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#### NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

#### 0862/23. Members Present:

Councillors Susan Pritchard (Chairman), Sue Greasley, Robert Haylock and Vicki Lightfoot.

Also in attendance: Clerk – Hannah Shaw, Borough Councillor – David Snartt, County Councillor – Deborah Taylor, Tree Warden – Brian Anderson, PCSO Mitch Jarvis, LCC Community Recovery Worker for Charnwood – Kate Crowfoot and 2 members of the public.

#### 0863/23. Apologies for absence:

Councillors Tim Porte (Vice - Chairman), Tara Pickles, Ronnie Bains, Bradgate Park Director - James Dymond and Newtown Linford Biodiversity Chair - Claire Costello

#### 0864/23. Confirm and sign minutes of the August 2023 meeting:

These were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### 0865/23. 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.

The Chairman proposed agenda items 11 and 17 be brought forward to the start of the meeting.

**Resolve:** Agreed. Please see minute references 0872/23 and 0878/23.

#### 0866/23. Public Participation

A resident spoke in relation to item 17 on the agenda with regards to a road traffic collision which had occurred at approximately 3.15pm on 11/09/23 on Bradgate Road, involving 3 vehicles. The resident provided photographic evidence of the aftermath for Councillors reference. Residents are concerned that Bradgate Road has become increasingly dangerous with the increased speed of traffic, particularly for pedestrians.

The Chairman advised that LCC had previously declined a request for the 40mph to become a 30mph zone but had installed parking bays as a means to slow traffic down. The removal of parking bays would increase speeds further and would not be considered by LCC Highways.

A Community Speedwatch initiative ceased when volunteers lost interest due to the lack of support and efforts to resurrect this had received no offers of volunteer help. Installation of Average Speed Cameras would not be considered by LCC, as they have no evidence of serious incidents, including injuries, to support this. The Parish Council currently have insufficient funds to afford average speed cameras at a cost of £100,000 which must be obtained through LCC Highways.

PCSO Jarvis stated the RTC on Bradgate Road was not considered a serious incident.

Parish Councillors remain concerned regarding vehicle speeds throughout the Parish, along Bradgate Road, Main Street, Markfield Lane and Roecliffe Road and have made many representations to both LCC Highways and Leicestershire Police and will continue to raise concerns.

VAS data is regularly downloaded and analysed, however, as the VAS units were not installed by LCC Highways, LCC regard the units as uncalibrated and therefore, cannot accept the data as evidence.

#### 0867/23. Police Matters and NHW reports:

PCSO Jarvis reported the following crime statistics for the previous month:

3 x Criminal Damage at Bradgate Park

1 x Theft

1 x Attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Resolve: Noted with thanks

#### 0868/23. Bradgate Park

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond had sent apologies to the meeting and the following report was received:

- Track works consultation has closed and we are still chasing Charnwood BC for a decision;
- Listed Building Consent for the restoration of the derelict toilet block (& conversion to a store for our off-road mobility scooters) behind Watkingham's has been submitted.
- Old John tower fundraising campaign has opened and scaffolding erected to assess the repairs needed and start these;
- Huge thanks again for the KAVs nomination letter.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

# 0869/23. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

Chair of Newtown Linford Biodiversity, Claire Costello, had sent apologies and a report had been received (see **Appendix One**).

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks.

#### 0870/23. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

See Appendix Two.

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks.

#### 0871/23. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.

See Appendix Three.

**Resolve:** Noted with thanks.

#### 0872/23. Village Governance and Residents.

• NLPC welcomed Kate Crowfoot, Community Recovery Worker (Charnwood Communities) for LCC Public Health. Kate spoke about her role and had already attended Coffee and Cake and had written

some information for the Village Magazine. Kate's role includes helping people who are isolated or suffering with mental health issues and can advise on matters such as benefits, housing, food grants, debt management and care needs. The Clerk suggested contacting Newtown Linford Primary School.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

• Councillors considered purchasing RBLI's Tommy Lamp Post Signs at a cost of £47.99 for 10 plus postage.

**Resolve:** Councillors voted unanimously in favour of purchasing 10 Tommy Lamp Post Signs in time for Remembrance Day, to be located on Main Street, between the Church and The Linford.

#### 0873/23. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues.

#### Decisions

- a) P/23/1088/2 Lenthill Farm, 95 Main Street, Newtown Linford Installation of 1 no. replacement window to front elevation Grant Conditionally 15/08/23.
- b) P/23/0882/2 (Listed Building Consent) and P/23/0871/2 The Dell, 92 Main Street, Newtown Linford Replacement of window with timber double door Grant Conditionally 14/08/23.
- c) 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 manege, improvements to associated access track and the creation of two wildlife ponds) (Retrospective application) Refused 02/08/23.

