



## NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

### **0839/23. Members Present:**

Councillors Tim Porte (Vice - Chairman), Sue Greasley, Robert Haylock and Tara Pickles.

Also in attendance: Clerk – Hannah Shaw, Borough Councillor – David Snartt and 7 members of the public.

### **0840/23. Apologies for absence:**

Councillors Sue Pritchard (Chairman), Vicki Lightfoot, Ronnie Bains, County Councillor – Deborah Taylor, Bradgate Park Director - James Dymond, Tree Warden – Brian Anderson and Newtown Linford Biodiversity Chair – Claire Costello

Chairman, Cllr. Sue Pritchard had sent apologies to the meeting and Vice-Chairman, Cllr Tim Porte, chaired the meeting.

### **0841/23. Confirm and sign minutes of the July 2023 meeting:**

These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

### **0842/23. 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.

Councillor Tara Pickles is a member of Newtown Linford Biodiversity.

The Chairman proposed agenda items 12 j and 17 relating to a bench on Polly Botts Lane be brought forward to the start of the meeting.

**Resolve:** Agreed. Please see minute references 0850/23 item j and 0855/23.

### **0843/23. Public Participation**

A number of residents were in attendance with regards to Item 12 j on the agenda relating to planning application P/23/1279/2 - 482 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of two storey front, side and rear extensions, changes to fenestration, two storey garage and office to front, one and half storey garden room to rear, external pool and pergola to rear of house.

All residents who spoke, raised concerns with regards to the significant impacts this application would have on the street scene and the interruption of the building line by the proposed garage to the front of the property. It was felt this would set a precedent for any future development along the same stretch of Bradgate Road. Other concerns raised included loss of daylight and privacy.

Please see minute reference 0850/23 item j.

A representative of Friends of Charnwood Forest attended and spoke regarding agenda item 17 - Councillors to consider applying for a highways licence on behalf of Friends of Charnwood, for a replacement bench on Polly Botts Lane, Ulverscroft. Please see minute reference 0855/23.

**0844/23. Police Matters and NHW reports:**

Crime statistics had not been received and there was nothing to report.

**0845/23. Bradgate Park**

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond had sent apologies to the meeting and there was nothing to report

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0846/23. Newtown Linford Biodiversity**

Chair of Newtown Linford Biodiversity, Claire Costello, had sent apologies to the meeting and there was nothing to report.

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0847/23. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.**

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

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0848/23. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.**

See Appendix One.

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks.

**0849/23. Village Governance and Residents.**

Cllr. Porte recused himself from the following item and left the meeting.

Councillors considered a Grant Application for £400 towards the cost of a defibrillator for Roecliffe Road, as requested by Roecliffe Road residents.

**Resolve:** Councillors voted unanimously in favour of granting £400 towards the cost of a defibrillator for Roecliffe Road. Clerk to progress.

Cllr. Porte rejoined the meeting.

**0850/23. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues.**

• **Decisions**

- a) 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 - Grant Conditionally 19/07/23.
- b) P/23/0573/2 - 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey outbuilding to rear of dwelling - Grant Conditionally 14/07/23.

**Resolve:** Noted.

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

- c) P/23/1088/2 - Lenthill Farm, 95 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Installation of 1 no. replacement window to front elevation – No Objection 21/07/23.
- d) P/22/1835/2 - Bradgate Park - Resurfacing of 3.8km track within parkland – Mixed Comments 21/07/23 as follows:

*“Councillors would like to reiterate their previous observations in relation to this application. Councillors are concerned by the potential appearance of the proposed track from outside vistas of the park and would hope that consideration be given to sufficient and sympathetic contouring and variation of line of the track, to minimise the visual effect of a straight structure in a natural landscape.”*

- e) 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. AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED – No Objection 28/07/23.

**Resolve:** Ratified.

- **Discuss**

- f) P/23/0956/2 - Oaklands, 500 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of single and two storey rear extension (with juliet balcony at first floor level). Fenestration alterations to existing dwelling to include rooflight to rear roof slope, replacement doors and windows and insertion of first floor windows to side elevation.

**Resolve:** This application was noted as Invalid and was therefore, not discussed. Cllr. Smartt to query status of application with CBC.

- g) P/23/1352/2 - 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of detached garage. Alteration to vehicular access including installation of gate to front boundary, with associated works.
- h) P/23/1348/2 - 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey infill extension to eastern elevation and installation of canopy to northern elevation. Alterations to fenestrations and to porch canopy on southern elevation, with associated works.
- i) P/23/1439/2 - 36 Warren Hill, Newtown Linford - Erection of detached double garage with storage above.

**Resolve:** No objections to the above three applications.

- j) P/23/1279/2 - 482 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of two storey front, side and rear extensions, changes to fenestration, two storey garage and office to front, one and half storey garden room to rear, external pool and pergola to rear of house.

