

NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting virtually via Zoom.us on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.15 p.m. at which your attendance is required.

Meeting ID: 835 1767 9452
Password: 492725

Signed by the Clerk *Hannah Shaw*

1. **Record of attendance.**
2. **Apologies for absence.**
3. **Confirm and sign minutes of the December Meeting.**
4. **Declaration of Parish Councillors' personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items.**
5. **Police Matters and NHW Update**

No crime statistics received. Nothing to report.
6. **Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.**
7. **Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt.**
8. **Village Governance and Residents**
 - LCC SHIRE Environment Grant closes to applications on 26th February 2021. Councillors are asked to consider a motion to apply for a grant of up to £3000 for the installation of bat, swift and owl boxes and hedgehog hotels at Parish Council sites and provision of recycling bins at key locations. Also, LED street lighting upgrades. Other suggestions welcome.
 - 3 x boxes of Hydrosnakes and PPE received from CBC. In storage at Village Hall for emergency use.
 - Two quotations received for a tree survey to be carried out at the Bob Bown Memorial Field, Groby Lane Cemetery and All Saints' Closed Churchyard as follows:
 - a) Quotation One - To survey and number tag all trees (113 individual/groups of trees counted) across the three sites and survey report £2300 (inc. VAT)
 - b) Quotation Two - To survey and number tag trees where issues are found, across the three sites and survey report £495 (excl. VAT) plus £20.00 (excl. VAT) per site for OS base plans.
Clerk to advise.
9. **Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues - report by Tree Warden if in attendance.**
 - **Decisions**

- a) P/20/1880/2 - Lynbridge, 18 Main Street - Extension to rear of detached dwelling and installation of dormer windows and roof lights to front and rear. Conversion of coach house to additional ancillary accommodation and installation of dormer windows. Relocation of timber outbuilding at rear of dwelling – Grant Conditionally 23/12/20

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

- b) P/20/1906/2 - Deer Barn Cafe, Bradgate Park - Siting of marquee adjacent to Deer Barn Cafe between 1st October and 30th April each year – Objection 18/12/20

"Newtown Linford Parish Council wish to object to this planning application, due to the detrimental visual impact this would have on Bradgate Park.

It would also encourage yet more visitors to Newtown Linford, which continues to experience severe parking and traffic flow issues on surrounding roads, when BPT car parks regularly reach capacity. If this application is to be considered by the Plans Committee, the Parish Council Chairman wishes to speak please."

- c) P/20/1743/2 – Bradgate Park Conservatory Tea Room – Retention of vinyl advertising banner on a wooden frame fronting Bradgate Road (retrospective application) – Objection emailed to Development Control 21/12/20

"Newtown Linford Parish Councillors wish to express their concern with regards planning application P/20/1743/2 for advert consent at Bradgate Park Conservatory Tearooms.

The vinyl banner that has been displayed over recent months is obtrusively large in size and the style is not sympathetic to the conservation area. Smaller signage more in keeping with the surroundings would be preferred, as would an alternative location, such as within Bradgate Park's own car park, rather than facing out towards the road.

Given the high number of visitors to Bradgate Park, is advertising in this way necessary?"

- d) P/20/1568/2 - Bradgate Park - Works to Overflow car parks - No objection 18/12/20

"Councillors have no reason to object to this application and welcome the proposals.

Works to Bradgate Park overflow car parks at Newtown Linford and Hallgates are urgently needed to provide additional all year round parking, which would help address the issue of dangerously, obstructively and illegally parked vehicles on surrounding roads, when Bradgate Park car parks reach capacity.

The additional spaces provided by these proposals during winter months, would undoubtedly help alleviate some of the current issues.

Councillors would like some reassurance that local grey coloured gravel will be used for the roads/tracks. Thank you."

- **Discuss**

- e) P/20/2166/2 - 472 Bradgate Road - Extension and conversion of existing garage to form residential annex 17/12/20.

- f) P/20/2169/2 - 28 Warren Hill - Single storey extension to front and roof extensions to detached dwelling to facilitate loft conversion including new dormer windows 17/12/20.

- **Trees**

g) Formal notice received 18/12/20 of a Tree Preservation Order 2020 placed on a number of trees at The Bradgate Pub. An application was received to crown reduce the trees by 30% which is considered excessive and detrimental to the aesthetic form and health of the trees. A lesser degree of tree works is recommended to ensure clearance from buildings. The trees consist of a mature ash, two early mature alders and one young lime. The order took effect on a provisional basis on 18th December 2020.

h) A Tree Preservation Order is being considered by CBC for the Christmas Tree LWS on Ulverscroft Lane 23/12/20.

