



You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.15 p.m. at which your attendance is required.

Signed by the Clerk *Hannah Shaw*

The Parish Council Chairman invites Councillors and attendees to observe a one minute silence in honour
of
HM Queen Elizabeth II

1. Record of attendance.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies have been received from Cllrs. Sue Greasley and Tara Pickles.

3. Confirm and sign minutes of the August Meeting.

4. Declaration of Parish Councillors' personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items.

5. Public Participation

To receive representations from the public on items on the agenda.

6. Police Matters and NHW Update

- Email received from resident of Main Street regarding speeding issues (see **Schedule One**). Email sent to PC Gregory Moore on 30/08/22.
- Criminal Damage at Newtown Linford Cemetery reported to Police, Crime Reference Number DP-32585-22-3333-00. Damage caused to cemetery shed; water butt turned over, downpipe removed from shed and boarded window forced inwards. No entry gained. No items stolen 11/09/22.

7. Bradgate Park

- Email received from resident regarding Ice Cream Trader on park received 11/09/22 (see **Schedule Two**).

8. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

- Equipment purchased for the ongoing maintenance of the wildflower verges on Markfield Lane and Groby Lane, following advice received from BHIB Councils Insurance. Total cost £254.00
- Wildflower verges on Markfield Lane and Groby Lane received annual cuts 11/09/22.

9. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

10. **Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt.**

11. **Village Governance and Residents**

- Councillors to consider whether there is a need for a village 'warm space' during winter months. Clerk to advise.

12. **Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues - report by Tree Warden if in attendance.**

- **Decisions**

a) P/22/1347/2 (Listed Building Consent) and P/22/1288/2 - Ivy House Farm, 72 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Alterations to dwelling including the installation of roof lights to side roof slopes, infilling of existing opening with timber door, repairs to existing timber window and loft conversion. Internal alterations to dwelling including removal of internal partition to garage and various other internal alterations to main dwelling. (Listed Building Consent) - Grant Conditionally 16/09/22.

b) P/22/0776/2 - Thatched Cottage, 45 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement windows - Grant Conditionally 15/09/22.

c) P/22/0914/2 - 502 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Proposed erection of single storey front extension and loft extension - Grant Conditionally 31/08/22.

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

d) P/22/1031/2 Outline planning application for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, and the development of up to 150 dwellings, together with open space, landscaping, and drainage infrastructure (All Matters Reserved except Access) - Objection 08/09/22 (see **Schedule Three**).

e) P/22/1462/2 - Lady Jane Mobile Home Park - Discharge of conditions 3 (Site levels), 4 (Materials), 5 (Eaves/ verge treatment, guttering/ down pipe details), 6 (Disposal of foul waste and surface water drainage), 11 (Construction traffic management plan) and 16 (Tree protection measures) of P/19/2119/2 - Erection of 5 no. two bed bungalows, 2 no. three bed bungalows and 1 no. replacement dwelling at 532 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford, Leicestershire, LE6 0HD - No Objection 15/09/22.

- **Discuss**

f) P/22/1541/2 - 520B Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Proposed single storey side extension including alterations to workshop.

g) P/22/1394/2 - Land at North of Pollards Road, Anstey - Full planning application for residential development of 48no. dwelling houses (Use Class C3) with landscaping, open space, car parking, access works and associated infrastructure.

h) P/22/1291/2 - 524 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of two storey detached dwelling, triple garage with annex above and associated landscaping and driveway works following demolition of existing dwelling.

- **Trees**

i) P/22/1649/2 – Fell 1 x Yew – NLPC, All Saint’s Churchyard, Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford.

j) P/22/1723/2 – Fell 1 x Eucalyptus – 34 Main Street, Newtown Linford.

- **Appeals**

Notification of Planning Appeal for Land North East of Ashby Road, Markfield - Residential development of up to 93 dwellings, public open space, landscaping and SuDS (Outline- access only) (cross boundary application with Charnwood BC), received from HBBC 02/09/22.

