



NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

0792/23. Members Present:

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

Also in attendance: Clerk – Hannah Shaw, PCSO Shaheen Abdullah, Tree Warden – Brian Anderson, 2 members of Bradgate Rotary Club and 1 resident.

0793/23. Apologies for absence:

Councillors Sue Greasley, Rob Haylock and Vicki Lightfoot, Borough Councillor – David Snartt, County Councillor – Deborah Taylor, Bradgate Park Director – James Dymond and Newtown Linford Biodiversity Chair – Claire Costello.

0794/23. Confirm and sign minutes of the May 2023 meeting:

These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

0795/23. 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.

0796/23 Vacancy in Office of Councillor

Councillors considered one application for co-option to the Vacancy in Office of Councillor. The applicant was unable to attend the meeting and had sent apologies.

Resolve: Councillors voted unanimously in favour of appointing Mr Ronnie Bains to the Vacancy in Office of Councillor. Clerk to inform Mr. Bains and make the necessary arrangements.

0797/23. Public Participation

A resident requested to speak under agenda item 6 Police Matters and NHW.

Resolve: The Chairman granted permission to speak during the agenda item. See minute reference 0798/23.

0798/23. Police Matters and NHW reports:

Councillors welcomed PCSO Shaheen Abdullah to the meeting. Crime statistics were reported as follows:

Vehicle Crime – 1 x moped stolen and 1 x car stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Criminal Damage – 1 x damage to car park ticket machine.

Anti-Social Behaviour – 1 x report of motorbikes riding anti-socially in Bradgate Park and 1 x report of ebikes being ridden anti-socially in Bradgate Park.

A resident spoke with regards to repeat contravention of parking restrictions on Bradgate Road. Parking had been obstructive and was considered dangerous by the resident. The Chairman agreed that the vehicle restricts visibility when parked in certain locations and creates a hazard for both pedestrians and other road users.

Resolve: Noted. Civil Enforcement Officers continue to patrol and will issue a penalty notice to anyone they find parking in contravention of the parking restrictions.

0799/23. Bradgate Park

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond, had sent apologies to the meeting. Mr Dymond was happy to take any feedback / enquiries by email re the Bradgate Park Summer Fayre and was aware that Civil Enforcement Officers had issued tickets to some cars on Sharply Hill on the Saturday and had requested further statistics.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0800/23. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

Chair of Newtown Linford Biodiversity, Claire Costello, had sent apologies to the meeting and there was no report available.

Resolve: Noted.

0801/23. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

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

0802/23. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.

Councillor Snartt had sent apologies to the meeting and a report was read out on Cllr. Snartt's behalf by the Chairman. See Appendix One

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0803/23. Village Governance and Residents.

NLPC welcomed members of the Bradgate Rotary Club to talk to Councillors about their current initiatives. A request for planting crocuses at the Village Hall had been passed to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

Resolve: Noted with thanks. Councillors look forward to working with the Bradgate Rotary Club in future. Clerk to maintain contact.

0804/23. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues.

• Decisions

- a) 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 - Grant Conditionally 05/05/23
- b) P/22/2202/2 for 520B Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation (retrospective) - Grant Conditionally 02/05/23

- c) P/23/0261/2 - 23 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey rear extension and changes to fenestration – Grant Conditionally 02/05/23
- d) P/22/2231/2 (resubmission of P/22/0794/2) - 498 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford- Erection of two storey extension to front of bungalow – Grant Conditionally 26/04/23

Resolve: Noted.

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

- e) P/23/0316/2 - Former Grey Lady Restaurant, Sharpley Hill, Newtown Linford - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and construction of replacement dwelling with amended access – No Objection 11/05/23 as follows:

“Newtown Linford Parish Council have no objection to this application but would like due regard to be given to the environment in which this building will be constructed, to ensure it does not overwhelm the views from Bradgate Park.

