



## NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

### **0713/23. Members present:**

Councillors Sue Pritchard (Chairman), Tim Porte (Vice-Chairman), Sue Greasley, Tara Pickles and Harvey Singh.

Also in attendance: Clerk - Hannah Shaw, Borough Councillor - David Snartt, Tree Warden - Brian Anderson, PCSO Euan Smedley and 3 residents.

### **0714/23. Apologies for absence:**

Councillors Vicki Lightfoot and Rob Haylock, County Councillor Deborah Taylor, Bradgate Park Director James Dymond

### **0715/23. Confirm and sign minutes of the January 2023 meeting:**

These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

### **0716/23. 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.

### **0717/23. Public Participation**

A resident asked to speak under item 11 - Village Governance, with regards to the Village King's Coronation Event. Please see minute reference 0723/23.

### **0718/23. Police Matters and NHW reports:**

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Euan Smedley to the meeting. There were no crime statistics to report.

The Clerk reported Criminal Damage had occurred to the Cemetery shed and 2 x 3ft Christmas Trees in pots had been stolen from the Cemetery. This had been reported to Leicestershire Police online on 08/02/23, crime number 23000081945 and the report was closed on 08/02/23.

**Resolve:** Noted. Councillors suggested a battery or solar operated light and camera be installed at the Cemetery. Clerk to investigate.

### **0719/23. Bradgate Park**

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond, had sent apologies to the meeting and there was no update.

### **0720/23. Newtown Linford Biodiversity**

Chair of Newtown Linford Biodiversity, Claire Costello, was in attendance to give an update (see **Appendix One**)

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks to Claire and Newtown Linford Biodiversity for all their hard work.

**0721/23. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.**

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

**0722/23. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.**

See **Appendix Two**

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks.

**0723/23. Village Governance and Residents.**

Resident, Dick Howard, was in attendance and updated Council on plans for a Village Coronation Event to be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Malcolm's field between 12 noon and 6pm. A working party had formed to organise the event which will encourage residents of all ages to attend. Attendees will be asked to bring own chairs, tables and picnics. Games and entertainment will be provided and car parking will be available in the field opposite. The Village Hall had also been booked in the event of bad weather and a flyer will be posted with Village Magazines advertising the event.

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks. Councillors agreed in principle to grant £500 towards the Village Coronation Event and asked that a voucher be published in the Village Magazine to ensure entry is permitted for residents, their families and invited guests with a village connection only. Clerk to inform Bradgate Park and will include the request for funding on the April meeting agenda.

**0724/23. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues.**

- **Decisions**

a) 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 – Conditions Discharged – Confirmed 01/02/23

**Resolve:** Noted

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

b) To note, Councillors Lightfoot and Haylock had both recused themselves from the following planning application for 498 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford.

c) P/22/2231/2 (resubmission of P/22/0794/2) - 498 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford- Erection of two storey extension to front of bungalow – No Objection 13/01/23.

d) P/22/2153/2 - Drumleaning, 9 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford - Proposed demolition of existing garage, construction of two storey side (north) extension and various external alterations – No Objection 13/01/23.

e) P/22/2263/2 - Ivy House Farm, 72 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Discharge of condition 3 (Rooflight and Door openings design) of P/22/1288/2 (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) – No Objection 13/01/23.

**Resolve:** Ratified.

- **Discuss**

f) P/22/1835/2 - Bradgate Park, Estate Office, Deer Barn Buildings, Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Resurfacing of 3.8km track within parkland.

**Resolve:** Mixed Comments as follows. Clerk to submit comment via Planning Explorer.

*“Whilst Councillors appreciate the efforts to minimise erosion and make pathways safer and areas of the park more accessible for pedestrian visitors, they are concerned the proposed track could lead to excessive use by Bradgate Park Trust vehicles and unwanted incursions such as trials bikes. Concerns were also raised regarding the visual impact the proposed track will have on the view from the top of Groby Lane, Newtown Linford.”*

g) P/22/2281/2 - 488 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey outbuilding at rear of house.

h) P/23/0078/2 - 4 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford - Proposed dormer extensions to rear and front, canopy to front porch, pitched roof over garage and changes to fenestration of dwelling.

i) P/23/0152/2 - Linford House, 6 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Alterations to existing annex including conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and insertion of additional windows and construction of detached, timber framed car port.

