



NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

0446/21 Members present:

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

Also in attendance: Clerk – Hannah Shaw (virtual attendance due to illness), Borough Councillor – David Snartt and Tree Warden – Brian Anderson.

0447/21. Apologies for absence:

Councillors Stuart Eyre, Sue Greasley and Tim Porte, County Councillor - Deborah Taylor and Bradgate Park Director – James Dymond.

0448/21. Confirm and sign minutes of the 27th October 2021 meeting:

These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

0449/21. Declaration of Parish Councillor's personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items:

There were no new declarations of interest.

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.

0450/21. Police Matters and NHW reports:

There were no Police in attendance.

Crime statistics for October had been received from PCSO Mitch Jarvis as follows:

1 x Burglary – A business property had been broken into and property stolen. No suspects had been identified.

The Clerk reported a speed check had been carried out that day, 24/11/21, on Bradgate Road within the 30mph speed limit and 3 x Vehicle Crimes had been reported in the previous week.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0451/21. Bradgate Park

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond, had sent apologies to the meeting. The Clerk reported BPT had now received one quotation for the works to the Newtown Linford overflow car park and a further quotation was expected the following week.

Resolve: Noted with thanks

0452/21. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

Councillor Taylor had sent apologies to the meeting and there was no further report since the previous meeting.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0453/21. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.

See Appendix One

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0454/21. Village Governance and Residents:

There was nothing to report.

0455/21. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

There was nothing to report.

0456/21. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues:

The Chairman informed the meeting that she would be attending the Charnwood planning meeting on Weds 1st December representing the views of the PC opposing the proposed development on Ashby Rd Markfield. Borough Councillor Snartt will also be speaking against this development.

- **Decisions**

a) P/21/1074/2 - The Linford, Main Street - Erection of single storey extension to rear of building - Grant Conditionally 02/11/21.

Resolve: Noted.

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

b) P/21/1994/2 - Hill View House, Benscliffe Road - Proposed detached single storey annex for ancillary staff accommodation - Objection 08/11/21

“Councillors wish to object to this application as they are concerned the proposals may contravene Policies CT1 - General Principles for Areas of Countryside, Green Wedge and Local Separation and CT2 - Development in the Countryside and should permission for this proposal for a detached single storey annex for ancillary staff accommodation be granted, it may set a precedent in the area for further development.”

Resolve: Ratified

- **Discuss**

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.

d) P/21/1993/2 - Tyburn Cottage, 7 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement outbuilding.

Resolve: There were no objections to either of these planning applications. Clerk to submit response on Planning Explorer.

- **Trees**

The Duty of Care Tree Inspection works had been completed at all three Parish Council maintained sites by Arboreco Ltd on 10/11/21. Total cost £1950.00 plus VAT.

The Clerk reported £150 of donations had been pledged to date towards the sculpture of the multi-stemmed poplar tree at the Cemetery.

Resolve: Noted. The Clerk will continue to advertise for donations towards the sculpture.

0457/21. Bob Bown Memorial Field:

A Councillor not present had reported mole hills on the park and rubble that had been left on the access track following work carried out at a property on Main Street.

Resolve: Noted. The Clerk will monitor the situation and will request the rubble is removed.

0458/21. Village Magazine:

There was nothing to report.

0459/21. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page:

The Clerk reported Facebook group membership had increased to 373 members.

Resolve: Noted.

0460/21. Village Hall:

There was nothing to report.

0461/21. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:

Streetlight Column 5 on Main Street outside number 93, had been reported as working intermittently. Replacement lanterns are now obsolete and would require LED conversion. Councillors considered LED conversion works by LCC Highways, total cost £420.96 plus VAT 08/11/21

Resolve: Councillors unanimously agreed to replace the street lighting lantern with LED at a cost of £420.96 plus VAT. Clerk to liaise with LCC Highways.

Correspondence had been received from a concerned resident regarding the recently decommissioned bus stop opposite the Village Hall. The bus stop plate had been removed, however, road markings are still in place. The Clerk had asked LCC Highways for an explanation and awaits their response 08/11/21.

A Councillor commented that the bus tends to stop where requested by service users.

Councillor Snartt suggested writing to Councillor Taylor to raise the matter.

Resolve: Noted. The Clerk will await a response from LCC Highways and will act accordingly.

0462/21. Churchyard and Cemetery:

There was nothing to report.

0463/21. Correspondence:

Leicestershire County Council Collaborating with our Communities - Our Communities Approach 2022
- 2026

Resolve: The Clerk will attend one of the Zoom briefings scheduled and will report back.

0464/21. Scheme of Delegation

Councillors were 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.

