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NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7.20 pm in the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting.

1001/24. Election of the Chairman:

Cllr. Sue Greasley nominated Cllr. Sue Pritchard as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr. Vicki Lightfoot.

Resolve: Cllr. Sue Pritchard was re-elected as Chairman and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1002/24. Election of the Vice-Chairman:

Chairman Cllr. Sue Pritchard nominated Cllr. Tim Porte as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr. Sue Greasley.

Resolve: Cllr. Tim Porte was re-elected as Vice-Chairman in his absence. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed at the next meeting.

1003/24. Members Present:

Councillors Sue Pritchard (Chairman), Sue Greasley, Rob Haylock, Vicki Lightfoot and Tara Pickles.

Also in attendance: Clerk – Hannah Shaw, Bradgate Park Director -James Dymond, Newtown Linford Biodiversity Chair – Claire Costello and one resident.

1004/24. Apologies for absence:

Borough Councillor – David Snartt, County Councillor – Deborah Taylor and Tree Warden – Brian Anderson.

Resolve: Apologies were accepted.

Cllr. Tim Porte (Vice-Chairman) sent retrospective apologies following the meeting.

1005/24. Confirm and sign minutes of the March 2024 meeting:

These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

1006/24. 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.

1007/24. Public Participation

There were no representations made.

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1008/24. Police Matters and NHW reports:

No crime statistics had been received, however, the Clerk reported a resident had had their garage broken into and power tools stolen.

Resolve: Noted.

1009/24. Bradgate Park

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond, was in attendance and updated Councillors, including details of a planning application for the construction of dry-stone walls and gate to enclose the base of Memorial Crags rockface.

Bradgate Park had received National Nature Reserve Status (NNR) from Natural England and there had been wide press coverage. A Conservation Management Plan covering the whole breadth of the park is currently being considered.

Resolve: Councillors congratulated Mr Dymond and the team at Bradgate Park on their recent NNR status.

1010/24. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

Chair of Newtown Linford Biodiversity, Claire Costello, was in attendance and provided an update for Councillors (see **Appendix One**).

Councillors considered a grant to Newtown Linford Biodiversity for wildlife verge signage printing costs, total £105.00 plus VAT.

Resolve: Councillors voted in favour of granting funds totalling £105.00 plus VAT for wildlife verge signage. Clerk to progress.

1011/24. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

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

1012/24. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.

Cllr. Snartt had sent apologies to the meeting and a report was read out by the Chairman (see **Appendix Two**)

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

1013/24. Village Governance and Residents.

Councillors considered a grant application for funds of up to £500, to help with reuseable banners and signage for the bi-annual Scarecrow Festival and raffle ticket printing.

Resolve: Councillors voted in favour of granting £250 towards the cost of Scarecrow banners, signage and raffle tickets, providing one village group with a valid raffle licence, takes responsibility for the raffle and distributes the total amount raised equally between all participating village groups/organisations.

1014/24. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues.

• **Decisions**

- a) P/24/0303/2 - 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of detached garage with landscape alterations and gate to be extended – Grant Conditionally 29/04/24.
- b) 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 – Grant Conditionally 10/04/24.
- c) P/23/2341/2 Polly Botts Farm, Polly Botts Lane, Newtown Linford - Erection of replacement dwelling and triple garage building to front, and associated works following demolition of existing dwelling – Grant Conditionally 05/04/24.
- d) P/24/0190/2 - Charnwood, 28 Groby Lane, Newtown Linford - Replacement of existing flat roof dormer on side elevation with new dormer with tiled hipped roof – Grant Conditionally 28/03/24.
- e) P/24/0166/2 - 486 Bradgate Road Newtown Linford - Erection of part two storey and part single storey rear extension, new render and cladding – Grant Conditionally 27/03/24.

Resolve: Noted.

• **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

- f) P/24/0552/2 - Lee Wood Farm, Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling – No Objection 10/05/24.

