

# NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting Held in St Giles Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023

<b>Attendees</b>	Cllr. James Nettleton (JN) (Chairman) Cllr. Mike Black (MB) Cllr. Peter Ablett (PA) Cllr. Duncan Howlett (DH) Cllr. Graham Howlett (GH) Cllr. David Turner (DT) (SODC) Cllr. Robin Bennett (RB) (OCC) Eva Goble (EG) (Clerk) Nikki Howlett (NH) Resident
<b>Apologies</b>	None

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
12/23	<b>Introduction</b>	The Chairman (JN) opened the meeting at 19.30 and welcomed all present.	
13/23	<b>Apologies</b>	As above.	
14/23	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 were agreed by the Councillors who had been present, approved and signed by the Chairman	
15/23	<b>Declarations of interest regarding items on agenda</b>	DH declared an interest in item 21/23 c) below.	
16/23	<b>Matters Arising Not on agenda</b>	None.	
17/23	<b>Open Forum &amp; Village Matters</b>	NH voiced concerns regarding the remaining pot holes in Holcombe Lane that have still not been repaired since Highways last visit on 1st March by Mark Pearce . Also of concern is that the surface of Holcombe Lane is more bumpy and uneven and could potentially cause damage to residents' cars. Some of the new repairs have caused additional problems. MB will write to Highways once again.	<b>MB</b>
18/23	<b>District Councillor Report (DT)</b>	DT reviews and summarises his report (Appendix 1) attached.	
19/23	<b>County Councillor Report (RB)</b>	RB reviews and summarises his report (Appendix 2) attached. The subject of HGV weight and speed monitoring was raised. JN suggested speaking with residents to gauge interest in sitting in a car in the lay-by and noting number plates or taking photos of lorries. RB suggested signing up with the Police for community speed watch to obtain a monitoring device. JN to register.	<b>ALL</b>  <b>JN</b>
	<b>Councillor &amp; Parish Reports</b>		
20a/23 MB/DH	<b>Community Liaison/ Notice Board</b>	Notice board updated as required regularly but needs some maintenance.	

<b>20b/23 DH/GH</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	None received.	
<b>20c/23 MB/JN</b>	<b>Event Co-ordination</b>	Nothing planned to date.	
<b>20d/23 MB/EG</b>	<b>Website Management</b>	Updated regularly.	
<b>20e/23 9A/MB</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	No updates.	
<b>20f/23 MB/GH/ PA</b>	<b>New Highways/ Potholes</b>	JN informed that it has been identified that there are several dangerous trees on the A329 up the hill from Newington and it will be necessary to close the road for half a day for remedial work to take place. JN to arrange a suitable date with contractor.	<b>JN</b>
<b>20g/23 JN</b>	<b>Responsible Financial Officer Invoices for payment</b>	Cashbook discussed. There is a healthy balance of £9,800 some of which to be moved to savings account. JN confirmed that this year's precept is £4000 but suggested dropping to £1500 or £2000 unless it could be spent to benefit the community. DT reminded that CIL monies need to be spent within five years. JN confirmed £1700 remains to be spent within two years.  Cheques authorised for signature proposed by DH and seconded by MB: OALC annual membership renewal £156.00; Clerk's pay £489.36.	
<b>20h/23 DH</b>	<b>Footpaths</b>	No updates.	
<b>21/23</b>	<b>AOB</b>	<p>a) Defibrillator. RB and DT agreed to contribute a grant towards the full cost of a defibrillator and a solar panel/box, likely to be in the region of £3000. MB proposed that it could be installed near the notice board as a central point in the village since there is also power. DH to research among neighbouring villages.</p> <p>b) Clarify details for registration for current councillors continuing.,All current NP councillors to re-stand.</p> <p>c) Allotment fencing repair. DH tabled a quote received of £345.00. All agreed to accept this quote if lower than a further quote that DH will obtain.</p> <p><b>The meeting closed at 21.05</b></p>	<p><b>DH</b></p> <p><b>DH</b></p>
<b>22/23</b>	<b>Dates of Meetings in 2023</b>	<p>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May (AGM)</p> <p>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</p>	

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: .....