**Resolve:** Objection as follows:

*“Councillors wish to object to this application. The addition of an extra storey coupled with extending the building to the edge of the plot, leads to a very large imposing building in close proximity to the more modest dwellings either side, both changing the street scene and overshadowing the neighbouring house and bungalow, resulting in a significant loss of light.”*

*The loss of privacy to adjacent gardens from the heightened windows of the proposed rear extension and the extensive windows and balcony of the proposed two storey garden room next to the adjacent bungalow, will be substantial.*

*The existing building line to the frontages of properties 464A to 488 Bradgate Road would also be interrupted by the proposal for a two-storey garage and office to the front of the plot. Councillors are concerned that breaking this line would set a precedent for further development that would dramatically alter the street scene and character of the area.*

*The Parish Council Chairman wishes to speak at Plans Committee when this application is considered please."*

- **Trees**

k) To note, a dead ash tree in the Markfield Lane Wildflower Verges was been reported to LCC on 25/07/23 for felling.

It was also noted that a Tree Preservation Order for 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford, had been agreed with removal of the Fir and Leylandii which had been previously included.

**Resolve:** Noted

- **Other**

l) Councillors considered the revised Draft Planning Enforcement Plan consultation received from CBC on 08/08/23.

**Resolve:** Councillors had no comments to make. Clerk to respond to consultation.

**0851/23. Bob Bown Memorial Field.**

There was nothing to report.

**0852/23. Village Magazine.**

There was nothing to report.

**0853/23. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.**

The Parish Council Facebook group had increased to 472 members.

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0854/23. Village Hall**

The Clerk reported the Village Hall Committee would be hosting a fundraising event entitled Lovefool 90s night(s) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Resolve:** Noted.

**0855/23. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:**

- Councillors considered applying for a highways licence on behalf of Friends of Charnwood, for a replacement bench on Polly Botts Lane, Ulverscroft. The Clerk had queried with BHIB Councils Insurance who had confirmed PC public liability insurance would cover an item of street furniture outside of the

parish boundary. Friends of Charnwood Forest Representative, Ann Irving, was in attendance and spoke on their behalf. It was agreed that:

FoCF will fund the LCC licence application. NLPC will apply for the necessary licence.

FoCF will fund the cost of the bench NLPC to select an appropriate design suited to the location.

FoCF will fund a suitable plaque, noting the co-funding organisations.

FoCF will be responsible for maintenance of the bench.

**Resolve:** Councillors voted unanimously in favour of supporting Friends of Charnwood Forest. Clerk to apply for the necessary highways licence and select a bench in liaison with Councillors. Upon completion, Clerk to invoice Friends of Charnwood Forest.

- Parish Council owned streetlight LC10 on Main Street, Newtown Linford, has been reported to LCC as permanently illuminated. If a repair cannot be carried out, LCC will advise of costs with regards to a new LED lantern.

A Councillor reported the LCC owned streetlights at the top of Markfield Lane close to the Field Head roundabout, were not operational at night.

**Resolve:** Noted. Clerk to report streetlights on upper Markfield Lane.

#### **0856/23. Churchyard and Cemetery:**

To note, Newtown Linford Biodiversity, had decided they did not have the capacity to take responsibility for tidying and maintaining the area underneath the Cherry trees within the Churchyard. The Clerk had spoken with Grounds Maintenance Contractor, Firetree, who would carry out an interim tidy and would include this in their quotation for the 2024/2025 financial year.

**Resolve:** Noted.

#### **0857/23. Correspondence:**

Email received from LCC Highways New Communications and Engagement Strategy for Parishes and cascaded to Councillors 24/07/23.

Introduction of Development Management Customer Charter from Monday July 31 received from the Planning and Growth Team at CBC on 25/07/23 and cascaded to Councillors.

Parish Survey - Community Infrastructure request for information received 01/08/23. Clerk to respond.

Email received on 02/08/23 from Kate Crowfoot, Community Recovery Worker (Charnwood Communities), Public Health, LCC. Kate will be attending the September Parish Council meeting to introduce herself.

Email received from BHIB Council's Insurance 08/08/23. On 1st September, they will retire the BHIB Councils Insurance name, brand and website and start trading as Clear Councils. There is no change to policies.

Email received from resident regarding excessive speeding on Bradgate Road and Main Street 11/08/23.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Loughborough area and South of Leicester area received by email 15/08/23 and cascaded to Councillors. Clerk to respond.

**Resolve:** Noted. Clerk to respond to the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan to suggest a cycle lane between Anstey and Newtown Linford.

**0858/23. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk.**

Clerk to attend LCC Liaison Meeting 14/09/23

Clerk to attend the Charnwood Road Safety Committee Meeting on 20/09/23 and 29/11/23.