13. Bob Bown Memorial Field

- Councillors to consider quotations received for play park improvements. Clerk to advise.
- Councillors to consider costings for warning signage at Bob Bown Memorial Field as follows:

Reverse printed clear polycarbonate sign, cost £45.00 + VAT

As above to include signfix rail and clips/nuts/bolts for fixing to a post, cost £60.00 + VAT

As above to include bracing bars and bolts for fixing to a fence, cost £70.00 + VAT

Proposed wording: 'Action may be taken against anyone found installing unauthorised apparatus on the Bob Bown Memorial Field. Members of the public using non permitted apparatus such as rope swings, do so at their own risk.'

14. Village Magazine.

Defibrillator information sent to Village Magazine Editor for inclusion in October edition.

15. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

- Facebook group has increased to 423 members.
- Councillors to consider new Parish Council email addresses for every member. Total cost for seven new accounts £245 plus VAT through 2Commune and charged annually.

16. Village Hall.

- Assets of Community Value nomination form completed for the Village Hall and submitted to CBC 20/09/22, following completion of the 2021 rent review.

17. Highways, footpaths, street furniture, traffic, transport.

- Councillors to approve the expenditure for a replacement litter bin on Bradgate Road as discussed at the July meeting. Total cost £420.90 inc. VAT.
- Land registry search resubmitted for land on corner of Markfield Lane 07/09/22.

18. Churchyard and cemetery.

- Councillors to approve expenditure under Scheme of Delegation for an emergency tree fell carried out at All Saints' Churchyard on 27/08/22 costing £240.00 inc. VAT.

19. Correspondence.

National Highways and Transport Survey 2022 (Deadline 31 October) received by email 05/09/22 (see **Schedule Four**)

Charnwood Borough Council UK Shared Prosperity Fund update received by email 12/09/22 (see **Schedule Five**).

Public Spaces Protection Order – Charnwood Borough Council 2023-2026 received by email 12/09/22 (see **Schedule Six**). Request for inclusion submitted by Clerk 15/09/22 for the following:

- Schedule Two - The Keeping of Dogs on Leads - Closed Churchyard, All Saints' Church, Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford.
- Schedule Three - Dogs Exclusion Parish and Town Councils - Bob Bown Memorial Field play park, Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford.

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

Clerk to attend CBC Clerks' Liaison Meeting 04/10/22

21. Items of interest or for future meetings.

22. Finance.

- Parish Precept 2022/23 2nd Instalment received 01/09/22 – Total £28,389.50
- VAT Reclaim submitted for period 01.09.22 – 31.08.22 Total £2055.53

Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

26.08.22	HS	August Salary	£1148.81
26.08.22	HS	August Broadband and Out of Plan Calls	£71.85
30.08.22	APB	Village Hall Rent Arrears following review	£1250.00
30.08.22	Arboreco	Emergency Tree Fell @ All Saints' Churchyard	£240.00
01.09.22	NEST	Pension Contributions	£52.92
02.09.22	Sevenoaks Nursery	Replacement Memorial Tree (cost to be borne by family)	£54.00
02.09.22	Equals Money	Transfer to pre-paid credit card for: Office Chair £125.99 Wildflower verge equipment Admin – Operation London Bridge Mole deterrents for Churchyard & Cemetery £333.70	£600.00

		Remaining balance on card £140.31	
09.09.22	Bradgate Flowers	Lily posy arrangement for Book of Condolence table	£25.00
10.09.22	Bradgate Flowers	Handtied posy for laying of flowers and silence for HM Queen Elizabeth II	£25.00
15.09.22	LRALC Ltd	Councillor training	£45.00
16.09.22	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 2022/2023 Inv. 7 of 12	£1062.50

Total Expenditure **£ 4,575.08**

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 21/09/22	£ 1,964.12
Business Reserve Account @ 21/09/22	£ 92,000.00
Total	£ 93,964.12

24. Date of the next two Parish Council Meetings.

Wednesday 26th October 2022 7.15pm
 Wednesday 30th November 2022 7.15pm

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Schedule One - Resident email regarding speeding issues on Main Street

Hi Hannah

Hope you are well.

