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You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.15 p.m. at which your attendance is required.

Signed by the Clerk *Hannah Shaw*

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1. **Record of attendance.**
2. **Apologies for absence.**
3. **Confirm and sign minutes of the February Meeting.**
4. **Declaration of Parish Councillors' personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items.**
5. **Police Matters and NHW Update**
6. **Bradgate Park**

For information, Bradgate Park Trust is proposing to carry out some resurfacing and repair works to the main off-road route from the Deer Barns to Old John and across to Newtown Linford. This will stop further erosion, improve accessibility and prevent damage to / allow the recovery of sensitive habitats. Extensive landscape, visual and heritage impact assessments of the works have now been carried out to support the submission of a planning application in April. A Design and Access Statement has also been produced.

7. **Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.**
8. **Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt.**
9. **Village Governance and Residents**
  - Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor published 04/04/22. CBC Elections Team will advise whether an election has been requested after the deadline date of 26/04/22.
  - NLPC welcomes Tracey Sowerby, Community Recover Worker for Charnwood Communities on behalf of the Public Health Department at Leicestershire County Council to speak regarding recovery work following the pandemic.
10. **Newtown Linford Biodiversity**
  - Councillors to consider allowing Newtown Linford Biodiversity a page on the Parish Council website to be maintained by Toby Manning on behalf of the group.
  - Bird/Bat/Owl boxes and insect/hedgehog hotels purchased as part of NLPC's successful SHIRE Environment Grant application. Installation carried out at the Bob Bown Memorial Field and Cemetery. Still awaiting permission through the Church of England online faculty system for installations at the Churchyard.

## 11. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues – report by Tree Warden if in attendance.

- **Decisions**

a) P/21/2200/2 - Field Lodge, 38 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey extension to rear of house - Grant Conditionally 08/02/22.

b) P/21/2161/2 - 103 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Refurbishment and alterations to join 103 and 105 into a single family residence, proposed canopy replacing existing conservatory and alterations to existing garage building - Grant Conditionally 25/02/22.

c) P/21/2455/2 - 51 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AB - 2 storey and single storey extensions to front, side and rear of dwelling and alterations to roof – Withdrawn 08/03/22

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

d) P/21/2569/2 - 520B Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of outbuilding for use as annexe/garage to side of dwelling – Objection 07/03/21

*“Councillors wish to object to this application on the grounds that despite stating on the application form that there is no change to the number of dwellings, the proposed independent 'granny annex' appears to be of a similar size and adjacent to, the existing house. These proposals would not result in a large material change at this juncture (replacing an existing shed) but the potential exists for:*

*a) A proposal to separate into two independent dwellings and;*

*b) The merger of the two structures creating a much larger 'footprint' for upward development.*

*Both of these possible outcomes would be concerning and Councillors ask that this be considered as part of the planning conditions, should this application be granted.*

*Please note, Councillors had difficulty deciphering these plans due to the poor quality of print.”*

e) P/22/0157/2 (Listed Building Consent) and P/22/0155/2 for Linford Farm, 36 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Works to enable proposed alterations to the front entrance, construction of single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling and installation of swimming pool and associated plant room to rear – Mixed Comments 02/03/22

*“Councillors have no objection in principle to this application but will be guided by the Conservation Officer on the suitability of the proposed new fenestration at the rear of this listed building.”*

f) P/22/0156/2 for 39 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford - Proposed construction of porch to front and erection of single storey extension to side and rear of existing dwelling – No Objection 02/03/22

g) P/21/2263/2 - 124 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement windows to a listed building – No Objection 02/03/22

h) P/21/2359/2 - Land to the West of Bradgate Road, Anstey -Hybrid application comprising 1) Outline application (access only) for up to 350 dwellings, public parkland and amenity space, community uses, and a site for a two form entry primary school and associated infrastructure. 2) Full application for 150 dwellings, including access and associated highway and drainage infrastructure and landscaping – Objection 23/03/22 (see **Schedule One**).