NLPC trust that due consideration will also be made to upgrading the method of sewage disposal at this site, as there have been previous problems with overflow from the existing system entering the storm drains that run down into Newtown Linford. “

Tree Warden, Brian Anderson, expressed his objection to the removal of four trees at the front of the property.

- f) P/23/0722/2 - Polly Botts Farm, Polly Botts Lane, Newtown Linford, Leicestershire, LE67 9PT - Erection of replacement dwelling and associated works following demolition of existing – No Objection 07/06/23.

- g) P/23/0882/2 (Listed Building Consent) and P/23/0871/2 - The Dell, 92 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement of window with timber double door – No Objection 07/06/23

- h) P/23/0773/2 - Willoughby, 9, Cravens Rough Ulverscroft Lane Newtown Linford - Discharge of Condition 4 (Materials) of Planning Permission ref: P/21/0450/2 (Demolition of existing weekend/holiday chalet and erection of new weekend/holiday chalet) – No Objection 07/06/23

NB. Cllr. Lightfoot had recused herself from the following planning application.

- i) P/23/0645/2 - Lady Jane Mobile Home Park, Newtown Linford - Demolition of No. 532 Bradgate Road and erection of 7 dwelling houses with associated parking, landscaping and amenity space – Objection 08/06/23

“This application is a substantial revision to that granted permission 3 years ago which was welcomed by the Parish Council.

In that application, permission was granted with a condition that the single-storey dwellings could not be extended into the roof creating a 1 ½ storey construction. This condition was to preserve the rural look of the site from the village centre and Bradgate Park and to minimise the effect on adjacent dwellings, including a

listed building. The proposed 2 and 3 bedroom bungalows were also extremely popular with our residents - indeed many contacted the developers to express their interest and possibly reserve them. Newtown Linford has a dearth of such dwellings and downsizing within the village is currently very difficult. The amount of parking within this site will also be strained by the increased likelihood of multicar households in such larger dwellings. Provision of yet more 4 and 5 bedroom dwellings is not what Newtown Linford needs. Cllr. David Snartt has 'called in' this application and the Parish Council Chairman wishes to speak at the Plans Committee meeting where it is to be considered."

Resolve: Ratified.

- **Discuss**

j) P/23/0728/2 - Field Lodge 38 Main Street Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey rear extension.

k) P/23/0573/2 - 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey outbuilding to rear of dwelling.

Resolve: Councillors had no objection to either of the above applications. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer.

- **Trees**

l) Application No: 2023/TPO/0036/LCC - Removal of Ash tree T1 - Grey Lady Restaurant - the tree affected by the proposed work is protected by the Leicestershire County Council Charnwood Forest 1949 Group Tree Preservation Order – Ref: 28/G77

Reason for Decision: The tree is suffering from ash dieback and is in decline. The tree is located close to the highway of Sharpley Hill, so in the interest of safety to road users it is best to remove the tree.

m) P/23/0819/2 - The Gatehouse, 1 Stamford Rise, Newtown Linford - 1x Oak (*Quercus robur*) - Prune back to around property line (to suitable pruning points) and thin crown centre to reduce tension on BT lines.

Resolve: Noted.

- **Other**

n) HBBC Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) - Call for Sites Closing. An email was received on 19/05/23 and had been forwarded to the Chairman for information.

o) P/23/0857/2 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Installation of solar panels (Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Development). For information only.

p) A CBC Five Year Supply Update was received by email on 01/06/23 and had been cascaded to Councillors.

Resolve: Noted

0805/23. Bob Bown Memorial Field.

There was nothing to report.

0806/23. Village Magazine.

There was nothing to report.

0807/23. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

The Parish Council Facebook group had increased to 452 members.

Resolve: Noted.

0808/23. Village Hall

There was nothing to report.

0809/23. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:

- Councillors considered the possibility of providing a defibrillator for Roecliffe Road. Cllr. Porte advised residents had identified a location on private property and would fund the purchase of a defibrillator if the Parish Council could support by way of a grant.

Resolve: Clerk to email Cllr. Porte the NLPC Grant Awarding Policy and Procedure for consideration by Roecliffe Road residents.