I would like to ask about traffic calming. Is this your domain?

In the 5 years I have lived here 3 cars have been written off just parked in LE6 0AF. Last couple of days a bad accident due to speeding outside my house. Police ref 499. ALSO, I was travelling at 30 today and turning right into my drive and someone overtook and stuck finger up. We really need traffic calming measures before someone gets killed in this area.

When working at the school I asked for railings outside due to fast driving past school at 3.15pm. Was told the neighbours were against it.

Sorry but neighbours need to understand the world they now live in. It's only a matter of time before someone is killed on Main Street.

Please advise.

Schedule Two - Email received from resident regarding Ice Cream Trader on Bradgate Park

Hello Hannah,

I just thought that I would share this picture with the parish council and ask the question, What does this do to add to the attractiveness of the park?

There are enough places to purchase ice cream outside the park without

sticking this eyesore just inside the park gates.
I don't know if the park management still liaises with the council but
it is worth asking, Why?

Regards



Schedule Three – Comments Submitted Re: P/22/1031/2

NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH CLERK, RFO & REGISTRAR
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Thursday 8th September 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Comments Re: P/22/1031/2 - Outline planning application for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, and the development of up to 150 dwellings, together with open space, landscaping, and drainage infrastructure (All Matters Reserved except Access).

Newtown Linford Parish Council strongly object to these proposals, as Councillors feel the adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of this proposed outline planning, as detailed below.

LOCATION

Firstly, this area of land lies with Newtown Linford Parish within Charnwood Borough, however, the Landscape Appraisal prepared by Golby and Luck states that "Field Head and Markfield are located at the southern boundary of Charnwood Borough Council with the majority of the settlement to the south of the

A50 located in the adjoining jurisdiction of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council” and yet, with access proposed via 287 Markfield Lane, CBC act as the Local Planning Authority, not HBBC. In fact, it appears HBBC are not being consulted at all, despite the potentially serious impact on Markfield, which is already supporting a development of 284 houses. Any further development ascribed to this service centre is not supported by Markfield’s recently ratified Neighbourhood Plan.

There is minimal mention of Newtown Linford within both the Design and Access Statement and the Landscape Appraisal. The Design and Access Statement states “Davidsons have an interest in land south of Markfield Lane to the eastern edge of Markfield in Leicestershire. This DAS sets out why Davidsons believe the land to the south of Markfield Lane can play a key role in satisfying the housing needs of Charnwood, whilst bringing tangible benefits to the village.” Which village? This implies that the site lies within Markfield, not Newtown Linford. It seems there has been no consideration given to how a development of this size would impact Newtown Linford Parish and its residents.

Newtown Linford is classed in the ‘Other Settlements’ category within the Charnwood Local Plan and is suitable for small scale infill development only, to meet local needs. There is already an active planning permission granted for 8 bungalows within the centre of the village. This proposed development of 150 houses cannot be described as small scale. In Newtown Linford Parish Council’s view, this site is not sustainable as its location is sufficiently distant from schools, shops and surgeries, that car travel would be inevitable. Newtown Linford also no longer contains a food shop or post office.

EFFECT ON ‘LOCAL’ SERVICE CENTRE

A development of this scale will adversely impact local amenities which appear to already be struggling with demand and which in turn, will affect current service users, including the oversubscribed GP Surgeries in Markfield and Anstey, pharmacies, shops and primary and secondary schools. Bus services have also been heavily reduced in recent years. There is only one bus every two hours from the site into Newtown Linford.

Mercenfeld Primary School, Markfield, has a pupil admission number that is capped at 50, meaning once school has filled to 50 children in each year group, all other applications are refused. We believe other schools in the area are already at capacity and may not be able to accommodate further applications from new families moving to the area. Newtown Linford Primary School are currently oversubscribed and cannot accept any new applications for in year admissions for Key Stage 1. Both Mercenfeld and Newtown Linford primary schools are located on restricted sites and further expansion is not possible.

