



NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

0885/23. Members Present:

Councillors Susan Pritchard (Chairman), Sue Greasley, Robert Haylock, Tim Porte (Vice – Chairman) and Ronnie Bains.

Also in attendance: Clerk – Hannah Shaw, Borough Councillor – David Snartt and Tree Warden – Brian Anderson.

0886/23. Apologies for absence:

Councillors Vicki Lightfoot and Tara Pickles, County Councillor – Deborah Taylor, Bradgate Park Director - James Dymond and Newtown Linford Biodiversity Chair – Claire Costello.

0887/23. Confirm and sign minutes of the September 2023 meeting:

These were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

0888/23. 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.

0889/23. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

0890/23. Police Matters and NHW reports:

A Police Liaison Representative (PLR) Scheme between LRALC, Leicestershire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner, has been launched. Council considered appointing a PLR for NLPC. The first meeting will be held at Police Headquarters on 05/01/23.

The Clerk reported the following crime statistics for the previous month:

6 x Criminal Damage (Non-Dwelling) (Business Premises, Shed, Garage etc)

1 x Burglary Dwelling (including Attempts)

Resolve: Noted with thanks. Further consideration will be given to appointing a PLR at a later date.

0891/23. Bradgate Park

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond had sent apologies to the meeting.

A third-party application had been submitted for a Lawful Development Certificate to request a dog-wash station in the Newtown Linford car park but this was purely a ‘scoping’ request at present and has not yet been agreed by Bradgate Park Trust.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0892/23. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

Chair of Newtown Linford Biodiversity, Claire Costello, had sent apologies to the meeting.

Councillors were reminded of the Newtown Linford Biodiversity Open Evening, to be held on Tuesday 7th November from 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Guest speaker, Jack Matthews, of the National Forest Company, will give a presentation on The Charnwood Forest Geopark.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0893/23. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

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

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0894/23. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.

See Appendix One.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0895/23. Village Governance and Residents.

Councillors considered purchasing 200 packs of Hydrosnakes at a cost of £1700 plus VAT following a recent incident of flooding on 20/10/23. It was noted that Hydrosnakes are guaranteed for 5 years when kept in storage.

Resolve: Councillors voted unanimously in favour of purchasing the Hydrosnakes as detailed above, which will be stored at the Village Hall. Clerk to offer the opportunity to share the purchase/cost with another Parish Council via the LRALC Round Robin.

0896/23. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues.

• **Decisions**

- a) 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 roofslope, replacement doors etc - Grant Conditionally 27/10/23.
- b) P/22/1835/2 - Bradgate Park, Estate Office, Deer Barn Buildings, Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Resurfacing of 3.8km track within parkland - Grant Conditionally 12/10/23.
- c) P/23/0449/2 - Land between 151 and 185 Markfield Lane, Markfield, LE67 9PQ - Erection of detached two story dwelling house with associated parking and landscaping - Refused 12/10/23.
- d) P/22/1923/2 and P/22/1915/2 - Vine Cottage, 9 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Application for Listed Building Consent to raise height of chimney stack/new clay pot (to dwelling house) and installation of solar panels to roof plane of pool house outbuilding - Grant Conditionally 10/10/23.
- e) P/23/0942/2 - 10 Cravens Rough, Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford - Erection of replacement dwellinghouse and detached garage, with associated works (following demolition of existing dwellinghouse) - Grant Conditionally 06/10/23.

- f) P/23/1439/2 - 36 Warren Hill, Newtown Linford - Erection of detached double garage with storage above Grant Conditionally 03/10/23.
- g) 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 – Grant Conditionally 29/09/23.
- 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 – Grant Conditionally 29/09/23.
- i) P/23/0923/2 - Heatherfields, Priory Lane, LE67 9PA - Demolition of existing porch and canopies including new/replacement porch in alternative location, replacement windows and doors, conversion of garage into habitable space, alterations to entrance gates – Grant Conditionally 28/09/23.

Resolve: Noted.

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

- j) P/23/1417/2 - Roecliffe Gorse, 2 Roecliffe Road, Newtown Linford - Conversion of outbuilding into dwelling, with associated works – No Objection 29/09/23.
- k) 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 AMENDED – Objection 10/10/23

“The Council considered this application at its meeting held on 27th September 2023. As there have been no material changes to this application, Newtown Linford Parish Council wish to re-iterate its previous concerns in objection to this application, as attached.”