- Councillors noted a complaint received with regards to repeat contravention of parking restrictions on Bradgate Road. This was discussed during item 6 Police Matters – see minute reference 0798/23.

Resolve: Noted

0810/23. Churchyard and Cemetery:

Tree Warden, Brian Anderson, commented on the untidy area under the Cherry trees at the Churchyard. The Clerk explained this is where the Brownies had built bug hotels in 2022.

Resolve: Noted. Clerk to assess and to speak with Grounds Maintenance contractor, Firetree, if it was felt tidying work is required.

0811/23. Correspondence:

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board 5-year Joint Forward Plan received 18/05/23 and cascaded to Councillors.

East Midlands Airport Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 Consultation received by email 25/05/23 and circulated to Councillors.

LRALC Training Bulletin June 2023 received by email 01/06/23 and forwarded to Councillors.

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Leicestershire received by email 05/06/23 and forwarded to Councillors.

Resolve: Noted.

0812/23. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk.

Cllr. Pickles to attend Planning: Nuts and Bolts training 21/06/23

Clerk to attend LCC Clerks' Liaison Meeting 22/06/23

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

0813/23. Items of interest of for future meetings.

There was nothing to report.

0814/23. Finance.

• Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/2023 submitted to Moore UK and unaudited accounts published to website 16/05/23.

• **Authorisation for payment of invoices:**

Ledger Date	Payee	Payment Description	Amount	Legal Power	Notes
03.05.23	NEST	Pension Contributions	£61.08	LGA S112	
05.05.23	HS	Coronation Expenses	£25.50	LGA S137	
10.05.23	F. Bradley-Barlow	Coronation Expenses	£15.49	LGA S137	
11.05.23	R. Howard	Coronation Expenses	£72.00	LGA S137	
11.05.23	BHIB Councils Insurance	Renewal Premium	£873.05	LGA S111	
11.05.23	Cream Entertainments (Ian White)	Coronation Expenses	£180.00	LGA S137	
11.05.23	Garrett-Long Solicitors	Bob Bown Commercial Lease	£1208.03	LGA S19	
16.05.23	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 2023/24 Inv. 3 of 12	£1230.55	LGA SS 19, 214 & 215	
17.05.23	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play park works, resurfacing and play equipment	£22286.36	PHA S164 & LGA S19	VAT Reclaim £3714.39
26.05.23	HS	May Salary	£1226.36	LGA S112	
26.05.23	HS	Broadband and Out of Plan Calls	£72.55	LGA S111	
01.06.23	NEST	Pension Contributions	£61.08	LGA S112	
Total Expenditure			£27,312.05		

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 07/06/23

£ 5,548.49

Business Reserve Account @ 07/06/23

£ 65,078.60

Total	£70,627.09
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Bank Reconciliation:

Carry Forward figure		£ 96,151.00
Expenditure	-	£ 27,312.05
Income	+	£ 1,788.14
Balance		£ 70,627.09

Resolve: Councillors authorised payments, payments made under the Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk were ratified and the bank statements were reconciled and signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

0791/23. Dates of next Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 19th July 2023 7.15pm
Wednesday 23rd August 2023 7.15pm
Wednesday 27th September 2023 7.15pm (now confirmed)

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

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



Appendix One – Report by Borough Councillor, David Snartt

Report from David Snartt
Borough Councillor for Forest Bradgate.

Charnwood Borough Council Election.

Further to the information I shared last month about the recent Charnwood Borough Council election on May 4th 2023, I thought you may be interested in the current position at the Council. At the Annual Council meeting it was confirmed that an arrangement had been agreed with Labour and the Green Party, they would form the next administration at Charnwood Borough Council, with Councillor Jewel Miah the new Leader of the Council. Therefore, although the Conservative Party has the largest number of Councillors within one group they now sit in opposition.

Markfield Lane Development.

I have been corresponding with the case officer for the planning application for up to 150 dwellings south of Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford.