i) P/22/0219/2 - 100 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Proposed construction of summer house and swimming pool to rear of existing dwelling – No Objection 11/04/22

j) P/22/0503/2 for 51 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Single storey rear extension, 2 storey front and side extensions, single storey front extensions, roof extension and loft conversion - Objection 20/04/22

*"Councillors wish to object to this proposal.*

*This revised proposed design remains over-bearing and out of scale in appearance compared to existing properties in the vicinity and represents over-development of the site, overshadowing neighbouring properties and having a detrimental impact on the residential amenity due to loss of existing views.*

*Although now slightly reduced since a previous application, Councillors believe the excessive height of the proposed 2nd floor extension will still drastically alter the current roof lines that naturally follow the slope of the land, visible from not only the vicinity but in general vistas from Sharpley Hill and Grey Crescent.*

*This remains an enormous extension with the footprint of the 1st and 2nd floors more than doubling in area. Development is proposed right up to the boundary, extending across the whole of the plot and according to the block plan, extends beyond number 53 at the rear. The visual space (as seen from the road) occupied by this proposed enlarged house, will be at least double that currently.*

*The creation of a large window at the rear of the property at 2nd floor level, will remove any privacy of the adjacent gardens and the design has extensive glazing to the front of the house. There is nothing like this design in the adjacent run of houses and the nature of the road and street scene will be vastly changed if this proposal is granted.*

*So far, this region of Markfield Lane has escaped the wholesale enlargement of properties such as on Grey Crescent. The houses here are much more modest in size and have far smaller plots and are closer together. There is more unity of design in these houses than the diverse properties in Grey Crescent or elsewhere in the parish. The combined changes in proposed size and design would lead to a vast monolithic house completely out of character with all the properties on this service road and would negatively impact on the current street scene.*

*The Chairman asks this application be considered at Plans Committee and wishes to speak please."*

k) P/22/0422/2 - 6 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford - Proposed loft conversion with dormer windows. Construction of porch to side of dwelling with associated window alterations - No objection 21/04/22

- **Discuss**

l) P/22/0457/2 (and Listed Building Consent P/22/0757/2) - Linford Farm, 36 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Proposed alterations to front porch, part two storey and part single storey extensions to rear of dwelling and installation of swimming pool with additional detached plant room at rear of dwelling.

- **Trees**

There are no tree applications to discuss.

- **Other**

m) IM Properties proposal for a new Employment Park on land north of the A50 at Groby, off Anstey Lane.

n) Neighbourhood Plan Housing Requirements Position Statement received from CBC by email 04/03/22 and circulated to Councillors.

o) Land at rear of 273 Leicester Road, Field Head, adjacent to Lawn Woods. Chairman/Clerk to advise.

**12. Bob Bown Memorial Field**

**13. Village Magazine.**

Village Magazine Editor contacted regarding a commemorative Platinum Jubilee edition of the Village Magazine in June 08/03/22. Clerk to advise.

**14. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.**

Facebook group has increased to 391 members.

**15. Village Hall.**

- Councillors to consider an increase in contractual hours for the Clerk to assist the Village Hall Committee. Chairman to advise.
- Village Hall Rent Review now in progress. Clerk to advise.

**16. Highways, footpaths, street furniture, traffic, transport.**

Repatching works to Main Street requiring a temporary road closure, have been delayed until a later date, to be confirmed.

**17. Churchyard and cemetery.**

Eternal Light Sculpture at the Cemetery completed 16/03/22.

