



You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th November 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.

Cllr. Sue Greasley

3. Confirm and sign minutes of the October Meeting.

4. Declaration of Parish Councillors' personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items.

5. Public Participation

To receive representations from the public on items on the agenda.

6. Police Matters and NHW Update

x1 Theft - Large wooden gates stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

x1 Vehicle Crime - Registration plates stolen from a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

7. Bradgate Park

8. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

Members Highways Fund - Post and rail fencing for the Markfield Lane wildflower verge - £2938 due to be received 28/11/22. Structures License in progress. Clerk to update.

9. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

10. Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt.

11. Village Governance and Residents

- Councillors to consider responses received to date with regards to the Winter 2022/23 Resident Consultation. Clerk to advise.
- Email received from Markfield Lane Residents regarding Halloween Celebrations (see **Schedule One**).
- Councillors to consider response received from HM Land Registry following NLPC's registry search on an area of land at Markfield Lane. NLPC can submit an Application for First

Registration (Adverse Possession Application) and Statements of Truth evidencing ongoing maintenance over a period of 12 years or more. Total cost to apply is £85. Clerk to advise.

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

- **Decisions**

a) P/22/1291/2 - 524 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of two storey detached dwelling, triple garage with annex above and associated landscaping and driveway works following demolition of existing dwelling - Grant Conditionally 15/11/22

b) P/22/0503/2 - 51 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AB - Single storey rear extension, 2 storey front and side extensions, single storey front extensions, roof extension and loft conversion - Objection 07/11/22 (see **Schedule Two**) - Grant Conditionally 14/11/22

c) P/22/0965/2 - 528A Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Proposed erection of two storey rear infill extension - Grant Conditionally 02/11/22

d) P/22/1541/2 - 520B Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Proposed single storey side extension including alterations to workshop - Grant Conditionally 27/10/22

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

e) P/22/1798/2 (Listed Building Consent) and P/22/1797/2 for Linford Farm, 36 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Proposed installation of 9no replacement windows comprising timber framed, single glazed window units - No Objection 04/11/22

f) P/22/1593/2 - Pear Tree Cottage, 39A Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement windows and doors - No Objection 04/11/22

g) P/22/1674/2 - Lenthill Farm, 95 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Proposed installation of secondary glazing to all windows to front elevation - No Objection 04/11/22

h) P/22/1622/2 and P/22/1623/2 (Listed Building Consent) for Dell Cottage, 92 Main Street, Newtown Linford - No Objection 11/11/22

i) P/22/1888/2 for Lea Cottage, Polly Botts Lane, Ulverscroft - Construction of 2 storey and single storey side extensions to dwelling, construction of detached 1.5 storey garage/home office to side and construction of porch canopy to front of dwelling - Objection 21/11/22

"Councillors wish to object to this application.

This house is in very close proximity to an historic asset of the Charnwood Forest.

These plans represent at least a doubling of the footprint of this already substantial dwelling. Although efforts are to be made to blend the added two storey extension with the current vernacular the added pool complex and garaging is a jarring addition that will substantially alter the character of the existing dwelling."

- **Discuss**

j) 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. Closure of existing access and formation of new access.

k) P/22/1923/2 and P/22/1915/2 - Vine Cottage, 9 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Application for Listed Building Consent to raise height of chimney stack/new clay pot (to dwelling house) and installation of solar panels to roof plane of pool house outbuilding to north.

- **Trees**

l) P/22/1896/2 - Linford House, 6 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Holly Fell, Western Red Cedar Fell, Scots Pine Fell, Rowan Fell.

m) P/22/2017/2 - 88 Main Street, Newtown Linford - T1, 2, 3, 12 and 13 Spruce - prune back overhanging branches. T4 - T11 inclusive conifers - prune back branches overhanging boundary and gable end (for information only).

- **Other**

n) P/22/1814/2 - The Gatehouse, Leicester Road, Markfield, LE67 9RE - Construction of a 70 bed residential care home Hinckley & Bosworth BC pre-planning consultation (C2) (H7BBC ref: 22/10120/PREMAJ)

o) P/22/1031/2 - Outline planning application for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, and the development of up to 150 dwellings, together with open space and drainage infrastructure (All Matters Reserved except Access) - Deadline for comments extended to 09/12/22.

p) Planning Appeal held on 15/11/22 at HBBC for Land North East of Ashby Road, Markfield - Residential development of up to 93 dwellings, public open space, landscaping and SuDS (Outline-access only) (cross boundary application with Charnwood BC).

13. Bob Bown Memorial Field

- Councillors to consider funding removal of a Sycamore tree stump felled in 2021 by CBC. Residents report members of the public standing on it and either gaining entry to private grounds or loss of privacy. Total cost £350.00 plus VAT.
- Councillors to consider final quotation for improvement works at the Bob Bown Memorial Field play park as previously discussed. Total cost £18,571.97 plus VAT. NB Previous quotation provided for new carpeted surfacing was incorrect.

14. Village Magazine.

Councillors to consider expenditure using the Chairman's discretionary budget to pay for a celebratory thank you meal for Carole and Julian Heubeck, Editors of the Village Magazine, on the 200th edition. Chairman to advise of costs.

15. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

The Parish Council Facebook group has increased to 429 members.

16. Village Hall.

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

All drains on Main Street, between the junction with Groby Lane and the Primary School are blocked with leaves and debris. Reported 21/11/22, reference FS466886402.

18. Churchyard and cemetery.

To note, Michael Liggins (Firetree) has removed the self-set multi-stemmed yew bush at the Churchyard. Total Cost previously agreed £266.00.

19. Correspondence.

Letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner for LLR received by email 27/10/22 and sent out to Councillors (see **Schedule Three**).