- l) P/22/1852/2 - Land adjacent to Heatherfield Cottage, Benscliffe Road, Newtown Linford - Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings and construction of replacement dwelling and car port with associated landscaping and parking AMENDED. To be discussed at Plans Committee 28/09/23 - No Objection 05/12/22 - No further comments added.
- m) P/23/1329/2 and P/23/1331/2 (Listed Building Consent - Rear of the Old Sunday School, Bradgate Park, Newtown Linford - Conversion of existing outhouse to form mobility scooter storage and staff welfare facility, with associated external works, including partial demolition of boundary walls and erection of gate/fencing - No Objection 11/10/23.
- n) P/23/1437/2 - Land rear of 54 Groby Lane, Newtown Linford - Stage 1 Permission in Principle planning application for the erection of up to 5 dwellings – Objection 18/10/23 – **REFUSED** 20/10/23.

“Newtown Linford Parish Council object to this application. Although this site is well screened from the road and any impact on the street scene would be minimal, Councillors are concerned the proposed site would extend established village boundaries, particularly as there are further fields that could also be brought into development in the future. Current access to the site appears unsuitable and would not allow two vehicles to pass safely at the exit onto the Groby Lane Service Road and an increase in traffic movements at this location, may affect neighbouring properties.”

- o) P/22/1031/2 - Land South of Markfield Lane, Field Head, Markfield - OUTLINE planning application for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, and the development of up to 115 dwellings, together with open space and drainage infrastructure (All Matters Reserved except Access) AMENDED - Objection 18/10/23

"Newtown Linford Parish Council remain in objection to this application despite the reduction in the proposed number of dwellings and wish to re-iterate their previous comments and concerns which were submitted on 8th September 2022 and 11th April 2023. Thank you."

Resolve: Ratified.

- **Discuss**

There were no new applications to discuss.

- **Trees**

- p) P/23/1756/2 - 20 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford - Cedar Tree: Whole Tree Removal
- q) P/23/1778/2 - 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Reduce lateral spread of 1no Yew tree by 2 metres and reduce height of 1no Spruce tree by 4 metres. Trees protected by Charnwood Tree Preservation Order.
- r) P/23/1771/2 - Newtown Linford Cricket Club and Tennis Courts, Main Street, Newtown Linford - G1 (Mixed Species) - Cut back all vegetation overgrowing tennis courts, back to the crest of the drainage ditch. T1 & T2 (Alder) - Crown Reduce by 20% - 25% / 4m - 5m, back to suitable growth points. T3 (Sweet Chestnut) - Crown Reduce by 20% - 25% / 3m, back to suitable growth points.
- s) P/23/1909/2 - Birchwood, 13 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford - TG1 - 5x Silver Birch - Remove 5 Dead Trees, T2 - Silver Birch - Remove, Reason - one of a small group starting to dominate the property, reducing quantity of trees rather than pruning is seen at most suitable option. T3 - Ash - Remove, Reason - Poor form and Ash die back, TG4 - Mix of small trees - Remove, Reason - Garden redevelopment, small trees not visible by public.

Resolve: Noted. No objections.

- **Other**

- t) For information only - P/23/1663/2 Leewood Farm Markfield Lane Newtown Linford - Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling (use class C3) and building operations for the conversion (Class Q (a and b) Prior Notification)
- u) For information only - P/23/1296/2 - Bradgate Park, Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Hardstanding and the siting of a wooden structure with a self-service dog wash station enclosed (Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Development).
- v) Charterpoint Senior Living Public Consultation regarding proposals to develop a new purpose-built care home on land to the north of Leicester Road, Markfield.

Resolve: Noted. Councillors will discuss the proposals for a new purpose-built care home on land to the north of Leicester Road, Markfield, once an application has been submitted to CBC.

0897/23. Bob Bown Memorial Field.

A Councillor reported further rope swings had been attached to trees at the Bob Bown Memorial Field.

Resolve: The Clerk had reminded park users through a recent Village Magazine article, that rope swings are not permitted and are dangerous when used. Councillors agreed to seek advice from Charnwood Borough Council, with a view to perhaps having the tree branch removed. Clerk to action.

0898/23. Village Magazine.

There was nothing to report.

0899/23. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

The Parish Council Facebook group had increased to 484 members.

Resolve: Noted.

0900/23. Village Hall

There was nothing to report

0901/23. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:

- Notice of works – TEMP/4335 – Commencing 21/11/2023 – Priory Lane, Newtown Linford. The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order is being enforced for public safety to allow Severn Trent Water Ltd undertake works on a new connection and any other various Utility and highway maintenance works. The proposed diversion route will be via: Shepshed Road, Beacon Road, B591 Copt Oak Road, Whitcroft's Lane and vice versa. The works will commence when the appropriate signs are erected and may last for up to 2 weeks.

Resolve: Noted.

- Markfield Lane Update – There had been no evidence submitted to the Clerk to support an application to HM Land Registry for Adverse Possession of the area of land at the Markfield Lane bridge.