The Chairman, Cllr. Pritchard, recused herself from the following agenda item:

- g) P/24/0538/2 - Lingdale Golf Club, Joe Moore's Lane, Woodhouse Eaves - Construction of greenskeepers office/store – No objection 09/05/24.
- h) P/24/0303/2 - 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of detached garage with landscape alterations and gate to be extended – No objection 28/03/24.
- i) P/24/0197/2 - Grey Lady Restaurant, Sharpley Hill, Newtown Linford - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of two storey detached replacement dwelling including modifications to site access (TO BE CONFIRMED) – No Objection 28/03/24 as follows:

“Councillors wish to reiterate previous comments made in relation to the original application P/23/0316/2 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.”

Resolve: Ratified.

- **Discuss**

- j) P/24/0644/2 - 57 Roecliffe Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing extension), works to terrace to rear and new retaining walls to rear garden.

Resolve: Councillors objected to this application due to the loss of privacy on either side and wish to reiterate comments already submitted by the neighbours. Clerk to submit comments as follows:

*“Councillors wish to **object** to this application due to the potential loss of privacy from the proposed first floor balcony which will affect neighbouring properties.”*

- k) P/23/1891/2 - Bradgate Park, Tyburn Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - The construction of dry-stone walls and gate to enclose base of Memorial Crags rockface.

Resolve: No Objection.

- **Trees**

- l) P/24/ 0518/2 - Westwood, 15 Grey Crescent - H1 - Mixed Conifer Hedge Works: Remove Reason: Overgrown in nature and doesn't blend in with local natural landscape. T1 - Lawsons Cypress Works: Remove Reason: Doesn't blend in with local natural landscape. H2 - Purple Leaved Plum hedge Works: Reduce to 4ft to regenerate and manage as hedge again. Reason: Part of hedge re-establishment.
- m) P/24/0451/2 - Linford House, 6 Main Street - T1 Alder - Crown raise to approx. 5m for clearance over brook and footpath. T2 and T3 Yew - Overall crown reduction by approx 1m for containment as part of cyclical maintenance. T4 Scots Pine - Fell - Extended form with limited space for future growth, and has outgrown location. No plans to re-plant as existing area tree cover is good.
- n) P/24/0578/2 - 80 Main Street - T4 - Elder-Remove -Poor specimen. T7 & T8 Ash Trees Work - Remove, Reason - Ash Die Back.
- o) P/24/0622/2 - 24 Grey Crescent - T1 Birch - Crown reduction by approx. 2m to restore naturalistic structure and balance due to dominant secondary limb on western side of canopy.

Resolve: Noted. No objections.

- **Other**

- n) **For information only** P/24/0557/2 - 51 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Non-Material Amendment to Planning Application ref P/22/0503/2. (Single storey rear extension, 2 storey front, side and rear extensions, single storey front extensions, roof lights to front and

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side, roof extension and loft conversion). Amendment to consist of part boundary wall inset, changes to fenestration, roof pitch and eaves adjusted and revision to porch design.

- o) **For information** P/24/0660/2 - 524 Bradgate Road Newtown Linford - Discharge of Conditions 8 (Landscaping) and 9 (Landscaping - Planting and Seeding) of Planning Application ref: P/22/1291/2 (Erection of two storey detached dwelling, triple garage with annex above and associated landscaping and driveway works following demolition of existing dwelling).

Resolve: Noted. NLPC await a further update with regards to application, item n) P/24/0557/2.

1015/24. Bob Bown Memorial Field.

Councillors considered a comment which had been received regarding the areas in front of the football goals at the Bob Bown football pitch. Firetree had assessed the situation to find the ground very water logged and have suggested an artificial covering or matting and a good free draining subbase is installed.

Resolve: Councillors voted not to go ahead with improvement works at this time, however, it was suggested the area is forked and to add sand and grass seed. Clerk to action.