**Resolve:** No objection to applications g, h and i above. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer.

- **Trees**

There were no tree applications to discuss.

- **Other**

i) P/19/2119/2 - Lady Jane Mobile Home Park, Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Discharge of condition 17 (Boundary Treatment) of P/19/2119/2 - Erection of 5no. two bed bungalows, 2no. three bed bungalows and 1no. replacement dwelling.

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0725/23. Bob Bown Memorial Field.**

There was nothing to report.

**0726/23. Village Magazine.**

Clr Pickles informed the meeting that the Annual Meeting of the Village Magazine Committee was held on 23/01/23 and advertising levels were now stable following the pandemic.

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0727/23. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.**

The Parish Council Facebook group had increased to 443 members.

### **0728/23. Village Hall**

A Club Tropicana 80s night event is being held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023, to raise funds for the Village Hall. All tickets now sold. It is hoped the event will raise in excess of £1000. Clerk to inform nearby residents with regards to possible noise as guests leave.

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks to Ian White of Bradgate Events.

### **0729/23. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:**

- Members Highway Fund – LCC have agreed to carry out the installation work of post and rail fencing around the wildflower verge on Markfield Lane. All additional associated costs including licensing have been waived. Grant funds of £2938 already received, to be repaid to LCC.
- LCC will be on site on 28/02/22 to look into the ongoing issues of flooding affecting 19 Main Street.

**Resolve:** Noted.

### **0730/23. Churchyard and Cemetery:**

- Michael Liggins of Firetree will quote for replacement edging around planted area in the Garden of Remembrance which has rotted.
- All Saints' PCC have agreed to purchase a bench for the Churchyard in memory of Janet Neaverson.

**Resolve:** Noted. Clerk to submit faculty application to the Church of England for the new bench and will seek quotes for the installation of an area of hard standing to site the bench.

### **0731/23. Correspondence:**

Email received re Leicestershire County Council – Bylaw Consultation and cascaded to Councillors 06/01/23.

Email received from Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond, re the Alabaster Hayes Woodland Planting 10/01/23.

Email received 17/01/23 from LCC re The King's Coronation Celebrations – Street Party Road Closure arrangements.

Letter received from Leicester City Council regarding the Leicester Local Plan – Publication Draft 2020 – 2036 Consultation, which runs from 16/01/23 until 27/02/23 and can be accessed via [consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/local-plan](https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/local-plan)

Email received from CBC regarding Consultation on Draft Climate Change Strategy and cascaded to Councillors 26/01/23

Nomination Packs had been received from CBC ahead of the local elections on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Clerk to deliver hard copies once arrived and will send out electronically.

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0732/23. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk.**

Cllr. Porte and the Clerk attended a photo opportunity at the National Forest funded Alabaster Hayes woodland planting, by invitation of BPT on 01/02/23.

Cllr. Porte attended the LRALC EGM on 02/02/23.

Clerk attended an LCC Clerks' Liaison Meeting on 17/02/23.

The Chairman and the Clerk to attend the LCC Annual Parish Liaison Event at County Hall on 03/07/23.

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0733/23. Items of interest of for future meetings.**

There were no items raised.

**0734/23. Finance.**

Redemption of Basic Account 'Charnwood Invest' held on behalf of NLPC by CBC, had been received to the value of £1149.13 on 20/01/23.

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks to the Clerk.

**Authorisation for payment of invoices: -**

09.01.23	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator - Village Emergency Telephone System	£120.00
09.01.23	LCC	Streetlighting Recharges and Maintenance 2022/2023	£5652.05
12.01.23	PWLB	Public Works Loan Repayment	£2468.06
13.01.23	M Brewin	Christmas Tree 2020, 2021, 2022 and hedge cutting at Cemetery 2020, 2021, 2022	£1164.00
17.01.23	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 2022/2023 Inv 11 of 12	£1062.50
17.01.23	2 Commune	Website Hosting, License and Support	£552.00
18.01.23	Leics. Footpath Association	Membership 2023/2024	£6.00
24.01.23	NL Village Magazine	Donation towards printing costs	£650.00
27.01.23	HS	Broadband and Out of Plan Calls	£56.34
27.01.23	HS	January Salary	£1226.36
01.02.23	NEST	Pension Contributions	£61.08
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>£13,018.39</b>

**Bank Balances:**

Business Current Account @ 08/02/23	£ 2,732.53
Business Reserve Account @ 08/02/23	£ 72,053.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 74,786.37</b>