Resolve: Tree Warden, Brian Anderson, will speak with residents who may have a knowledge of any maintenance carried out at this area of land in previous years. Clerk to provide ST1 forms for completion. Councillors agreed to submit an application and any evidence once available. If the application is unsuccessful, legal advice will be sought with a view to maintaining the area to collate the necessary evidence required for Adverse Possession.

0902/23. Churchyard and Cemetery:

- All Saint's Churchyard flooded on 20/10/23 and water entered the Church via the back door. A plastic manhole cover had been forced off by the sheer volume of water. Flood defences were provided. Other residents had also reported incidents of water ingress into properties. Severn Trent are currently investigating if there was a problem at the pumping station on Bradgate Road.

Resolve: Noted.

- An application to the Woodland Trust for 60 hedgerow tree saplings had been successful and delivery is expected in March 2024. Some of these are to be planted along the Churchyard wall where

the wall has collapsed. Councillors reconsidered the possibility of temporary fencing being installed whilst the hedge establishes.

Resolve: Noted. Clerk to speak with contractor to request a quotation for post and rail style fencing.

0903/23. Correspondence:

Request for information for the Charnwood Borough Prospectus received from the Economic Development and Regeneration team at CBC on 26/09/23.

Resolve: Clerk to action.

Charnwood Local Plan Examination Further Consultation received and cascaded to Councillors 27/09/23. This consultation starts from 27th September 2023 and responses must be received in an electronic format by the Programme Officer by Wednesday 8th November 5pm and should be sent via email to idxkemp@icloud.com

Polling District Review 2023 received from CBC and cascaded to Councillors 02/10/23.

Invitation to LRALC 2023 AGM received 05/10/23 and cascaded to Councillors. Chairman to attend.

Newtown Linford Parish Council support for Climate and Ecology Bill received from Zero Hour on 06/10/23.

Invitation to RCC Charity AGM on 30/10/23 received on 10/10/23 and cascaded to Councillors.

Resolve: Noted.

LRALC Change of Articles and feedback from member councils received 13/10/23 and cascaded to Councillors. Councillors to ratify the decision made under the Scheme of Delegation, to vote in favour of accepting LRALC's proposed new Articles of Association.

Resolve: Ratified.

Public Transport in your Ward received from Cllr. Snartt 16/10/23. Response required by 03/11/23.

Resolve: Councillors felt that more regular buses are needed, particularly to allow people to commute to work. Clerk to respond.

Police Newsletter and Crime Figures received 23/10/23 and cascaded to Councillors.

Resolve: Noted.

0904/23. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk.

Clerk attended LCC Clerk's Liaison Meeting 27/10/23.

Chairman attended Charnwood Forest Stakeholder Forum on 26/10/23.

Chairman to attend LRALC 2023 AGM on 15/11/23.

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

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

0905/23. Items of interest of for future meetings.

There was nothing to report

0906/23. Finance.

The Clerk reported the deadline date for the Parish Precept request had been set to Friday 12th January 2024.

The Clerk reported the NJC Pay Award for 2023/24 had been agreed and back pay to 1st April 2023 would be applied to the November payroll.

Resolve: Noted.

- **Authorisation for payment of invoices:**

Ledger Date	Payee	Payment Description	Amount	Legal Power	Notes
28.09.23	HS	September Broadband & Out of Plan Calls	£67.25	LGA 1972 S111	
28.09.23	HS	September Salary	£1226.36	LGA 1972 S112	
28.09.23	RBLI	Tommy Lamp Post Signs plus postage	£51.59	LGA 1972 S137	
29.09.23	NEST	Pension Contributions	£61.08	LGA 1972 S112	
02.10.23	HS	Travel & Miscellaneous Expenses April to Sept 2023 inclusive	£84.65	LGA 1972 S112	
03.10.23	British Heart Foundation	Grant towards Roecliffe Road Defibrillator	£400.00	Public Health Act 1936, s234	
12.10.23	NL Village Hall	Biodiversity Open Evening Hall Hire	36.00	LGA 1972, s133	
16.10.23	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 2023/24 Inv 8 of 12	£1230.55	LGA 1972 SS 19, 214 & 215	
20.10.23	HS	Expenses - Mole Deterrents for Cemetery	£19.90	LGA 1972, s214(6)	
26.10.23	Peter Haddon	Village Maintenance	£260.00	LGA 1972, s214(6)	

27.10.23	HS	October Broadband & Out of Plan Calls	£70.22	LGA 1972 S111	
27.10.23	HS	October Salary	£1226.36	LGA 1972 S112	
Total			£4733.96		

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 27/10/23	£ 357.94
Business Reserve Account @ 27/10/23	£ 90,000.00
Total	£ 90,357.94

Bank Reconciliation:

Carry Forward figure	£ 94,915.90
Expenditure	- £ 4,733.96
Income	+ £ 176.00
Balance	£ 90,357.94

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

0907/23. Dates of next two Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13th December 2023 7.15pm
 Wednesday 10th January 2024 7.15pm
 Wednesday 7th February 2024 7.15pm (Vice-Chairman to Chair in the possible absence of the Chairman)

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed by Chairman:-.....Dated:-.....