Resolve: Noted.

#### • Comments submitted through Planning Explorer

- d) P/23/1352/2 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford Erection of detached garage. Alteration to vehicular access including installation of gate to front boundary, with associated works No Objection 24/08/23
- e) 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 No Objection 24/08/23
- f) P/23/1439/2 36 Warren Hill, Newtown Linford Erection of detached double garage with storage above No Objection 24/08/23
- g) P/23/1279/2 482 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford Erection of two storey front, side and rear extensions, changes to fenestration, two storey garage and office to front, one and half storey garden room to rear, external pool and pergola to rear of house Objection 24/08/23 Application now WITHDRAWN 19/09/23.

"Councillors wish to object to this application. The addition of an extra storey coupled with extending the building to the edge of the plot, leads to a very large imposing building in close proximity to the more modest dwellings either side, both changing the street scene and overshadowing the neighbouring house and bungalow, resulting in a significant loss of light.

The loss of privacy to adjacent gardens from the heightened windows of the proposed rear extension and the extensive windows and balcony of the proposed two storey garden room next to the adjacent bungalow, will be substantial.

The existing building line to the frontages of properties 464A to 488 Bradgate Road would also be interrupted by the proposal for a two-storey garage and office to the front of the plot. Councillors are concerned that breaking this line would set a precedent for further development that would dramatically alter the street scene and character of the area.

The Parish Council Chairman wishes to speak at Plans Committee when this application is considered please."

h) 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 roof slope, replacement doors and windows and insertion of first floor windows to side elevation - No Objection 14/09/23.

Resolve: Ratified.

#### • Discuss

i) P/23/1417/2 - Roecliffe Gorse, 2 Roecliffe Road, Newtown Linford - Conversion of outbuilding into dwelling, with associated works.

Resolve: No Objection.

j) 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.

**Resolve:** Objection. As there have been no material changes to this planning applications, Councillors wish to re-iterate previous comments made in objection to this application. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer.

k) 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.

Resolve: Noted.

l) 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.

Resolve: No Objection.

#### Trees

m) To note, the dangerous tree in the Bob Bown woodland, as previously reported by Tree Warden, Brian Anderson, lies within Jelson's boundary and has now been attended to.

n) P/23/1579/2 - Holly Cottage, 96 Main Street, Newtown Linford - T1 - Variegated Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus 'brilliantissimum') - Reduce crown by approximately 3ft and raise crown over the farm track to allow tractors to pass underneath.

Resolve: Noted

Other

o) For information only - P/23/1485/2 - Rough Hill, Benscliffe Road, Newtown Linford - Continued use of buildings and associated for use/operation of business comprising a commercial stud farm and dog breeding and training facility (Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use).

Resolve: Noted.

#### 0874/23. Bob Bown Memorial Field.

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

Resolve: Clerk to remind park users that rope swings are not permitted through the next Village Magazine article.

#### 0875/23. Village Magazine.

There was nothing to report.

#### 0876/23. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

The Parish Council Facebook group had increased to 477 members.

**Resolve:** Noted.

#### <u>0877/23. Village Hall</u>

There was nothing to report

### 0878/23. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:

A Road Traffic Collision was reported on 11/09/23 involving 3 vehicles to which emergency services attended. A Bradgate Road resident had made contact to request the last parking bay heading towards Anstey, is removed and double yellow lines are installed. PC Greg Moore advised the collision was caused by driver error and not parked vehicles.

**Resolve:** Noted. Councillors to consider the provision of VAS units across the Parish for the next financial year. Please see minute reference 0866/23.

#### 0879/23. Churchyard and Cemetery:

Councillors considered estimates for the following works at the Churchyard and Cemetery:

- 1) To supply and install approximately 11m of post, wire and rail fencing to protect the public along the broken-down wall to the rear of the Churchyard. Total £396.40
- 2) To clear and dispose of brash and shrubs next to the shed at the Cemetery and to prepare and lay the area with quality lawn turf for third Garden of Remembrance. Total £790.78

3) To re-edge with timber log roll and re bark mulch the shrub bed in the Garden of Remembrance. Total £262.00

**Resolve:** Noted. Councillors resolved to accept estimates 2 and 3 as above. Clerk to organise a meeting at the Churchyard with regards to estimate 1 and the collapsed wall at the rear of the Churchyard.