I understand the case officer is waiting for the biodiversity information to be submitted, which will possibly dictate the number of dwellings that can be achieved at the site, also the number of dwellings is fundamental to the traffic generation. Once all the relevant documentation with the number of dwellings confirmed, it is proposed to carry out a further consultation with all third parties and

neighbours. Please remember any further objection letters or e-mails, should be sent direct to Development Control at Charnwood Borough Council (development.control@charnwood.gov.uk, not to the case officer.

Lady Jane Mobile Home Park.

You may recall that planning permission was granted to develop bungalows on this site, plus the replacement dwelling for 532 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford.

The developer has now submitted a new application for the demolition of 532 Bradgate Road and the erection of 7 dwelling houses with associated parking, landscaping and amenity space.

I have 'called in' this application to be decided by a Plans Committee at Charnwood Borough Council. I have offered these initial details. I note that the previous application was amended to erect 5 two bed bungalows, 2 three bed bungalows and one replacement dwelling house at 532 Bradgate Road. This was stated to be a suitable mix for the housing market and created dwellings of appropriate scale, respecting the site local context. From the previous approved application, it was also stated: 'The pre-application advice letter referred to comments from a local Councillor requesting consideration of providing bungalows on the development site, and indicating that there was evidence of demand for such homes within the village. As a result of the Councillor's comments on the proposal, the two storey homes were replaced by bungalows'.

In my view, this development is replacing mobile homes, which I understand were no more than 2 bed homes. Therefore, I agree with the comments made during the previous planning application, that the change to bungalows was appropriate to this sites setting. I also believe bungalows would complement the adjacent Bracken Hill development.

Five Year Housing Land Supply.

I have received details about the latest position with the annual update of the five-year housing land supply for the Borough of Charnwood. Being able to demonstrate a five-year housing supply is important because the National Planning Policy Framework says that local plan housing policies should not be considered up-to-date if the Local Planning Authority cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites.

Calculating five-year housing land supply is the system by which Councils demonstrate that they have enough land in their planning system to meet the requirements for new homes within the next five years. Supply is assessed as part of a rolling annual review process. This is designed to ensure Local Planning Authorities continuously meet their required contribution to national Government house building targets. A review is published annually after the 31st March each year.

The latest data on deliverable housing land supply shows Charnwood has a total of 4.27 years of supply against the recently updated nationally set housing need figure of 1,105 homes a year. This is an increase in the figure published last year of 3.04 years of supply. This means the Council cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of housing, as of 31st March 2023. This has been the position since November 2020 and will continue to have consequences for the way planning decisions are made.

Commercial Anaerobic Digester.

I understand from information supplied by local residents. It likely that a proposal will be coming forward to develop a commercial anaerobic digester on land adjacent to Charley Road, Ulverscroft. Already there has been a public meeting to discuss the impact of this proposal with local residents. Although this proposed site is situated just outside the administrative area of Charnwood Borough Council, in my view, it will certainly impact on residents living in my Forest Bradgate Ward, especially living close to the proposed site. Therefore, I will keep you up-to-date if and when a planning application comes forward.

Carillon Tower.

Loughborough's iconic Carillon Tower will be the focus of events to mark its 100th anniversary. Charnwood Borough Council will be marking the occasion with a weekend full of events and activities in Queen's Park on Saturday July 22nd and Sunday July 23rd.

The tower located in Queen's Park is one of the most well known landmarks in Loughborough and pays tribute to Armed Forces personnel who lost their lives in the First World War and subsequent conflicts. The musical instrument which is the Carillon plays the 74 bells at the top of the tower and is the only free-standing Carillon in the UK.

An open-air civic service will take place on Saturday 22nd July at 2.00pm, marking exactly 100 years since the tower was completed, members of the public are invited to attend. A special recital will be played prior to the civic service at 1.00pm by the Borough's Carillonneur, Caroline Sharp, who will also be giving demonstrations of the Carillon and explaining how it works.

Full details about the Carillon Tower events can be found on Charnwood Borough Council website.