



NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

Councillors and attendees observed a one minute silence in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Chairman, Cllr. Sue Pritchard, expressed her thanks to Cllr. Tim Porte for having deputised at a local reading of the Proclamation on Sunday 11th September, due to Cllr. Pritchard being away and unable to attend. Cllr. Pritchard also thanked the Clerk, Hannah Shaw, for making the necessary arrangements with regards to the village Book of Condolence and the reading of the Proclamation.

0618/22 Members present:

Councillors Sue Pritchard (Chairman), Tim Porte (Vice-Chairman), Rob Haylock, Vicki Lightfoot and Harvey Singh

Also in attendance: Clerk – Hannah Shaw, Borough Councillor – David Snartt, Tree Warden – Brian Anderson and Bradgate Park Director – James Dymond.

0619/22. Apologies for absence:

Councillors Sue Greasley and Tara Pickles and County Councillor, Deborah Taylor.

0620/22. Confirm and sign minutes of the 24th August 2022 meeting:

These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

0621/22. Declaration of Parish Councillor's personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items:

The Chairman represents the Gardening Club on the Village Hall Committee.

The Chairman is a member of the Management Committee at Lingdale Golf Club.

Councillor Tara Pickles represents the Council on the Magazine Committee.

In addition, Councillor Harvey Singh declared a personal interest in item 12 – d of the agenda with regards to an 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) and has therefore, recused himself from ratifying the comments submitted.

0622/22 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

0623/22. Police Matters and NHW reports:

- An email had been received from a resident of Main Street regarding speeding issues on Main Street and a recent RTA where a car had overturned on its roof. The Clerk had sent an email sent to PC Gregory Moore on 30/08/22 but had received no response.
- Criminal Damage at Newtown Linford Cemetery had been reported to Police, Crime Reference Number 22000553171. Damage had been caused to the cemetery shed; water butt overturned, downpipe removed from shed and boarded window forced inwards. No entry gained was gained and no items were stolen 11/09/22. The report had been filed by Leics. Police and no further action was being taken.

- Brain Anderson also reported a car had collided with the railings at the bridge on Markfield Lane and a suspect had been apprehended by Police on suspicion of drug and/or drink driving.

Resolve: Noted with thanks. The Chairman acknowledged the recent RTC on Main Street and reiterated the need for average speed cameras, however, the Police continue to carry out speeding operations in the area.

0624/22. Bradgate Park

- An email had been received from a resident regarding an Ice Cream Trader on Bradgate Park car park, received 11/09/22.

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond, delivered an update.

There had been an ongoing problem with motorbikes being ridden through the park after dusk. Registration plates had been passed to the Police who are in the process of sending out warning letters to the owners.

Planning applications for further track resurfacing works were almost complete and would be submitted in the next fortnight. BPT are looking at organising a drop in session for interested parties once the application has been validated and is live on Planning Explorer.

The tree planting scheme adjacent to Swithland Woods, in association with the National Forest, had now been granted the funding and would commence in Winter 2022. BPT hope to involve the Parish and Newtown Linford Primary School with planting the new Jubilee Woodland. The National Forest grant also includes funding for 5 years' maintenance.

Groundwork Trust had also offered BPT a large quantity of trees, which are due to arrive in November.

Resolve: Noted with thanks. Councillors had no comment to make regarding the ice-cream van trading from Bradgate Park and felt it better placed in the car park than on the road.

0625/22. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

- Equipment had been 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.
- The wildflower verges on Markfield Lane and Groby Lane had received annual cuts 11/09/22.
- The Chairman reported NLB would be holding an Open Evening at the Village Hall on 04/10/22.

Resolve: Noted with thanks to Newtown Linford Biodiversity, in particular Joe and Claire Costello.

0626/22. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

Cllr. Taylor had sent apologies to the meeting and there was no report available.

0627/22. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.

See Appendix One

With regards to Cllr. Snartt's focus on Licensing, the Chairman asked if this included licences for Ice Cream traders. Cllr. Snartt advised CBC continued to collate evidence regarding an Ice Cream Van trading in the Village and the impacts on businesses and health and safety.

A Councillor asked Cllr. Snartt if licensing extended to Mobile Home Parks. Cllr. Snartt advised licensing does not currently extend to Mobile Home Parks unless restrictions have been imposed through planning conditions.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0628/22. Village Governance and Residents.

- Councillors considered whether there is a need for a village 'warm space' during winter months. Various possibilities were discussed including opening the Village Hall during early evenings and working in partnership with a Village business.

Resolve: Councillors asked the Clerk to gauge opinion via the Council's Facebook page before making a decision.