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

Chairman and Clerk attended LCC Budget Webinar 11/11/22.

Chairman attended Planning Appeal at HBBC re Ashby Road, Markfield development of 93 dwellings 15/11/22.

Claire Costello attended Parish Nature Network Meeting on 16/11/22 on behalf of Newtown Linford Biodiversity.

Clerk to attend Local Council Award Scheme Briefing 23/11/22

Clerk attended LCC Parish Clerks' Liaison Meeting 25/11/22.

21. Items of interest or for future meetings.

22. Staffing Matters.

Councillors to consider a recommendation put forward by the Staffing Committee following the Clerk's Annual Review (to be considered in a closed session).

23. Finance.

- External audit appointment - SAAA has announced auditor appointments for the next five financial years from 2022/23 to 2026/27. External audits for Leicestershire and Rutland will be provided by Moore UK, a change from pkf Littlejohn who have carried out this task for the last five years.
- To note, the NJC Pay Award was agreed, back dated to 1st April 2022. Back pay to be received by staff at the end of November.
- HMRC VAT Reclaim received 21/11/22. Total amount refunded £2061.93.
- Councillors to consider the quotation received from Firetree for the Grounds Maintenance contract 2022/2023. Total £14,766.66. Clerk to advise.
- Councillors to consider the 2023/2024 budget with a view to setting the precept at the January Parish Council meeting. Clerk to advise.

Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

28.10.22	HS	October Broadband and Out of Plan Calls	£56.59
28.10.22	HS	October Salary	£1148.81

31.10.22	Peter Haddon	Village Maintenance Jan – Oct '22	£315.00
02.11.22	NEST	Pension Contributions	£52.92
15.11.22	Firetree	Grave releveling and returfing x5 plots	£290.00
16.11.22	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 2022/2023 Invoice 9 of 12	£1062.50
17.11.22	LCC	Street Lighting glare reduction (paint out) (min ref 0505/22)	£120.00
21.11.22	Firetree	Removal of Yew Bush at Churchyard (minute ref 0588/22)	£266.00
Pending Payments at time of publication:			
28.11.22	HS	November Broadband and out of plan calls	£58.84
28.11.22	HS	November Salary and pay award backdated to 01.04.22	£1612.31

Total Expenditure **£ 4982.97**

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 24/11/22	£ 3,859.51
Business Reserve Account @ 24/11/22	£ 85,000.00
Total	£ 88,859.51

24. Date of the next two Parish Council Meetings.

Wednesday 11th January 2023 7.15pm
Wednesday 15th February 2023 7.15pm

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Schedule One - Halloween Celebrations

Halloween celebrations
Sent: Mon, Oct 31, 2022 at 10:38 pm
To: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Dear Parish Council,

What a fantastic effort from the residents of Newtown Linford celebrating the Halloween season this year. It was a true reflection of community spirit and best effort yet.

We saw some fascinating displays, our personal favourites being 37 and 45 Grey Crescent and 51 Main Street. With this in mind, we discussed how much bigger and better celebrating Halloween could continue to be in Newtown Linford, including Competitions for best display, Ghostly raffles to raise money for causes etc. Competitions for best display would no doubt encourage more residents to take part and undoubtedly see a increase in the community celebrating the Halloween season.

If you could please put the idea out there, via the website, Facebook and Newtown Linford village book it would be great to see the feedback.

Best regards

Residents (Markfield Lane)

Schedule Two - Comments P/22/0503/2 - 51 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AB - Single storey rear extension, 2 storey front and side extensions, single storey front extensions, roof extension and loft conversion

Good afternoon,

Re: P/22/0503/2 - 51 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AB - Single storey rear extension, 2 storey front and side extensions, single storey front extensions, roof extension and loft conversion.

On behalf of Newtown Linford Parish Council, I would like to submit the following comments in response to the above planning application please: Councillors wish to object to this proposal.

Although Councillors welcome the applicant's efforts in reducing the impact on the street scene by altering some of the original proposals, this revised proposed design remains 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. Although now slightly reduced since a previous application, Councillors believe the excessive height of the proposed 2nd floor extension will still 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 development is proposed right up to the boundary, extending across the whole of the plot and according to the block plan, extends beyond number 53 at the rear. 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.

The proposed white render and grey aluminium window frames are also not compatible with the Village Design Statement.

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. 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 still negatively impact on the current street scene despite the revised plans. The Chairman wishes to speak should this application be considered at Plans Committee. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Hannah Shaw

Schedule Three - Letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner for LLR

Date: 27 October 2022
Chief Constable recruitment update

The relationship between the Police, my own office and our partners is of paramount importance in our joint resolve to keep our communities safe. Together we can achieve so much more.

Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that following an exhaustive interview process, Temporary Chief

Constable Rob Nixon has been selected as my preferred candidate for the substantive post. I'm sure that you will join me in congratulating him.

Carried out in line with the College of Policing's exacting recruitment requirements, I can assure you that the internal and external stakeholder groups, in-depth presentation to, and interview by, the formal interview panel, were challenging.

During his time as Temporary Chief Rob's skills and resolve have been tested to the hilt. He has proven himself to be an outstanding strategic leader with an ability to respond robustly and calmly to pressure. These skills were demonstrated clearly during the rigorous interview process and I look forward to working with him, and you, in the future.

Many of you will know his determination to ensure Leicestershire Police remains an outstanding force. I am confident the force will continue to go from strength to strength and build on the excellent foundations laid down by Simon Cole.

Rob's appointment will now be subject to a Confirmation Hearing by the Police and Crime Panel which will take place sometime in November. Until then, he will continue to serve as Temporary Chief Constable, delivering on the priorities that matter most to the public.

With best wishes,
Rupert Matthews

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland