



You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7.15 p.m. at which your attendance is required.

Signed by the Clerk *Hannah Shaw*

1. Record of attendance.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Confirm and sign minutes of the November Meeting.
4. Declaration of Parish Councillors' personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items.
5. Police Matters and NHW Update
6. Bradgate Park
7. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.
8. Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt.
9. Village Governance and Residents
10. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

The proposal for a wildflower verge on the central reservation at Groby Lane has been approved by LCC for 2022. The chosen area will need marking out prior to the grass cutting schedule commencing.

11. **Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues - report by Tree Warden if in attendance.**

- **Decisions**

- a) P/20/2417/2 - 516 Bradgate Road - Two storey side extension & single storey rear conservatory to the existing house, to provide additional residential accommodation. Relocate the existing double garage to the front of the house - Grant Conditionally 22/11/21
- b) P/21/1846/2 - 56 Groby Lane - Proposed addition of pitched roof and timber cladding to existing front extension and addition of porch to front of existing dwelling - Grant Conditionally 26/11/21
- c) P/21/2139/2 - 25 Grey Crescent - First floor extension to front of dwelling and single storey extension and ground works to front to form basement games room - Grant Conditionally 15/12/21
- d) P/21/1993/2 - Tyburn Cottage, 7 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement outbuilding - Grant Conditionally 22/12/21

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

e) P/21/1731/2 - Sandhills Lodge Farm, Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Retention of change of use of land and building from agriculture to a mix of agriculture and equestrian (incorporating ménage, improvements to associated access track and the creation of two wildlife ponds) – No Objection 09/12/21

f) P/21/2347/2 - 18 Grey Crescent - Proposed new first floor level and new basement levels erected, with new rear extension to ground floor, with associated internal alterations and landscaping – Objection 17/12/21

“Councillors wish to object to these proposals.

This application appears to be a conversion of a modest dwelling to a 3 storey large house and Councillors are concerned that the raising of the roof line and the additional large first floor extension over the current garage, will completely overshadow the adjacent 2 houses (particularly to the west of the development). It is unclear if the 45 degree rule will be followed regarding light to adjacent neighbours windows and the large glazed 1st floor at the rear of the building, will overlook those properties directly behind (on Main St), raising loss of privacy issues.

The basement extension would not be visible from the road but given the rain water run off problems on Grey Crescent, Councillors are unsure of the degree of flood proofing and tanking that the lower storey would require. The removal of soil etc would be difficult given the lack of access on both sides of the existing house.

This proposal would lead to a considerable change to the street scene and a large infilling effect on the skyline, visible from the properties opposite.”

g) P/21/2455/2 - 51 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - 2 storey and single storey extensions to front, side and rear of dwelling and alterations to roof – Objection 23/12/21

“Councillors wish to object to this proposal.

The proposed design is over-bearing and out of scale in appearance compared to existing properties in the vicinity and represents over-development of the site, overshadowing neighbouring properties and having a detrimental impact on the residential amenity due to loss of existing views.

The excessive height of the proposed 2nd floor extension will drastically alter the current roof lines that naturally follow the slope of the land, visible from not only the vicinity but in general vistas from Sharpley Hill and Grey Crescent.

This is an enormous extension with the footprint of the 1st and 2nd floors doubling in area and the creation of a 2nd storey which occupies the entire footprint of the extended first storey. Development is proposed right up to the boundary, with a 9.5m tall roofline which will extend across the whole of the plot. The visual space (as seen from the road) occupied by this proposed enlarged house, will be at least double that currently. The creation of a large window at the rear of the property at 2nd floor level, will remove any privacy of the adjacent gardens and the design has extensive glazing to the front of the house. There is nothing like this design in the adjacent run of houses and the nature of the road and street scene will be vastly changed if this proposal is granted. There are also huge windows proposed at the rear of the property and the proposed roofline of the single storey extension, extends to the top of the first floor windows and will be visually intrusive to adjacent properties.

So far, this region of Markfield Lane has escaped the wholesale enlargement of properties such as on Grey Crescent. The houses here are much more modest in size and have far smaller plots and are closer together. There is more unity of design in these houses than the diverse properties in Grey Crescent or elsewhere in the parish. The combined changes in proposed size and design would lead to a vast monolithic house completely out of character with all the properties on this service road and would negatively impact on the current street scene.

The Chairman asks this application be called in and wishes to speak at Plans Committee please.”

- **Discuss**

h) P/21/2161/2 – 103/105 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Refurbishment and alterations to join 103 and 105 into a single family residence and alterations to existing garage building.

- **Trees**

i) P/21/1209/2 – TPO Works - The Bradgate PH, 37 Main Street, Newtown Linford – TPO works related - Ash (T1) - Thin crown by 15%. Alder (T3) - Thin crown by 15%. Alder (T4) - Thin crown by 15%, raise above no. 16 Grey Crescent by removing 4no. lower branches.

j) P/21/2431/2 – TPO Works - Bradgate Lodge, 3 Stamford Rise, Newtown Linford – Ash - selective pruning to provide clearance from dwelling house and removal of deadwood (exempt works).

k) P/21/2422/2 – TPO Works - 7 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford – T1 Flowering Cherry - Reduce spread to East by 1.5m and raise canopy to 2m above ground level.

- **Other**

l) For information only - P/21/2432/2 - Newtown Linford Tennis Club - Advert Consent for Display of 2 No. 12m x 2m non-illuminated privacy screen advertisements to either end of tennis courts.