1016/24. Village Magazine.

There was nothing to report.

1017/24. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

The Parish Council Facebook group had increased to 504 members. The Clerk reported migration to the new style website was in progress.

Resolve: Noted.

1018/24. Village Hall

The Clerk had briefed the Village Hall Committee on the Prevent Duty 15/04/24.

Resolve: Noted.

1019/24. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:

The Chairman reported the village troughs had been planted with seasonal bedding plants.

Correspondence had been received following an enquiry made to Highways with regards to traffic speeds and the Parish Council's current provision of VAS units. Discussions are ongoing. The Chairman reported the VAS data had been downloaded for both the Roecliffe Road and Sharpley Hill units.

Resolve: Noted. With thanks to the Chairman for her work on the village troughs.

1020/24. Churchyard and Cemetery:

A new bench had been donated and installed in the new extension area of the Cemetery.

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Resolve: Noted with thanks to the donor.

0121/24. Correspondence:

Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Survey - Engagement received 26/03/24 and cascaded to Councillors.

The Annual General Meeting of LRALC will be held on Saturday 5th October 2024 – Council to appoint a representative of NLPC to attend.

Communities Network - An inspirational real - life example of asset-based approach received 17/04/24 and cascaded to Councillors.

EMA Community Flyer received 22/04/24 and sent to Councillors.

RCC Impact Magazine received 25/04/24 and cascaded to Councillors.

CBC Corporate Strategy 2024-28 received by post 25/04/24.

Political Leaders and Committee Membership list 2024/25 received from CBC 15/05/24 and cascaded to Councillors.

Resolve: Noted. Councillors to agree a representative to attend the LRALC AGM at a later date.

0122/24. Members' Code of Conduct:

Councillors considered readoption of the Members' Code of Conduct.

Resolve: Councillors readopted the Members' Code of Conduct.

0123/24. Annual Governance Policies and Procedures:

Councillors reviewed the following policies and procedures:

- a) Biodiversity Policy 2024 (Revised)
- b) Cemetery Fees and Regulations 2024 - **DEFERRED**
- c) Complaints Policy 2024
- d) Data Protection Policy 2024
- e) Dignity at Work Policy 2024
- f) Equal Opportunities Policy 2024
- g) Financial Regulations 2024
- h) Freedom of Information Policy 2024
- i) General Reserves Policy 2024
- j) Grant Awarding Policy and Procedure 2024
- k) Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure 2024
- l) Health and Safety at Work Policy 2024
- m) Planning Policy 2024
- n) Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk 2024
- o) Social Media Policy 2024
- p) Standing Orders 2024
- q) Statement of Internal Control 2024

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- r) Training and Development Policy 2024
- s) Website Accessibility Statement 2024
- t) Zero Tolerance Policy 2024

Resolve: Councillors approved and adopted/readopted all policies as listed above, with the exception of the Cemetery Fees and Regulations 2024 which have been deferred to a later date pending revision of the fees for non-residents.

0124/24. Exercise of Public Rights

Councillors considered the dates for the period of exercise of public rights of the unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return (accounts are for the year ended 31st March 2024). Suggested dates are Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 12th July 2024.

Resolve: Councillors approved the dates as above for the period of exercise of public rights.

0125/24. Internal Auditors 2023/2024 Report

Councillors received the Annual Internal Auditor's Report 2023/2024 and considered recommendations/matters arising from the internal auditor's narrative report.

Resolve: Councillors received and considered the Annual Internal Auditor's Report 2023/2024. Clerk to action both recommendations.

1026/24. Appointment of Internal Auditor for the 2024/2025 Financial Year

Councillors considered appointment of the Internal Auditor for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Resolve: Councillors voted in favour of appointing LRALC Internal Audit Service for the 2024/2025 financial year.

0127/24. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 Form 3 Section 1 Annual Governance Statement

Councillors considered Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 Part 3.