0629/22. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues.

- **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.

Resolve: Noted.

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

Cllr. Singh had recused himself from the following item.

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.

Cllr. Singh rejoined the meeting.

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.

Resolve: Ratified. In relation to application P/22/1031/2, Cllr. Snartt reassured the Chairman that no further areas could be added to the Draft Charnwood Local Plan without further consultation.

- **Discuss**

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

Resolve: Mixed Comments. Clerk to submit similar comments to those previously submitted.

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.

Resolve: Objection. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer with regards to the impact on local services and lack of infrastructure to support additional housing.

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.

Resolve: No Objection. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer.

- The Chairman enquired if there had been any further development with planning application 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.

Cllr. Snartt advised the Case Officer was awaiting revised plans which would result in further consultation.

- **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.

Resolve: Noted. Tree Warden, Brian Anderson had no objections.

- **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.

Resolve: Noted. Councillors had no further comments to make. Clerk to resubmit comments to further reiterate the Council's objection.

0630/22. Bob Bown Memorial Field.

- Councillors considered quotations received for play park improvements.

Resolve: Councillors agreed to the possible resurfacing of the play and swings area with a new 'carpet' style surface laid over the existing wetpour and full removal of the timber play trail. Councillors also

voted in favour of a new see-saw, streetboard springie and climbing wall, all subject to final costings within the £15k earmarked reserves for the park. Clerk to request revised quotation based on the above.

- Councillors to consider costings for warning signage at Bob Bown Memorial Field as follows:
 - a) Reverse printed clear polycarbonate sign, cost £45.00 + VAT
 - b) As above to include signfix rail and clips/nuts/bolts for fixing to a post, cost £60.00 + VAT
 - c) 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.'

Resolve: Councillors voted in favour of option c to include bracing bars and bolts for fixing to a fence at a cost of £70.00 plus VAT and agreed the proposed wording.

0631/22. Village Magazine.

Defibrillator information had been sent to Village Magazine Editor, Carole Heubeck, for inclusion in the October edition.

The Chairman reported the Village Magazine was about to celebrate its 200th edition.

Resolve: Congratulations to Carole Heubeck, Editor of the Village Magazine and everyone on the Village Magazine Committee.

0632/22. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

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

Resolve: Noted. Councillors asked the Clerk if free of charge email accounts e.g. Gmail or Hotmail would suffice. The Clerk said all Parish Councils had been advised to transfer websites and email addresses to .go.uk accounts. Clerk to investigate further to include a .gov.uk website address and will report back.

0633/22. Village Hall

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

Resolve: Noted.

0634/22. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:

- Councillors considered the expenditure for a replacement litter bin on Bradgate Road as discussed at the July meeting. Total cost £420.90 inc. VAT.
- A land registry search had been resubmitted for land on the corner of Markfield Lane 07/09/22.
- Cllr. Snartt advised LCC Highways would be returning to correct and repaint the central white lines on Main Street following recent works.

Resolve: Noted. Expenditure approved.

0635/22. 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.

Resolve: Noted. Emergency expenditure approved and ratified.

0636/22. Correspondence:

National Highways and Transport Survey 2022 (Deadline 31 October) received by email 05/09/22.

Charnwood Borough Council UK Shared Prosperity Fund update received by email 12/09/22.

Public Spaces Protection Order – Charnwood Borough Council 2023-2026 received by email 12/09/22. 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.

Resolve: Noted. Clerk to submit a response on behalf of NLPC re the National Highways and Transport Survey 2022.

0637/22. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk.

Cllr. Singh attended Councillor training on 30/08/22.

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

Resolve: Noted.

0638/22. Items of interest of for future meetings.

Bradgate Park Trust are in the process of agreeing a lease on a derelict listed building belonging to the Church and associated with the Church Rooms, for storage of the park's mobility scooter.

0639/22. 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

Resolve: Noted.

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 Remaining balance on card £140.31	£600.00
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**

Resolve: Councillors authorised payments, payments were ratified where necessary and the bank statements were reconciled and signed by the Chairman.

0617/22. Dates of the next three Parish Council Meetings.

- Wednesday 26th October 2022 7.15pm
- Wednesday 30th November 2022 7.15pm
- Wednesday 11th January 2022 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed by Chair:-.....Dated:-.....

Appendix One – Report by Borough Councillor, David Snartt

Report from David Snartt.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

The Mayor of Charnwood, Councillors and Officers of Charnwood Borough Council are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen. The Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor Jenny Tillotson said: This is a very sad day for our nation and on behalf of the Borough of Charnwood, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to the Royal family.