Appendix One – Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt

Report, David Snartt.
 Borough Councillor Forest Bradgate Ward.

Planning Application, Markfield Lane.
 Just to update you on the planning application on land south of Markfield Lane. There has been a recent amendment to the application, which is now for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane and the development of up to 115 dwellings (previously 150).

I have again 'called in' this latest proposal, I believe there are still valid reasons for refusing this latest amended application.

Along with my previous representations, I have outlined four areas of concern: Sustainability, the distance future residents of these proposed dwelling would have to travel to access services and retail shops: The proposed pedestrian and cycle access onto Leicester Road also used by vehicles: The nearby permission for granite extraction and the impact this proposal will still have on the landscape character and tranquillity of the site adjacent to the ancient woodland. My submission to the consultation can be viewed on the Council's website under planning application P/22/1031/2. Resident if they are minded, can still send their submissions to the consultation process, development.control@charnwood.gov.uk.

Flooding Advice and Information.

As we approach the season where the risk of flooding may increase, Charnwood Borough Council have put together a webpage on the Council's website to provide residents with some useful information, advice and links if you are affected by flooding. www.charnwood.gov.uk/flooding. This webpage provides information which includes, flooding from sewers, from roads, protecting your home from flooding and details about sandbags, when in certain circumstances they will be issued by the Council. Details are also included about the responsibilities of local Councils and national agencies.

Loughborough Fair.

I thought local residents would be interested to know that the well supported Loughborough Fair returns to the town in November. It will be the 802nd year that Loughborough Fair has taken place with thousands of visitors expected to attend the event in the town centre. The historic spectacle, operated by Charnwood Borough Council will take place from Wednesday 8th November, starting at 6.00pm until Saturday 11th November.

The first official charter for Loughborough was granted to the Lord of the Manor, Hugh de Depenser in 1221 by King Henry III. Approximately 100 individual show people attend each year, presenting between them some 20 large rides, numerous children's rides, games and novelty stalls and the usual popular refreshment stands. You can find out more details about Loughborough Fair, including opening and closing times each day by visiting Charnwood Borough Council's dedicated webpage.

Revenues and Benefits.

Charnwood Borough Council has agreed to bring its revenue and benefits service back in-house to help save around £1.5 million over 5 years. The service has been delivered by an external provider for over 10 years, but the Council's Cabinet has decided it should run and managed by the Council directly. This decision follows a procurement exercise which concluded that the Council could maintain service standards and make savings when compared to the proposals from external providers. The service will be brought back in-house towards the end of 2024.

The revenue and benefit service deals with the collection and billing for council tax and business rates, housing benefits claims and managing council tax support and discretionary housing and council tax payments.

Consultation on Proposed Polling Stations.

Although there are no changes to polling stations within my Forest Bradgate Ward, I thought I would just alert you to a consultation that has been launched by Charnwood Borough Council about proposed changes to polling districts, places and stations. All 92 have been reviewed by officers at the Council and views are now being sought. More information is available on the Council's website charnwood.gov.uk/pages/polling_district_review. The deadline to submit representations to the consultation is Friday 10th November 2023.

Right Stuff, Right Bin.

A campaign has been launched to help Charnwood residents recycle more. Charnwood Borough Council which collects recycling from 77,000 homes in the Borough has launched 'Right Stuff, Right Bin', a campaign to help residents increase their knowledge around recycling to ensure their efforts do not go to waste. Around 40 tonnes of waste are ending up in the wrong bins each week in Charnwood, sometimes this can lead to recycling going to landfill.

The campaign will share key information and offer top tips to give residents the confidence to recycle right. The campaign will also highlight some of the common items in the household which end up in the black bin but are recyclable. Items include: Clean aluminium foil: Empty aerosol cans: Clear plastic bags (including bread and vegetable bags): Plastic cellophane and cling film.

Each week, around 325 tonnes of recycling is collected. However, on occasions a lorry load of recycling can be rejected due to it being contaminated by non-recyclable and dirty materials such as, food, nappies and textiles.

To find out more about the 'Right Stuff, Right Bin' campaign, including a list of what can and cannot be put in your green recycling bin, visit charnwood.gov.uk/rightstuff.