Access to Mercenfeld Primary School is via a narrow residential street which already suffers from congestion and lack of parking at school drop off and pick up times. The proposed pedestrian access from the development to Leicester Road is along a track that is already used by vehicles and horses and separation between pedestrians and other users, would be problematic. Without this ‘shortcut’, the distance of the development from Markfield shops, school and surgery, would be regarded as excessive for pedestrians. Newtown Linford Primary School is also beyond this distance.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

Highway safety would be compromised. The Design and Access Statement shows a narrow two carriageway access road to the proposed development, with a single footpath on one side only and a 0.5m wide verge alongside number 285 Markfield Lane. The location of the proposed access is on a bend where visibility is reduced. There is some doubt that the necessary visibility splays can be obtained in this location, unless there is removal of trees and bushes to improve visibility and this would lead to substantial loss of privacy for the two adjacent neighbouring properties. This would also subject the homeowners to increased light from vehicles at night and air and noise pollution as cars turn into and exit the development. In addition, the restricted width of the available access risks leaving less than 2 metres between the road and the side entry door at 285.

Traffic flow would be increased considerably at peak times by motorists exiting the proposed site and heading towards the A50 roundabout at Field Head, where there are currently no traffic signals in operation, or towards Newtown Linford to access this village and the services at Anstey. Residents already struggle to exit Newtown Linford safely onto the high speed dual carriageway or across to Leicester Road, Markfield/Launde Road, Markfield at busy times and increased vehicles would only exacerbate this ongoing problem further. There have been 34 personal injury accidents recorded in this area. At peak times the roundabout exceeds capacity and traffic can queue at this roundabout, past the proposed access road. In this case, traffic may choose to turn right and use Newtown Linford as a rat run to avoid possible congestion on the A50. In this instance, visibility would be greatly reduced for vehicles exiting the access road to turn right and highway safety would be seriously compromised. Loss of privacy and increased air and noise pollution would also affect adjacent properties, as vehicles queue to exit the development at peak times. On occasion, incidents affecting the M1 or A46, can also have an adverse impact on traffic in this area, with long queues of slow moving traffic for prolonged periods of time.

The Transport Assessments submitted in relation to this outline planning, were carried out during a time when Covid restrictions were still in force and many people remained working from home and traffic was lighter. There has also been no data recorded for traffic movements at weekends, when the adjacent tourist attraction of Bradgate Park accessed via Newtown Linford, draws in many visitors. Councillors suggest this data is therefore, not truly indicative of current traffic flow, which has since returned to pre-pandemic levels and should be revisited.

EFFECT ON GREEN SPACES

It is clear, the proposed development would lead to a significant biodiversity loss in the area. Many natural habitats would be lost as well as valued green space. This green space and the rural, linear nature of Markfield Lane was quoted in the planning refusal for a single bungalow adjacent to this proposed site merely 4 years ago. The Ecological Appraisal produced by Brindle and Green was carried out off season (during February) and shortly after vegetation clearance, including the felling of mature trees and drastic flailing of hedgerows. Grassland has also been incorrectly described and the report lacks an adequate assessment of the impact of the proposals upon vegetative habitats. The proposals state that a distance of 15m from the established woods to the development, would be sufficient to maintain the integrity of the wildlife in the wood. However, the birds, bats and owls, badgers and foxes use these fields as noted by the residents surrounding the area. There have been no ecological appraisals in the different seasons and as such, the likely degradation of the biodiversity caused by this development, has not been correctly assessed. Advice received from CBC also recommends a DEFRA Biodiversity Impact Assessment is conducted at the design stage. There is the potential of a substantial loss of amenity for existing residents of Markfield Lane and Leicester Road, with loss of privacy ('overlooking') and possible loss of sunlight from 2 and 2.5 story units as illustrated in the DAS.

SECTION 106

Notwithstanding these objections, should this application be granted planning permission, Newtown Linford Parish Council would request inclusion in any Section 106 agreement to bring forward school and community benefits, fund traffic calming measures including speed cameras, to tackle the ongoing issue of speeding and the high level of poor compliance with the speed limits, as identified by the Leicestershire Police Safer Roads Team during a covert speed survey carried out in 2020, throughout Newtown Linford Parish and which would only worsen as a result of this development. Consideration should also be given to funding major junction improvements at the Field Head roundabout.

