the total project costs; whilst noting that a total contribution of £1,400 will need to be approved to cover the recoverable VAT (which will then be reclaimed by NPC in future). All agreed that NPC contribute £1,400 towards the project. PA states that the remaining £2,000 should be covered by grants from DT and RB – the outcome of these applications will become known shortly.</p> <p>Parishioner SC has kindly agreed to be the guardian of the defibrillator – all thank SC for this kind offer.</p> <p>PA to speak to MB and arrange the commencement of the groundworks.</p> <p>PA suggests we order the defibrillator and store at SC's house until case is received. All happy to proceed with this. PA to look at ordering defibrillator with help of SC.</p>		<p>PA/MB</p> <p>PA</p>
59/23	Date of Next Meeting	<p>Thursday 30th November 2023</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.15pm</p>	

Signed: Chairman

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