Resolve: Councillors approved and the Chairman and Clerk signed Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 Part 3.

0128/24. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 Form 3 Section 2 Accounting Statements

Councillors considered Section 2 Accounting Statements 2023/2024 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 Part 3.

Resolve: Councillors approved and the Chairman signed Section 2 Accounting Statements 2023/2024 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 Part 3. The RFO had signed prior to the meeting.

0129/24. Appointment of Committees

Councillors considered membership of the following committees for 2024/2025:

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Resolve: Membership was agreed as follows:

- a) Complaints Committee – Chairman Cllr. Sue Pritchard, Cllr. Vicki Lightfoot and Cllr. Rob Haylock
- b) Staffing Committee – Chairman Cllr. Sue Pritchard and Vice-Chairman Cllr. Tim Porte
- c) Bob Bown Memorial Field Committee – Chairman Cllr. Sue Pritchard, Cllr. Sue Greasley and vacancy of Councillor

0130/24. Terms of Reference

Councillors reviewed the Terms of Reference for the following committees:

- a) Complaints Committee
- b) Staffing Committee
- c) Bob Bown Memorial Field Committee

Resolve: Councillors approved and readopted the Terms of Reference for the Complaints, Staffing and Bob Bown Memorial Field Committees.

0131/23. Risk Assessments

Councillors reviewed the following Risk Assessments and Risk Register for 2024/2025:

- a) Bob Bown Memorial Field and Play Park Risk Assessment 2024
- b) Cemetery and Closed Churchyard Risk Assessment 2024
- c) Newtown Linford Parish Council Risk Register 2024

Resolve: Councillors approved and readopted the Council's risk assessments and risk register as detailed above.

0132/24. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting with Richard Bennett, Head of Planning at CBC, Karey Summers, Director of Customer Experience at CBC, Jim Worley, Contracted Planning Officer at CBC and Cllr. Snartt on 10/05/24 with regards to recent planning application decisions and lines of communication with CBC Planning Officers.

Resolve: Noted.

0133/24. Items of interest of for future meetings.

The Clerk reported a Duty of Care Tree Inspection had been carried out at the three Parish Council maintained sites and would seek quotations for the identified works. It was agreed a quotation would be approved using the Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk before the next meeting, to ensure works are carried out promptly.

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The Clerk reported CBC were conducting a Public Transport Review and a response would be submitted on behalf of NLPC.

The Clerk suggested parishioners are invited to light a candle or place a lamp in windows on 06/06/24 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

0134/24. Finance.

- To note, Parish Precept 1st Instalment for 2024/25 to the value of £31,299.50 was received 10/04/24.

Resolve: Noted.

- Clear Councils Insurance renewal invitation received 19/04/24. To approve payment of £1,026.83

Resolve: Councillors approved payment of £1,026.83 to Clear Councils Insurance for the public and employer's liability insurance premium renewal.

- To note, VAT claim totalling £1797.06 received 23/04/24.

Resolve: Noted.

- Authorisation of agreed expenditure and regular payments for the 2024/2025 Financial Year:**

EY Bookkeeping	Payroll Services	£218.40 pa.
Annual Subscriptions	LRALC/NALC, SLCC, ICO, RCC, Footpath Association	Varies LRALC/NALC - £467.89 FA - £6.00 pa ICO - £35.00 pa SLCC – TBC RCC - TBC
Internal Audit	LRALC	£220.00
External Audit	Moore UK	£360.00 TBC
Staff Salary	Hannah Shaw	Monthly payments as determined by The Goldcroft Partnership
Pension contributions	NEST	Monthly direct debit as instructed
Tax and NI contributions	HMRC	As instructed by The Goldcroft Partnership
Loan Repayment	PWLB	Twice yearly payments of £2468.06
Broadband and landline	BT	Monthly payments. Variable with out of plan calls, otherwise regular charges of £62.47
Public and Employers' Liability Insurance	BHIB Council Insurance	Annual Payment of £1,026.83 due now
Grounds Maintenance	Firetree	Monthly payments of £1,323.18 until Feb '25 inclusive