#### 0880/23. Correspondence:

Parish Consultation - National Highways & Transport (NHT) Public Satisfaction Survey received 31/08/23. Clerk to complete in liaison with Councillors.

NALC consultation - NALC will be responding to the DLUHC consultation on local plans. No action.

NALC communication - Power for People campaign received via the LRALC Round Robin on 30/08/23. No action.

Charnwood Forest Stakeholder Forum - save the date  $26/10/23\ 1.30$  - 4.30pm County Hall, forwarded to Cllr. Pritchard and Cllr. Lightfoot 07/09/23. Chairman to attend.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service: Your Voice Matters in Shaping Our Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) received by email from LRALC on 11/09/23.

NALC communication - NALC Financial regulations update received via the LRALC Round Robin on 11/09/23.

Resident email to LCC Highways (in copy) regarding speeding traffic on Main Street, received 11/09/23.

LCC communication via LRALC - Community run electric car clubs received 13/09/23. No action.

Invitation to Remembrance Service received from Rev. Richard Trethewey of All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford on 18/09/23.

Proposed changes to LRALC Articles of Association received 18/09/23 and cascaded to Councillors.

Resolve: Noted.

#### 0881/23. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk.

Clerk attended LCC Liaison Meeting 14/09/23.

Chairman to attend Charnwood Forest Stakeholder Forum on 26/10/23.

Clerk to attend Resilience Wellbeing and Mental Health training (Officer course) 20/11/23.

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

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

#### 0882/23. Items of interest of for future meetings.

• Charley Road Solar Farm - Namene Solar Ltd is preparing a full planning application for a 49.9MW solar farm on Land off Charley Road, Charley Knoll Farm, Nanpantan. The 77ha site spans across Charnwood Borough and North West Leicestershire District Councils. Residents from Charley Parish would like to attend a future Parish Council meeting once an application has been submitted.

- In support of the Poppy Appeal and continuing into the festive season, provisionally the Church's floodlight schedule (as previous years) will be:
  - 28-Oct-23 to 12-Nov-23 two red floodlights.
  - 12-Nov-23 to 01-Dec-23 two white floodlights.
  - 01-Dec-23 to 06-Jan-24 five white floodlights.
- D-Day 80 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Lighting of Beacons.

Resolve: Noted

#### 0883/23. Finance.

• To note, second precept instalment received from CBC 07/11/23 Total £29809.00

**Resolve:** Noted.

• Councillors to consider quotation received for the 2024/2025 Grounds Maintenance Contract for the Bob Bown Memorial Field, Churchyard, Cemetery and mown paths through the wildflower verge on Markfield Lane. Total £15, 878.13.

**Resolve:** Councillors voted unanimously in favour of accepting the quotation as above, for the 2024/25 Grounds Maintenance Contract.

• Authorisation for payment of invoices:

Ledger Date	Payee	Payment Description	Amount	Legal Power	Notes
22.08.23	Moore	External Audit	£378.00	The	
		2022/2023		Accounts	
				& Audit	
				Regs.	
				2015	
25.08.23	HS	August Broadband &	£61.02	LGA	
		Out of Plan Calls		1972	
				s111	
25.08.23	HS	August Salary	£1226.36	LGA	
				1972	
				s112	
01.09.23	NEST	Pension Contributions	£61.08	LGA	
				1972	
				s112	
14.09.23	APB	Village Hall Rent	£750.00	LGA	
				1972	
				s133	
18.09.23	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance	£1230.55	LGA	
		2023/24 Inv 7 of 12		1972 ss	
				19, 214 &	
				215	

21.09.23	CBC	Bob Bown Lease Q2	£75.00	PHA	
				1875,	
				s164	
21.09.23	HMRC	Tax and National	£656.01	LGA	
		Insurance		1972	
		Contributions		s112	
TOTAL			£4438.02		

#### **Bank Balances:**

Total

Business Current Account @ 21/09/23	£ 1,915.90
Business Reserve Account @ 21/09/23	£ 93,000.00

£ 94,915.90

#### **Bank Reconciliation:**

Carry Forward figure		£ 69,029.62
Expenditure	-	£ 4,438.02
Income	+	£ 30,324.30
Balance		£ 94.915.90

**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.

#### 0884/23. Dates of next two Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 7.15pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 7.15pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed by	Chairman:-	·	 Dated:	 	

### Appendix One - Newtown Linford Biodiversity update for Parish Council meeting

27th September 2023

Wild about Nature challenge

We were pleased with the positive response from children and parents of those took part in our summer challenge. One parent wrote: "Our children and their friends had a superb afternoon completing your Wild about Nature quiz

for under 10s ..." As the challenge for the under 10s was more popular than the one for 11-16 year olds, we may try something different for the older age group next year – possibly a photographic competition.