**18. Correspondence.**

- Review of Statement of Licensing Policy received by email from CBC 18/02/22 and sent to Councillors for comments.
- Village Hall Rent Review correspondence received by post from APB 18/02/22 requesting point of contact for negotiations. Clerk has responded and awaits to hear further.
- Resources and Waste Strategy for Leicestershire received by email from LCC 21/02/22. Consultation closed on 25/04/22. Circulated to Councillors 21/02/22.
- Membership of CPRE Leicestershire - the Countryside Charity received by email 08/03/22. Councillors to consider (see **Schedule Two**).
- Registered Local Bus Service Notification: Arriva 29/29A received by email from LCC 09/03/22 (see **Schedule Three**).
- LCC communication - Have your Say - Resources and Waste Strategy for Leicestershire received via LRALC Round Robin and circulated to Councillors 29/03/22. Consultation closed 25/04/22.
- LRALC/LCC Annual Parish Conference - Save the date Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 5pm onwards. Councillors to nominate attendee on behalf of NLPC.
- Leicestershire Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme (Bus Services) received by email 13/04/22 and cascaded to Councillors for information.
- Invitation to the online launch event for the Sistership Agreement between the Discovery UNESCO Global Geopark in Canada and the Charnwood Forest Geopark, UK received 21/04/22 and forwarded to Councillors.

**19. Scheme of Delegation.**

Councillors are asked to review the motion to provide for delegation to the Clerk, any decision that must be made if the council is incapacitated and unable to hold a meeting.

**20. Reports on Meetings and Trainings by Clerk and Councillors.**

Chairman attended HBBC Planning Committee on 15/02/22

Clerk attended webinar 22/02/22 and Cllr. Rob Haylock attended Groby PC Extraordinary Meeting 23/02/22 regarding IM Properties' proposal for a 57 hectare Employment Park, north of the A50 at Groby.

Clerk attended LCC Parish Clerks' Liaison meeting on 04/03/22

Clerk attended Newtown Linford Biodiversity meeting on 22/03/22.

Chairman attended Charnwood Forest Stakeholder Forum at County Hall on 30/03/22.

Clerk attended Village Hall Committee meeting as an observer on 06/04/22.

Clerk attended CBC Parish Clerks Liaison Meeting on 12/04/22.

Chairman and Clerk attended New Code of Conduct training at LRALC on 27/04/22.

**21. Items of interest or for future meetings.**

**22. Exercise of Public Rights**

Councillors to consider and approve the dates for the period of exercise of public rights of the unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return (accounts are for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022). Suggested dates are Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

**23. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/2021 Part 3**

To consider, approve and for the Chairman and Clerk to sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022 Part 3.

**24. Finance.**

- To note, the NJC Pay Award for 2021/2022 has been agreed at an increase of 1.75% (cost of living rise). Payment to be back dated to 01/04/21 and included in the Clerk's March 2022 pay.
- First precept instalment received to the value of £28,389.50 on 14/04/22.
- Parish Council Zoom Subscription cancelled, effective from 28/04/22.
- Internal Audit to be completed by 26/04/22 by Mr Peter Lowe.
- To consider, approve and for the Chairman to sign Section 2 Accounting Statements 2021/2022 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022 Part 3.

**Authorisation for payment of invoices: -**

07.02.22	SC Maintenance	Grass Cutting Schedule	£3425.00
21.02.22	HM Land Registry	Land Registry Search Markfield Lane	£4.00
28.02.22	HS	Broadband and Out of Plan Calls February	£59.69
28.02.22	HS	Salary February	£1069.42
03.03.22	Nest	Pension Contributions	£47.21
09.03.22	Community Heartbeat	Replacement Defibrillator Battery	£318.00
09.03.22	CBC	Cemetery Rates	£127.25
15.03.22	APB	Village Hall Rent	£437.50
16.03.22	Bradgate Park Trust	Recharge for Churchyard Wall rebuild materials	£627.28
16.03.22	Equals Money	Online purchases of insect/hedgehog hotels and bat/owl/bird boxes re SHIRE Grant. Awaiting payment of £591 funding and VAT to be reclaimed.	£877.39
18.03.22	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance '22-'23.Invoice 1 of 12	£1062.50
25.03.22	HMRC	Tax and NI Contributions	£595.18
28.03.22	HS	Broadband March	£56.95
28.03.22	HS	Salary and Back Pay March	£1226.39
28.03.22	HS	Mileage and Expenses Oct '21 to March '22 inclusive	£170.12
31.03.22	NEST	Pension Contributions	£64.37
31.03.22	Peter Leadbeater	Cemetery Sculpture	£1025.00
06.04.22	LRALC	LRALC and NALC Membership	£324.47
14.04.22	Early Years Bookkeeping	Payroll Services 2022-2023	£150.00
19.04.22	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance '22-'23.Invoice 2 of 12	£1062.50