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Village Hall Rent	APB	Quarterly payments of £750.00
Bus Stop Rent	APB	Annual payment of £30.00
Defibrillator Emergency Telephone System	Community Heartbeat	Annual payment of £120.00
Website Hosting, Licence and Support	Cuttlefish	Annual payment of £552.00 TBC for 2025
Street Lighting Maintenance Recharge 2023/2024	LCC	Annual payment of £5856.50 plus VAT TBC
Christmas Tree	Malcolm Brewin	Approx £400 TBC
Village Magazine	Village Magazine Committee	Annual payment/donation of £700.00
NatureSpot	Wepage maintenance	Annual payment of £50.00
ICCM	Corporate Membership	Annual payment of £100.00

Resolve: Councillors approved all expenditure and regular payments for the 2024/2025 financial year as detailed in the table above.

- **Authorisation for payment of invoices:**

Ledger Date	Payee	Payment Description	Amount	Legal Power
26.03.24	The Goldcroft Patnership (Early Years Bookkeeping)	Payroll Services 2024-2025	£218.40	LGA 1972 S111
26.03.24	HMRC	Tax and NI Contributions	£858.27	LGA 1972 S112
28.03.24	HS	March Broadband & Out of Plan Calls	£68.95	LGA 1972 S111
28.03.24	HS	March Salary	£1315.71	LGA 1972 S112
04.04.24	NEST	Pension Contributions	£69.81	LGA 1972 S112
10.04.24	LRALC Ltd	LRALC & NALC Membership 2024/2025	£467.89	LGA 1972 S111
11.04.24	Peter Haddon	Village Maintenance	£90.00	LGA 1972 S214 (6)
12.04.24	ICCM	Corporate Membership 2024/25	£100.00	Local Authorities Cemetery Orders 1977 & 1986
14.04.24	Firetree	Installation of hard standing for new bench	£250.00	LGA 1972 S214
16.04.24	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 24/25 Inv 2 of 12	£1323.18	LGA 1972 SS 19, 214 & 215

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18.04.24	APB	Bus Shelter Rent	£30.00	LGA 1953 S4
22.04.26	HS	April Broadband & Out of Plan Calls	£67.04	LGA 1972 S111
26.04.24	HS	April Salary	£1325.09	LGA 1972 S112
01.05.24	NEST	Pension Contributions	£69.81	LGA 1972 S112
16.05.24	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 24/25 Inv 3 of 12	£1323.18	LGA 1972 SS 19, 214 & 215
Total Expenditure			£7577.33	

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 16/05/24 £ 3,893.40
 Business Reserve Account @ 16/05/24 £88,100.56

Total **£91,993.96**

Bank Reconciliation:

Carry Forward figure £ 62,010.58
 Expenditure - £ 7,577.33
 Income + £ 37,560.71
Balance **£ 91,993.96**

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 Cllr. Lightfoot.

0135/24. Dates of next Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 12th June 2024 7.15pm **CANCELLED**
 Wednesday 17th July 2024 7.15pm
 Tuesday 3rd September 2024 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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



Appendix One – Newtown Linford Biodiversity Update

Newtown Linford Biodiversity – update for Parish Council meeting 29th May 2024

1) We have a design for an information sign for the wildlife verges in Markfield Lane and Groby Lane. We were fortunate that Martin Yeeles kindly offered his graphic design services free of charge. Hannah has obtained a quote from Sign Here for producing three signs (two for Markfield Lane; one for Groby Lane). The signs have the following wording: “This area is managed for wildlife.” The cost for supplying 3 x A4 signs fixed to aluminium posts is £105 plus VAT (i.e. £35 plus VAT each).

2) The draft of a revised and updated NLPC Biodiversity Policy is submitted to the Parish Council for approval.