#### Himalayan Balsam-pulling

We had 6 Himalayan Balsam pulling-up sessions in July and early August, mostly within the parish but also one in the neighbouring parish of Ulverscroft. The turnout of volunteers for these sessions ranged from 4 to 9. As reported last time, it was encouraging to find that in each location where we've pulled it up previously, including the margins of the tennis and cricket club, there were noticeably fewer plants this year. Next year we'd like to approach more local landowners to offer our help in controlling this invasive plant.

Groby Lane and Markfield Lane wildlife verges; Bob Bown wildlife area; Wildflower corner of churchyard.

The verges have been cut and raked, with the arisings taken off to improve the conditions for grassland wildflowers, which generally prefer a nutrient-poor soil. Over the summer, in both areas we found a number of Yellow Rattle plants, which help to control the growth of the grass, and also this plant was found at Bob Bown field and the wildflower corner of the churchyard. Last autumn, we sowed Yellow Rattle seeds at all these locations and it is hoped that the plant, an annual, will set seed naturally and spread. At our next meeting in October, a decision will be made as to whether to sow additional Yellow Rattle seeds this year.

#### Wildlife Walks and visits

Since the last Parish Council meeting, we had a wildlife walk in Cossington Meadows on 16th September. The numbers attending our walks and visits this year have ranged from 6 to 14.

#### Publicity

We currently have 60 followers on Facebook, and there were over 95 views of our webpage during August. We provided short articles about the NatureSpot verge wildlife guides (mentioned at July's P.C. meeting) for the Village Magazine, our web page and Facebook page.

Open Evening Tuesday 7th November 7.30pm Admission free

A reminder that Dr Jack Matthews of the National Forest is giving a presentation about the Charnwood Forest Geopark at this event. We're preparing a display of photos and information to illustrate the work of Newtown Linford Biodiversity. Light refreshments will be served.

Claire Costello

#### Appendix Two - Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor

#### Local Finances

We welcomed Minster Lee Rowley, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, to County Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

We had an interesting conversation on the council's funding issues and the pressure that the Council is currently seeing in some service areas. We now await the government's proposals for the Local Government Finance Settlement 2024-25, usually announced towards the end of the year. It was especially useful to give Minster Rowley some frontline feedback as to what is

happening at the current time in our council that he wasn't aware of, and we will be sending him some further information following the meeting.

The three Leaders for Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland have now submitted an application to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities for a Level 2 Devolution Deal for Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland. This is dependent on the White Paper passing through the Parliamentary Process.

# School Applications

If you have a child due to start primary or secondary school for the first time in Leicestershire next year (autumn 2024), you can apply for their place now.

Applications for children moving from primary to secondary need to be made by October 31st, whilst first-time primary applications need to be in by January 15th 2024.

Applications for 2024/25 can be made via the <u>school admissions page:</u>
<a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions</a> where there is also information about all county schools and hints and tips on applying.

Here are a few important hints and tips:

- Select three schools, including one in your catchment area
- Make sure you're happy with your order of preference
- If you're applying for an education, health, and care plan (EHCP) and you think your child might attend a specialist school, it is still important to fill out an application for a mainstream school place. This will ensure they will have a school place in the autumn.

If you're not sure if you live in a school's catchment area, check out their website or drop them a line. For further advice on your preferred schools and information about open days, please contact individual schools directly.

Allocated school places will be announced on national offer days – March 1st 2024 (secondary) and April 16th 2024 (primary).

# Electric Vehicle Charging Points

More than £3 million in Government funding has been allocated to install electric vehicle charge points across Leicestershire.

Working with a number of other councils and Midlands Connect on the bid, Leicestershire County Council has been allocated funding through the government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure scheme (LEVI).

The earmarked funding will be used from 2024/25 and is expected to deliver up to 2,500 public electric vehicle charge points in Leicestershire by the end of 2030 to meet the needs of the growing electric vehicle (EV) market.

It also enables the county council to continue its green agenda and significant contribution to securing EV infrastructure across Leicestershire.

The locations for the charging points have not yet been identified and the council will now develop a delivery plan. The focus will be on locations with the greatest public need, focusing on residential streets where there is a high proportion of housing without access to private off-street parking.

Residents, businesses, shoppers, and commuters will be able to have an input on where they would like to see EV charging points across Leicestershire with a countywide survey set to launch in the autumn. This will help the county council better understand current and future demand for public EV charging points.