10. Bob Bown Memorial Field

- i) Operational Inspection carried out by Wicksteed Play Ltd on 04/01/21. Awaiting report.
- j) Goals and fencing works completed 22/12/20. Total Cost £3495.47 plus £595 (excl. VAT) for goals.

11. Village Magazine.

12. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

- Facebook group has increased to 328 members.

13. Village Hall.

- New Parish Council Grit Bin installed at the Village Hall 14/12/20 for use by Village Snow Wardens, Andrew and Casey Pearson, to clear key pathways to Village Hall and School at times of prolonged snow and ice. Rock Salt purchased and delivered 22/12/20. With thanks to Newtown Linford Primary School for the donation of a grit bin.

14. Highways, footpaths, street furniture, traffic, transport.

- TTRO being considered for Roecliffe Road and Sharpley Hill. Clerk requested inclusion of Bradgate Road also 18/12/20.
- Application for the LCC Wildflower Verge Scheme 2021/22 submitted 30/12/20, following consultation with residents on Bradgate Road.

15. Churchyard and cemetery.

- Stone wall collapse at Churchyard reported to Clerk 09/12/20. Barriers and signage installed between Churchyard and river. Meeting attended by Chairman, Clerk and Tree Warden with Nola O'Donnell of CBC to discuss possible removal of 3 x Sycamore trees. Application to be submitted. BPT Rangers have offered to rebuild the wall as a good neighbour gesture in Spring 2021. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped retrieve the stone and make the area safe following the wall's collapse.
- Two memorial trees and plaques have been donated to the Cemetery. With thanks to Brian Anderson and Dick Howard for planting the trees 15/12/20.

16. Correspondence.

- Leicestershire County Council's Budget Plan Consultation received by email 22/12/20 (See Schedule One)

17. Scheme of Delegation

- Councillors are asked to review the motion to provide for delegation to the Clerk, any decision that must be made if the council is incapacitated and unable to hold a meeting.

18. Reports on Meetings and Trainings by Clerk and Councillors.

- Clerk attended Emergency Centre Volunteer training with CBC 07/01/21
- Clerk attended LCC Parish Liaison Meeting 08/01/21
- Clerk to attend Parish Census Presentation Training with NWLDC 12/01/21

19. Items of interest or for future meetings.

20. Finance.

- Notice received from Ladywell Accounting Services, who will cease trading on 31/03/21. Clerk to investigate alternative payroll providers.

Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

07.12.12	HMRC	Tax and NI	£229.42
07.12.12	Community Heartbeat	Emergency Telephone	£100.00
07.12.12	Peter Haddon	Maintenance	£233.00
08.12.20	Sportsequip	Bob Bown Goals	£714.00
10.12.20	East Goscote Nurseries	Memorial Trees, stakes, ties and compost (recharge to family)	£164.85
11.12.20	Equals Money	Transfer of funds for purchase of Memorial plaques (recharge to family)	£79.99
14.12.20	APB	Village Hall Rent	£437.50
14.12.20	CBC Mayor's Charity Appeal	Donation - Cheque still pending 06/01/21	£50.00
23.12.20	Polycopy Ltd	10 x 25kg Brown Rock Salt for Grit Bin	£79.08
23.12.20	Nick Jackson - Jackson Garden Services	Football fencing and goals installation	£3495.47
24.12.20	HS	December Salary	£936.50
24.12.20	PAMc	December Salary	£185.15
24.12.20	HS	Broadband	£49.10
24.12.20	PAMc	Broadband	£8.51
		TOTAL PAYMENTS	£6762.57

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 06/01/21	£4111.27
Business Reserve Account @ 06/01/21	£58000.54
Total	£62111.81

22. Dates of next two Parish Council Meetings.

- Monday 15th February 7.15pm
- Monday 15th March 7.15pm

Schedule One

Dear All,

A new consultation has launched giving people the opportunity to have their say on Leicestershire County Council's budget plan.

From 16 December, we are encouraging residents, businesses, parish councils and partner organisations to give their views by completing a short survey available at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/budget

The council's latest four-year proposals show the difference between income and expenditure will reach £92m in 2025 meaning that significant savings will be required.

Investment in services including children and family services, adult social care and environment in transport is proposed as well as a £450m capital pot to spend on infrastructure and a 1.99 per cent rise in Council Tax.

The consultation runs until 17 January – you can find out more and have your say by visiting: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/budget

This link will also be made available on the [Information for Parishes and Communities webpage](#).