The Parish Council Chairman wishes to speak at Plans Committee please.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Hannah Shaw

Parish Council Clerk, RFO and Registrar of Burials

Schedule Four - National Highways and Transport Survey 2022 (Deadline 31 October)

Dear all,

All Leicestershire Parish Councils will recently have received a communication inviting them to participate in the annual National Highways and Transport (NHT) Public Representative survey. This survey is part of the Council's continuing effort to understand and respond to the needs of its customers.

The Public Representative survey is essentially an abbreviated version of the Public Satisfaction Survey, the main difference being that results from the Public Representative survey are not made public. Parish details remain confidential and are not retained by the administering company.

The survey is designed to accept one response for each Parish Council so we would ask that, although the questionnaire is best completed by one person, the responses represent the overall views of the Parish Council on the Highways and Transport matters raised in the survey.

To complete the questionnaire please hold CTRL and click the following link, or copy and paste it into your web browser window. If you require any technical assistance please contact Cassandra Haywood on 0116 3050504.

<https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/1006>

Alternatively, if you would like to complete a paper copy of the survey please contact Cassandra Haywood on 0116 3050504. Parish Council paper responses should be returned to Cassandra Haywood either by posting the completed survey for her attention to Room 700, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire, LE3 8RJ or by scanning the completed survey and e-mailing it to cassandra.haywood@leics.gov.uk

I should be very grateful if you could complete the survey by 31st October 2022. If your Parish Meeting falls outside of this time please contact Cassandra Haywood on 0116 3050504 and we will do our best to accommodate a later return date.

Once completed responses will be recorded and analysed to help support the findings of the public satisfaction survey.

Your support by participating in this survey to help inform the continuous improvement of Highways and Transportation is very much appreciated.

Schedule Five - Charnwood Borough Council UK Shared Prosperity Fund update received by email 12/09/22

Dear Hannah Shaw,

I am contacting you as you submitted a proposal for UKSPF funding earlier this summer. Further to previous communication about the outcome of your submission, the Borough Council is keen to make all stakeholders aware of the decisions it has taken with regard to our Investment Plan which was submitted to the Government.

Information about the Investment Plan and the proposals contained within it can be found on the Council's website via this link [Charnwood Borough Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan](#). We have also produced an FAQ page which can be found, [here](#).

The Council continues to monitor opportunities to secure funding for the borough and administer Government funding programmes. Should further new funding be secured which might present an opportunity for your project we would be in touch again.

Yours faithfully, Michael Dow

Schedule Six - Public Spaces Protection Order Charnwood Borough Council 2023-2026

Hello all

I emailed previously at the start of the consultation, thank you to anyone who replied.

I thought I would email you all again to check if you have any further requests/requirements or comments prior to the stakeholder consultation closing on September 30th 2022.

In January 2023, we will be looking to vary and/or extend the existing Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). This will come into force on 7th January 2023 but in preparation we will undertake a full consultation with residents/parish and town councils and other stakeholders.

The consultation for residents opened on July 27th and is now closed but there is still time for stakeholders to respond to the consultation, this could be advising me about:

- Requests for restrictions in your local area – for example play areas at new housing developments
- Areas where you would like us to consider extended restrictions if you have evidence to demonstrate the extensions are proportionate and justifiable
- Any comments from Parish Councillors of their representatives

To make this easy, you can email me to outline any requests/comments and if you need to discuss further then please get in touch. I have attached a certificate of consultation which gives an outline of the consultation.

I will then add the comments into the review which will form a report for the democratic process.

Following the review, the responses will enable us to draw up a Notice of Intention – this will then form the formal stage of the consultation and will be open for final comment for everyone.

If you have any questions or would like a call back then please get in touch.

Regards

Nicky Gibson
Enviro Crime and Dog Control Manager