Resolve: Councillors unanimously agreed that in response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority will be reviewed monthly at meetings of the council after the delegation was put in place, until such time a decision is made to rescind the agreement when the Covid-19 outbreak is stable.

0465/21. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk:

Clerk to attend Medium-Term Financial Planning and Budgeting Course 29/11/21.

Resolve: Noted.

0466/21. Items of Interest or for future meetings:

A meeting attendee commented on overgrown hedgerows impeding the footpath on Main Street and brambles overgrowing the footpath on Markfield Lane, along with grass cuttings left on the Wildflower Verge.

Resolve: Noted. Clerk to action.

0467/21. Finance:

The Clerk left the meeting for the following item.

Councillors considered a recommendation from the Staffing Committee following the Clerk's annual pay review.

Resolve: Councillors agreed to the Staffing Committee's recommendation. The Chairman will write to the Clerk.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

Councillors considered the budget for the 2022/2023 financial year, circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and to either set the precept figure or defer this until the January 2022 meeting, following the publication of the Council Tax Base Rate week commencing 13/12/21.

Resolve: Councillors were in favour of a 5% increase to the precept for the 2022/2023 but agreed to defer the decision to the January 2022 meeting, following the publication of the Council Tax Base Rate in December. The Chairman asked that all Councillors be present at the January meeting to ensure a quorum.

Authorisation for payment of invoices:

28.10.21	HS	October Broadband	£50.03
28.10.21	HS	October Salary	£1025.18
02.11.21	NEST	Pension Contributions	£42.35
04.11.21	SC Maintenance	Grass Cutting Schedule Inv. 3 of 4	£3425.00
12.11.21	Arboreco Ltd	Duty of Care Tree Inspection – Works	£2340.00
Total Expenditure			£6882.56

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 18/11/21	£ 1,444.94
Business Reserve Account @ 18/11/21	£76,000.00
Total	£77,444.94

Copies of the bank transactions for the month are attached to the filed hard copy of the minutes.

0468/21. Dates of the next three Parish Council Meetings:

- Wednesday 5th January 2021 7.15pm
- Wednesday 9th February 2021 7.15pm
- Wednesday 23rd March 2021 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed by Chair:-.....

Dated:-.....

Appendix One – Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt

Loughborough Business to run Outwoods Café.

A Loughborough business will be the operator for the new café at the Outwards which is being created as part of the new visitor centre. Charnwood Borough Council can reveal that Olivia’s Coffee and Bakery will be running the

café in the Outwoods Visitor Centre. Work to convert the former ranger's cottage started earlier this year and following a rigorous contract tendering process, the Council has chosen Olivia's Coffee and Bakery. The artisan bakery and eatery which is owned by Jose Diaz opened in Market Street, Loughborough in 2018 and will be known to many residents and visitors to the town. I understand it is hoped to open the café at the Outwoods during November.

I know many local residents visit the Outwoods especially at the time when the bluebells are in full bloom. The Outwoods is 110 acres of ancient woodland and is one of the oldest surviving woodland sites in Charnwood. It is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest by Natural England, which means it is protected by law to conserve its wildlife and geology.

Veterans Breakfast Club.

Charnwood Veterans Breakfast Club is back and is welcoming members, new and old, to meet up for breakfast. Members meet at the Toby Carvery on Forest Road Loughborough on the second Saturday every month 9.30am until 11.30am Family members and carers are also welcome to come along. The group is friendly and are always looking to welcome new members. Breakfast costs £5 with unlimited tea and coffee.

More information is available on the Charnwood Veterans Breakfast Facebook group or call Victoria Coomber on 07540454838. Please check latest details out before attending.

Charnwood Borough Council is committed to supporting the armed forces personnel and veterans as part of the Armed Forces Covenant. A scheme which encourages understanding and awareness of the issues affecting veterans and their families within the local community, and promotes better help and support for existing and ex-armed forces personnel and their families.

More information about the covenant can be found on the Armed Forces Covenant website.

Let's Get Back Campaign.

Let's get back to doing what we love in Charnwood. A campaign to highlight Charnwood's fantastic high streets, great attractions, top places to eat and drink and outstanding open spaces has been launched by Charnwood Borough Council. The campaign is encouraging people to support their local area, businesses, and communities by taking time to go and visit them. The Council wants people to share what it is that makes Charnwood a great place to live, visit and work in.

To share your thoughts of the best places to visit and why, search the hashtag on Twitter #OurCharnwood; visit the Council's Facebook page www.facebook.com/charnwoodbc. If you have an event you would like the campaign to share use the hashtag, tag in the Council on social media or e-mail communications@charnwood.gov.uk. Keep an eye out for the campaign and get involved if you can. You can also visit, www.charnwood.gov.uk/getback.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness during a difficult time for myself and family. I would also like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.