**Total Expenditure****£ 12,730.22****Bank Balances:**

Business Current Account @ 20/04/22

£ 1,354.51

Business Reserve Account @ 20/04/22

£82,000.00

**Total**

**£83,354.51**

## 25. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7.15pm to include the Annual Parish Meeting

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### Schedule One

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### **Re: Comments of Objection to Planning Consultations P/21/2359/2 and P/21/2358/2**

Newtown Linford Parish Council strongly **object** to these proposals as they feel the adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of this proposed development, for the following reasons.

1. The positioning of this proposed development, leads up to the Bradgate Park and National Forest boundaries. This surrounding area of beauty should be maintained as a natural space to protect the visual views to and from higher areas of Bradgate Park, which would otherwise be hugely impacted by a closer, 'built up' environment.
2. This proposed development would have a severe impact on biodiversity of the area. Many natural habitats would be lost and as suggested, proposed planting and green spaces should not be delayed until the build is completed, should planning permission be granted. Furthermore, the loss of green wedge between Anstey and Newtown Linford, would further reduce the separation area between settlements, whilst also having a detrimental effect on the countryside.
3. The poor positioning of the proposed new primary school at the top of the hill on Bradgate Road, close to High Leys Farm, would not be easily accessible by foot for those people it intends to serve, resulting in more car journeys and traffic congestion during peak times. The school should be repositioned to ensure easier accessibility and to encourage less car usage and more walking/cycling to school. The proposed mini roundabout on Bradgate Road will also add to traffic congestion in this area, particularly at school opening and closing times.
4. Given the current issues Newtown Linford Parish face with speeding vehicles and HGVs flouting the 7.5 tonne weight restriction in force, Councillors feel the speed limit between Newtown Linford and Anstey should be reduced from a 60mph limit, to help mitigate possible highway safety implications this development would bring with an increase in traffic. We believe a haulage company operates from High Leys Farm, the proposed access to which is past the proposed new primary school, thus impeding safety for pupils, the wider school community and residents.
5. Access to this development would be along Bradgate Road from Newtown Linford, along Groby Lane, Anstey or via an already congested traffic system at The Nook in Anstey. Should this planning application be granted, Councillors would like to suggest a new link road from and to the A50 to alleviate some of the pressure increased traffic would undoubtedly cause on both Newtown Linford and the surrounding road network in Anstey.
6. It has, however, been noted that the traffic surveys carried out prior to this application being submitted, did not include data collected at weekends and were also carried out during October 2021 when many people were still working from home and traffic was lighter. Councillors would, therefore, like to suggest this data is not truly indicative of current traffic flow, which has since returned to pre-pandemic levels and should be revisited.
7. A development on this scale will also adversely impact local amenities which appear to already be struggling with demand, such as the oversubscribed Doctors Surgery, inadequate Pharmacy and in

the last fortnight, has seen the only Post Office serving the Anstey community, close. Bus services have also been heavily reduced in recent years.