Queen Elizabeth selflessly served our country for so many years and earned the respect of not just this nation, but of those around the world, we should remember her with pride and affection.

I attend a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Her Majesty at All Saints' with Holy Trinity, Loughborough, also a Commemoration service marking the death of Her Late Majesty at All Saints' Newtown Linford.

Her Majesty was an inspiration to so many people, we will greatly miss our Queen Elizabeth.

Proclamation of King Charles III.

I attended the reading of the Proclamation of King Charles III at the Carillon Tower, Queens Park, Loughborough on Sunday 11th September. This historic moment was witnessed by hundreds of people who attended the service.

The mayor of Charnwood, Councillor Jennifer Tillotson, read the Proclamation before the crowd were invited to say God Save the King, sing the national anthem and give three cheers for the King.

Later that afternoon I attended the Proclamation service, which took the same format in front of All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford. Again local residents and visitors to the village attending the service witnessed the Proclamation reading, delivered by the Vice Chairman of the Newtown Linford Parish Council, Tim Porte. The nation was in mourning for Queen Elizabeth, but this was a special moment to recognise the ascension of King Charles III.

Planning Application P/22/1031/2

This application is for outline planning for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford and the development of up to 150 dwellings on land south of Markfield Lane. I understand the end date for submissions to the consultation to Charnwood Borough Council has now been extended to the 7th October 2022. I have already 'called in' this application to be determined by a Plans Committee, stating the reasons to oppose this proposal. This along with County Councillor Deborah Taylor and Parish Councils. I would be grateful, if residents are minded to send a submission to the council by e-mail to development.control@charnwood.gov.uk, or writing to Development Control, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields Road, Loughborough. LE11 2TN.

This is yet another parcel of countryside land within Newtown Linford Parish that developers are proposing to build upon. There is currently another planning application at appeal for 93 dwellings close to this site. In my view, this latest proposal would not integrate well with the two nearest villages of Newtown Linford and Markfield. Therefore the dwellings would be detached from both villages and not be part of the two communities. This proposal would also be detrimental to the character of this part of Charnwood Forest, not relating to existing adjacent development which is mainly low density ribbon development. This proposal would cause a substantial change to the appearance of this site in the countryside. In my opinion, the proposal is unsustainable with the car being the preferred option to travel to essential services and retail shops.

Financial Help.

Further Government announcements have now been made to help with the rising cost of energy. I understand a typical household will pay no more than £2,500 a year for two years. The Ofgem price cap will be replaced with a two year energy price guarantee.

I am concerned about the rising costs for local businesses. I also understand a scheme for businesses will be given support but lasting for six months. We are very lucky to have a good selection of businesses within my Forest Bradgate Ward, offering a wide range of retail goods and excellent food and drinks. Please support your local businesses during this difficult time.

Installation of a New Defibrillator.

Through the Members Grant Scheme at Charnwood Borough Council, I was delighted to help in some small way in helping to provide some of the finance to install a new defibrillator at the Newtown Linford Cricket Club ground. This will be an excellent addition to the already installed defibrillators within the Parish. It will provide additional support to both the cricket and tennis clubs.

The Member grant scheme at Charnwood Borough Council enables Councillors to provide small grants to a wide variety of community and voluntary organisations within the Borough. Each Borough Councillor is allocated an annual budget of £500 which can be used to support projects that bring benefits to the Councillor's Ward.

In the past I have been able to help other groups and organisations within my Ward, which include Woodhouse Good Neighbour Scheme, Newtown Linford Tennis Club, Woodhouse WWII Wellington Bomber Project and Newtown Linford Brownies. More information about the Member Grant Scheme and other grants available at the Council, please go to the Charnwood Borough Council's website.

Spotlight on Licensing.

I received some interesting information from Charnwood Borough Council about the Council's Licensing Team, which I thought you may be of interest.

The Council's Licensing Team currently have over 3,500 licences on record, that covers everything from taxis and scrap metal sites to premises selling alcohol and betting shops. There are over 50 different

types of licences handled by the Team and while the most common ones relate to taxis and pubs, there are more unusual ones. One of the more unusual types of licence, you would need a licence if you are a hypnotist and want to put on a show in Charnwood Borough. The licence is for the person and entertainment only and not medical procedures or therapy.

The Teams core purpose is public safety, for example, the public needs to have confidence when they step into a taxi, the driver is a fit and proper person and the vehicle is in a good condition, or when they visit a pub or event where alcohol is on sale, they are operated by fit and proper people. If things are not being done correctly, the Team can take action to promote public safety. The purpose of the Licensing is very simple, it's to keep people safe.