I already have some charge points installed in my division. The Nook, Anstey car park now has eight charge points installed, ready to go live in the next month or so.

#### Newsletters

Leicestershire County Council provides many services to residents, and I like to keep you as informed as I can.

You can now subscribe to their newsletters and pick what topics you would like to read information about.

On the front page of the website (<u>www.leicestershire.gov.uk</u>) there is a button to press to add your name and email address and tick the boxes to make your selection on the topics you are interested in.



# Community Orchard Scheme



Community groups, parish councils and schools are being invited to apply for free packs of fruit trees and use them to plant new orchards.

Leicestershire County Council has launched the new community orchards programme as part of its annual free tree scheme.

Under the new initiative, groups are being encouraged to apply for the free orchard packs, which contain 10 apple and pear trees, stakes, and other equipment needed to establish the orchard.

The trees can be used to create a new orchard for the local community or to help restore and boost an existing orchard. The trees must be planted on sites that are open to the public, groups must have permission from the landowner to plant the trees, and all groups applying to the scheme need to commit to maintaining and nurturing the orchard in the long term.

Groups who would like to apply for one of the tree packs should contact the council's Forestry team at <a href="mailto:forestry@leics.gov.uk">forestry@leics.gov.uk</a>

The packs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and will be available for collection during 'National Tree Week' in November.

# Bradgate Park

Bradgate Park have a campaign running to raise money for the Old John Tower Repairs

The fundraising campaign is to Preserve and Restore Old John Tower; the crowning jewel of Leicestershire since 1784.

Standing proud, Old John's distinct outline evokes fond memories across generations and is an integral part of all that is Bradgate Park.

Vulnerable to the forces of natural erosion, decay, and damage, this treasured Grade II listed building needs immediate attention to prevent deterioration of its historic fabric.

Every penny of your donation will go towards restoring Old John Tower, paying for essential lime mortar pointing, consolidation to cracks, and repairs to the roof. We need your help to ensure repairs happen before it's too late.

The Bradgate Park Trust is investing £10k of its reserves and needs your help to fundraise the remaining £20K in donations \*. As a registered charity, the Bradgate Park Trust looks after over 1,000 acres of historic parkland. The site is vast, and the upkeep is continual.

Together we can keep this irreplaceable landmark standing tall and inspiring imaginations for centuries to come!

\*Should the total amount of donations exceed the initial target outlined for the Old John Tower repairs, all further donations will be spent on the conservation and maintenance of the Park, in line with the Trust's charitable objectives.

# Cllr Deborah Taylor

#### Appendix Three - Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt

Borough Councillor Forest Bradgate Ward.

Camera Trial.

A camera which uses artificial intelligence to capture people littering from vehicles is to be trialled by Charnwood Borough Council. The Council will be piloting the Litter Cam technology over a 12-week period in Loughborough.

Vehicle owners could be fined £150 if the cameras catch litter being thrown from the vehicle. New laws introduced means registered keepers are held responsible and may be fined or prosecuted.

The camera will automatically detect rubbish being thrown from a vehicle and could include litter such as cigarette ends, coffee cups, drinks cans and food packaging. If the offence is caught on camera, an automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) camera will record the vehicle's number plate.

More information including frequently asked questions can be found on the Council's website <a href="https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/LitterCam">www.charnwood.gov.uk/LitterCam</a>.

#### Mid Leicestershire Constituency.

Now that political party candidates are being selected before the next general election, residents have been asking me about the changes which have recently taken place to the local parliamentary constituencies. I understand the main reason for the changes is for each constituency to have around 75,000 electors.

This will see a significant change to the current Charnwood constituency boundaries, with a split between two new constituencies, Melton and Syston and the one Newtown Linford Parish will be in, Mid Leicestershire. The remaining areas from the Charnwood constituency will be joined by villages currently in the Bosworth and South Leicestershire constituencies to form the new Mid Leicestershire constituency.

Until the next general election, Rt Hon. Edward Argar MP will continue to represent residents in the current Charnwood constituency.

#### Payments on Line.

Charnwood Borough Council are reminding residents that many payments can be made on line for many of the Council's services, including paying rent, council tax, business rates and invoices. Please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/pay.

You can also pay by cash and cheque at various places throughout the Borough for more information visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/payabill.

The Council also have many online forms that residents can access 24/7 and cover most services the Council offer, from making payments, signing up for council tax, reporting anti-social behaviour and much more. For a full A-Z of services visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/onlineforms.