Notwithstanding these objections, should this application be granted, Newtown Linford Parish Council kindly request inclusion in any Section 106 agreement to bring forward community benefits, namely Average Speed Cameras, in liaison with LCC Highways, to tackle the ongoing issue of speeding and the high level of poor compliance with the speed limits throughout Newtown Linford Parish and which would only worsen as a result of this development.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hannah Shaw

**Parish Council Clerk**  
**Newtown Linford Parish Council**  
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### Schedule Two

Membership of CPRE Leicestershire - the Countryside Charity  
From: CPRE Leicestershire <[info@cpreleicestershire.org.uk](mailto:info@cpreleicestershire.org.uk)>Add to Contacts  
sent fromgmail.com  
Sent: Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 4:24 pm  
To: [clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk](mailto:clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk)

Dear Parish Council Clerk

CPRE Leicestershire Membership

As you may be aware CPRE Leicestershire, the Countryside Charity, campaigns for a beautiful and living countryside. We work to protect, promote and enhance our towns and countryside to make them better places to live, enjoy and to ensure the countryside is protected for now and future generations and many local Parish Councils are members.

We note that your CPRE Leicestershire Parish Council membership lapsed some time ago and we are writing to enquire if you would consider discussing the renewal of this membership at your next Council meeting? We do appreciate that your Parish Council's budget must be carefully managed and that every penny counts but we also believe your membership is vitally important to us and the future of Leicestershire countryside.

Your support is important and for just £36 per year we would keep in touch with you about our work, campaigns, fundraising, events and other ways that CPRE Leicestershire is protecting the local countryside. Neighbourhood Planning is welcome, but it has brought many additional responsibilities and pressures for Parish Councils who are already stretched. CPRE Leicestershire understands the issues that are faced, and we can stand with you in these challenging times and can help you protect the countryside in your local community.

With a local CPRE group in every county in England, we are advocating nationwide for the kind of countryside we all want: one with sustainable, healthy communities and available to more people than ever, including those who have not benefited before. We stand for a countryside that enriches all of our lives, regenerating our wellbeing, and that we in turn regenerate, protect and celebrate. Some may remember us as 'The Campaign to Protect Rural England' - our previous name, and one of several in our long history. CPRE as a whole has worked for almost a century to support and promote the countryside, and we will be doing this for generations to come and that is why we call ourselves 'the countryside charity.'



CPRE plays a unique and vital role in the protection of England's countryside but the truth is we cannot do it alone and Parish Council members like you are crucial. Not only do you bring essential financial support, but your endorsement also plays a huge role in lending weight to our campaigning and policy work. The Government values Parish Councils and your support helps us win vital points in the countryside debate, while at a local level we achieve many important successes together. The bottom line is that to effectively protect the countryside we love it is essential for CPRE and Parish Councils to stand together and your membership would make that possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and we hope that your Parish Councillors will consider renewing the membership with CPRE Leicestershire.

Jill Prior,

Committee Administrator, CPRE Leicestershire

Sent on behalf of the CPRE Leicestershire Trustees

### **Schedule Three**

Registered Local Bus Service Notification: Arriva 29/29A

From: Iain Jaques <Iain.Jaques@leics.gov.uk>

Sent: Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 10:04 am

Good morning,

I am writing to advise you of changes to the below local bus registration, which we have received and will affect residents within your parish.

Arriva have now submitted these changes to the Traffic Commissioners to take effect from 17th April 2022.

Outlined below is an initial assessment of these changes. Officers are in the process of reviewing the full impact, and we will be in touch if it is identified that there are any further significant changes to communicate.

Arriva 29/29A Leicester - Coalville - Swadlincote

- Timetable revised for punctuality in the evening peak departing Leicester.
- Revisions to journeys serving Amazon.
- Some journeys rerouted to serve VF Warehouse which will be designated X29.
- New 29B service which will route via Newtown Linford on Sundays only.

If you have any questions about this registration change, please email [choosehowyoumove@leics.gov.uk](mailto:choosehowyoumove@leics.gov.uk).

Kind regards,

Iain Jaques

Safe & Sustainable Travel Officer

Safe & Sustainable Travel Team

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