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

**0735/23. Dates of the next three Parish Council Meetings.**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 7.15pm (please note change of date)  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 7.15pm (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting)  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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

**Appendix One – Newtown Linford Biodiversity Update**

**Newtown Linford Biodiversity – update for Parish Council meeting**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

- 1) We had our first meeting of the year on **17th January** and have begun to plan our programme of events/activities in 2023, including continuing with practical conservation work, including Himalayan Balsam removal. We’re hoping to hold a Biodiversity Treasure Hunt, probably in the summer, and we’d like to set up some sort of project with the Brownies. We’re going to continue planning for this year at our next meeting on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. We’re trying an evening meeting, rather than day-time, as we want to encourage more younger people who go out to work to be involved. After the business part of the March meeting, Jack Matthews from the National Forest Company is giving a short talk on the geology of Charnwood Forest, and the Charnwood Forest Geopark, and how the geology of an area affects its biodiversity.
- 2) **Next Wildlife Walk is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. These will continue, usually monthly, for the rest of the year.
- 3) **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** We’ve organised a visit to Shining Cliff Woods, Ambergate, Derwent Valley, Derbyshire. One of our members is chair of a charity (Grith Pioneers Charity) which owns and manages part of this a wood which is an SSSI.
- 4) **Networking with neighbouring parishes.** Geoff Baker, a member of the Environment sub-group of Groby Parish Council, attended our January meeting, and some of us have been over to see public areas in Groby which are being

developed as wild flower areas. On 24<sup>th</sup> January, I gave a presentation about N-L Biodiversity to **Quorn Climate Action Group**, whose convenor is the chair of Quorn Parish Council, Carolyn Thornborow. The group seemed very interested in what we're doing, including the relationship we have with the N.L.P.C.

- 5) I'm attending **County Council training** at Beaumanor Hall next Monday (20<sup>th</sup>) about the trial of a mobile phone app. concerning *Important Trees*; and a session on Hedgerows and Hedgerow management in the afternoon.
- Also, a series of **webinars** organised by the LCC Environment Team taking place next week to support the launch of the County Council's Net Zero strategy. Topics include: Nature and Climate Change and Biodiversity in the home.

## Appendix Two - Report by Borough Councillor, David Snartt

Report from David Snartt.

New Election Rules for 2023.

Residents in Charnwood Borough are being urged to check they have an accepted form of photo ID ahead of this year's local elections on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The new requirement of showing photo ID at polling stations is being introduced by the UK Government and comes into effect for the first time this May. Voters across England will be required to show an accepted form of photo ID when voting at polling stations for local elections. Acceptable forms of photo ID include: Passport issued by the UK: Photographic drivers licence: A blue badge: Older person's bus pass: Disabled person's bus pass. For a full list of acceptable ID's please visit Charnwood Borough Council's website.

Residents without one of the suitable forms of ID will be able to apply for a free ID called a Voter Authority Certificate which can only be used for elections. Applications can be made on-line through the GOV.UK website or completing a paper form. A paper form is available to download and print from Charnwood Borough Council's website, alternatively, residents can request the form is sent to them via post by contacting the elections team by visiting [electoral.services@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.services@charnwood.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01509 634546.

Those residents who require a Voter Authority Certificate are being encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is 5pm on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2023. For more information whether it is for acceptable ID's, new requirements, frequently asked questions or details of how to apply for the free ID, please visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/VoterID](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/VoterID).

Climate Change Strategy.

Views are being sought on a Climate Change Strategy 2023-30 for Charnwood which is being delivered by Charnwood Borough Council.

The Strategy sets out how the Council will help lead locally and work in partnership with communities, residents, organisations and businesses to reduce emissions and help look after the environment. It also references the Council's existing efforts to reduce its own carbon footprint.

The Council has been playing its part in reducing carbon emissions for many years, reducing its own carbon footprint by over a third and has encouraged others to reduce their energy use. The Council has also been at the forefront of an initiative to see more trees planted across the Borough.

The Strategy's seven main themes include: Transport: Planning, land use and biodiversity: Buildings and heating (energy): Resources, including food and waste: Business and economy: Governance and finance: Partnership and communication.

A consultation has been launched on the Strategy and people are being encouraged to have their say by visiting [www.charnwood.gov.uk/ClimateStrategy](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/ClimateStrategy). The closing date for the consultation is Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.