12. Bob Bown Memorial Field

- A Charnwood Borough Council Surveyor has determined the rent payable on the Bob Bown Memorial Field as £300 per annum and Heads of Terms have been agreed in principal. This has been agreed with the Clerk in liaison with the Chairman under the Scheme of Delegation.
- Annual Inspection of the play area was carried out on 28/10/21 by Independent Playground Inspections Ltd and the report has been cascaded to Lead Councillors for the Bob Bown Memorial Field. Wet pour shrinkage and trip hazards were identified as needing attention as a medium risk.

13. Village Magazine.

14. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

Facebook group has increased to 380 members.

15. Village Hall.

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

- Traffic Regulation Order (Amendment) for Main Street, Newtown Linford was brought into force on 20/12/21, resulting in revocation of double yellow lines in three areas. Full details were cascaded to Councillors on 20/12/21.
- Response received from Richard Briggs, Safe and Sustainable Travel Coordinator at LCC in respect to Bus Service 125 and the bus stop opposite the Village Hall (see **Schedule One**).

17. Churchyard and cemetery.

- Donations to the value of £575.00 have been received/pledged towards the sculpture of the multi-stemmed poplar tree stump which will now go ahead. Sculptor, Peter Leadbeater, to attend 14th, 15th and 16th March 2022. Thank you letters are being sent out to donors as donations are received.
- Councillors to consider the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the 2022/2023 financial year. Clerk to advise.

18. Correspondence.

- LCC communication - Share your views on health and wellbeing support across Leicestershire (see **Schedule Two**)

19. 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.

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

Clerk attended Medium Term Financial Planning training 29/11/21

Clerk attended LCC Strategic Plan and Communities Approach 2022-2026 briefing 02/12/21

Clerk attended LCC Parish Clerks Liaison Meeting 10/12/21

21. Items of interest or for future meetings.

22. Finance.

- Councillors to consider the budget for the 2022/2023 financial year, circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and to set the precept figure for the 2022/2023 financial year. The Council Tax Base Rate has been set to 534.9
- The application for redemption of funds held on behalf of NLPC by the Royal Courts of Justice is progressing. The entire sum in court is confirmed as circa £1100. Clerk to update Councillors.

Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

26.11.21	HS	November Broadband	£50.67
26.11.21	HS	November Salary	£1024.98
03.12.21	NEST	Pension Contributions	£42.35
08.12.21	CBC	Annual Playground Inspection	£64.80
10.12.21	NL Village Hall	Hire Fees for 2021	£63.00
13.12.21	APB	Village Hall Rent	£437.50
13.12.21	Sevenoaks	Memorial Tree, stake and tie	£75.10
13.12.21	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance Contributions	£514.59
24.12.21	HS	December Salary	£1202.53
24.12.21	HS	December Broadband and out of plan calls	£54.46
Total Expenditure			£3529.98

Payment Pending

12.01.22	PWLB	Loan Repayment	£2468.06
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Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 24/12/21	£6,550.63
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Business Reserve Account @ 24/12/21	£70,000.00
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Total	£76,550.63
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23. Dates of the next two Parish Council Meetings.

- Wednesday 9th February 2022 7.15pm
- Wednesday 23rd March 2022 7.15pm

Schedule One

Good morning,

Thank you for your email of 8th November 2021 in which you raised a number of points relating to bus service 125. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I can confirm that we will be installing a timetable case and accompanying service information at the stop on Staddon Road, Anstey. I can also advise that the stop opposite the village hall in Newton Linford has not been decommissioned and we are grateful to you for advising that the flag had been removed. We will be look to reinstate the flag either re-attached to the street lighting column or to a new post.

You also refer to the review of the Council's supported services which was carried out as part of Leicestershire County Council's Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy (PTPS). This review was subsequently paused due to the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic. Within the Policy and Strategy, food shopping and primary healthcare are viewed as priority journey purposes as they are basic, essential needs. It is the County Council's duty to consider the provision of passenger transport services to county residents who are not served by commercial passenger transport services to access these essential services at local centres. With regards to the service 125, it satisfies the Council's Policy and Strategy by providing residents on its route with journeys to/from a local centre. Unfortunately, faced with current financial challenges, the council is unable to meet all travel needs.

In March of this year, the Government launched the National Bus Strategy (NBS) which outlined that in order for Local Transport Authorities to be able to access available funding, they would be required to publish a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). Furthermore they would need to declare an intention to either enter in to a franchising arrangement or develop an Enhanced Partnership (EP). Leicestershire County Council has now published its BSIP which is available here: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/buses-and-public-transport/bus-service-improvement-plan-bsip>. Our commitment is to develop an EP Plan and EP Scheme which are due to be published by March 2022. An announcement as to the level of funding the County Council will receive from DfT is expected in early 2022.

Kind regards,

Richard Briggs

Senior Safe & Sustainable Travel Co-ordinator | Safe & Sustainable Travel Team

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Schedule Two

LCC communication - Share your views on health and wellbeing support across Leicestershire

Have your say on how Leicestershire County Council, the NHS and partner organisations can help to improve health and wellbeing.

An 8-week public consultation, which runs until 23 January 2022, is seeking feedback on the outcomes and priorities of the next health and wellbeing strategy.

The Health and Wellbeing Board brings together organisations responsible for making decisions about health, wellbeing and care services in Leicestershire. This includes Leicestershire County Council, the NHS, Healthwatch, the Officer of Police and Crime Commissioner, Police, District councils and other agencies with a responsibility for health and wellbeing. The Board plans how best to meet the needs of the local population and tackle health inequalities through a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

This is an opportunity for Leicestershire residents, professionals and organisations to share their views on the draft strategy and the priorities outlined for the next ten years. You can do this by visiting www.leicestershire.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-strategy.