3) We are currently carrying out practical conservation work on the wildlife verges and the wildflower corner of the churchyard to control the growth of the grass and other plants which are trying to take over in some sections e.g. docks in parts of the Markfield Lane verge. Next month, we’ll be resuming our programme of pulling up Himalayan Balsam, both in the parish and in Ulverscroft.

4) Wildlife Walks and Visits: We have already had three walks this year (Castle Hill Country Park, Sheet Hedges Wood, and meadows and woodland towards Groby) and two visits to places managed in a way sympathetic to wildlife are planned for June - Benscliffe Hay Cottage and Sandhills Lodge.

5) Children and young people. We had a NLB sub-group meeting in early May to plan further work with children and young people. For the summer we’re holding a young wildlife artist competition for older children, and a colouring competition for younger children.

6) Cemetery: We had a site meeting at the cemetery at the end of March to look at possible ways to improve its biodiversity. Suggestions made include provision of log pile, brash pile and rock pile. We plan to discuss more ideas for improving biodiversity there with the Gardening Club to see if we can come up with a plan to propose to the P.C. (eg. a small “natural” garden containing plants which are good for pollinators).

7) Bradgate Park: We asked James Dymond if we could carry out botanical survey work on land owned by the Trust but outside the perimeter of the Park. Three of us from the group subsequently had a meeting earlier this month with Alice Pattison, volunteer co-ordinator at the Park, and we’ve since been notified that we are permitted to survey only two such areas – Newtown Paddock (aka Tyburn Fields) and Hunts Hill. Due to health and safety issues, we are not allowed to access any of the woodland areas not open to the public -Warren Hill, Pear Tree, Dale or the Deer sanctuary.

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8) On 25th March, I represented the group at a meeting of Charnwood Eco Hub, a community interest company involved in local sustainable living projects. It also acts as a network for environmental groups in the Charnwood area.

Claire Costello

May 2024

Appendix Two – Report by Borough Councillor, David Snartt

Report from David Snartt.
Borough Councillor for Forest Bradgate.

Dates for General Election 4TH July.

The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is 11.59pm on Tuesday June 18th 2024. If you require help registering, contact Charnwood Borough Council on 01509 634546.

June 19th 5pm, deadline for receiving new postal votes and proxy applications and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes.

More information is available by visiting www.charnwood.gov.uk/ge24.

The Borough of Charnwood is now covered by three parliamentary constituencies (previously two) Loughborough, Mid Leicestershire and Melton and Syston. Charnwood Borough Council is responsible for administering the elections in the parliamentary constituencies for Loughborough and Mid Leicestershire. The Newtown Linford Parish is within the Mid Leicestershire constituency.

Bandstand Concerts.

Queen's Park summer bandstand concerts will be taking place again throughout the summer months on a Sunday afternoon commencing at 2pm. The concerts are free to attend. The concerts are scheduled as follows; 2nd June Charnwood Symphonic Wind Orchestra; 9th June Loughborough Salvation Army Band; 16th June Melbourne Town Band; 30th June Loughborough Concert Band; 7th July Charnwood Concert band; 14th July Loughborough Male Voice Choir; 4th August The New Orleans Hotshots Jazz Band; 25th August Quorn Ukelele Orchestra.

Queens Park is a historic winning and beautifully maintained in the heart of Loughborough Town centre.

For more information about the park, and any changes to the programme, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/queenspark.

Charnwood Small Community Grants.

The new Charnwood small grants programme can provide up to £750 for the activities of properly constituted voluntary community groups and voluntary sector (VCS) organisations. This includes projects in Charnwood and running costs (for up to one year).

The small community grants programme has replaced the member grant scheme, which I was able to help many local groups within my Council Ward with small amounts of funding over the years I have been a Councillor.

This new grant is available throughout the year. For further information, please go to www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/small_grants. I hope local constituted groups will take advantage of this new funding scheme.