Cllr. Bains to attend Councillor training on 22/11/23.

**0859/23. Items of interest of for future meetings.**

The Chair of the meeting, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Porte, raised the following application as an item of interest:

P/23/1485/2 - Rough Hill, Benscliffe Road, Newtown Linford - Continued use of buildings and associated for use/operation of business comprising a commercial stud farm and dog breeding and training facility (Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use).

**Resolve:** Noted

**0860/23. Finance.**

- **Authorisation for payment of invoices:**

Ledger Date	Payee	Payment Description	Amount	Legal Power	Notes
17.07.23	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 2023/24 Inv 5 of 12	£1230.55	LGA 1972 SS 19, 214 & 215	
24.07.23	ICO	Data Protection Fee	£35.00	LGA 72 S111	
25.07.23	Astley Computers	Managed Cloud Backup Subscription 1 year	£70.00	LGA 72 S111	
28.07.23	HS	July Salary	£1226.36	LGA 1972 S112	
28.07.23	HS	July Broadband & Out of Plan Calls	£71.32	LGA 1972 S111	
28.07.23	D A Kilsby (Volunteer)	Treatment for Cemetery Sculpture	£32.99	LGA 1972 S214	
02.08.23	NEST	Pension Contributions	£61.08	LGA 1972 S112	
15.08.23	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 2023/24 Inv 6 of 12	£1230.55	LGA 1972 SS	

				19, 214 & 215	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£3957.85</b>		

**Bank Balances:**

Business Current Account @ 18/08/23	£ 953.10
Business Reserve Account @ 18/08/23	£ 68,076.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 69,029.62</b>

**Bank Reconciliation:**

Carry Forward figure	£ 72,910.95
Expenditure	- £ 3,957.85
Income	+ £ 76.52
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 69,029.62</b>

**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 Vice-Chairman and Cllr. Greasley.

**0861/23. Dates of next two Parish Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 27th September 2023 7.15pm  
 Wednesday 1st November 2023 7.15pm  
 Wednesday 13th December 2023 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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

**Appendix One - Report by Borough Councillor, David Snartt**

David Snartt Reports...  
 Borough Councillor for Forest Bradgate.

Charley Road Solar Farm.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> July I attended a public consultation about the proposal to develop a solar farm on land at Charley Knoll Farm adjacent to Charley Road. I have been contacted by several residents about this proposal, therefore, I thought you may be interested in this information supplied at the consultation.

Namene Solar Ltd is preparing a full planning application for a 49.9MW solar farm covering an area of 77ha. The proposal involves the construction and operation of a solar installation that will connect into the local electricity network.

The solar farm is expected to have the capacity to produce clean renewable energy to provide enough electricity to power more than 16,580 homes and save the emissions of 11,210 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually. This clean power will be exported to the local electricity network

I understand because this site is located across both Charnwood Borough Council and North West Leicestershire District Council administration areas, planning applications will be submitted to both Councils. I will keep you informed if and when a planning application is received by Charnwood Borough Council. There will be an opportunity to comment on this proposal during the consultation process.

Event in Loughborough.

I thought you may be interested in events taking place in Loughborough over the coming months, dates for your diary. Recently I went to the Town Hall for an evening with the Searchers (yes, some of the original group), a very enjoyable evening.

Loughborough will continue to host a number of exciting events over the next few months for residents to enjoy, leading up to the Christmas period.

Including in the many events taking place will be two gardeners fairs on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Loughborough will be welcoming the showmen back to the town for the 802<sup>nd</sup> year of the annual Loughborough Fair. A number of rides and attractions for all the family will be in the town centre from Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The town will get into the festive spirit on Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> as the Christmas lights are switched on. Peter Pan will be this year's pantomime at the Town Hall and will run from November 25<sup>th</sup> until January 7<sup>th</sup>. To book tickets visit the Town Hall's website. There is also more information about other events on the Charnwood Borough Council's website.

Charnwood Sports Awards.

Just a reminder, nominations for this year's Charnwood Sports Awards are now open. The awards run by Charnwood Borough Council, will celebrate sporting achievements of individuals and clubs, as well as the commitment of volunteers. The awards are in their 13 year and will also highlight workplaces and schools in the Borough which are making a difference to the health and wellbeing of residents.

This year's awards ceremony will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The deadline for nominations is midnight Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

There are nine categories which include: Junior sports person of the year: Senior sports person of the year: Club of the year: Outstanding contribution to sport. For a full list of the categories and to nominate online or find out more about the awards, please visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/sportsawards](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/sportsawards) or alternatively call 01509 634966. I know we have many people involve in sports activities within my Forest Bradgate Council Ward, it would be so good to see them recognised at the awards ceremony taking place in early December.