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NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th October 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 August 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

Charnwood welcomes new Police Inspector, David Stokes.

- 7. Bradgate Park
- 8. Newtown Linford Biodiversity
- 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.
 - Councillors to consider response received from HM Land Registry following NLPC's registry search on an area of land at Markfield Lane. Clerk to advise.
- 12. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues report by Tree Warden if in attendance.
 - Decisions
 - a) P/22/1138/2 and P/22/1233/2 57 Main Street, Newtown Linford -Proposed single storey rear extension and external alterations Grant Conditionally 03/10/22.
 - b) P/22/0499/2 Blakeshay, Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford Single storey extension with first floor balcony with external alterations and associated works Grant Conditionally 12/10/22.

• Comments submitted through Planning Explorer

- c) P/22/1394/2 Land at North of Pollards Road, Anstey Full planning application for residential development of 48 no. dwelling houses (Use Class C3) with landscaping, open space, car parking, access works and associated infrastructure Objection 04/10/22 (see **Schedule One**)
- d) 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 No Objection 04/10/22.
- e) P/22/1541/2 520B Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford Proposed single storey side extension including alterations to workshop Objection 05/10/22.

"This application once again suffers from poor quality of drawings which make the extent of the amendments difficult to appreciate. It now appears that, contrary to the previous application, the barrel vaulted work shop is to be incorporated into the main building whilst the previous 'garage' has been rebuilt (apparently under permitted development rights) and repurposed as a gym, store and bathroom. This has substantially increased the footprint of the available living space even before the 'joining section' is added to the proposed rebuilt workshop.

These 'stealth' developments taken together triples the available 'amenity space' and converts a modest dwelling into a large house. Potential future plans to build upwards from the new footprint could lead to an even greater increase in the visual impact of the house from the adjacent footpath and from neighbouring properties and there also remains the potential for a separate dwelling to be created from the rebuilt garage or for this structure to be incorporated into the main dwelling.

The Parish Council has reservations about this development and would like to object to these plans until as and when clarification has been obtained by the borough council regarding existing development taking place on this site."

f) P/22/1595/2 - 13 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford- Proposed first floor side extension – No Objection 12/10/22.

• Discuss

- g) P/22/0503/2 51 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford Single storey rear extension, 2 storey front and side extensions, single storey front extensions, roof extension and loft conversion.
- h) P/22/1822/2 Grey Lady Restaurant, Sharpley Hill Application to determine is Prior Approval required for proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Restaurant Use Class E) to 1no. dwelling house (Use Class C3) under class MA of GPDO.

Trees

i) P/22/1860/2 - Fell 1 Apple tree - 80 Main Street, Newtown Linford

• Other

j) 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 03/11/22.

13. Bob Bown Memorial Field

- Annual playground inspection to take place sometime after week commencing 7th November by Independent Playground Inspections Ltd. Councillors to approve cost of £60.00 plus VAT.
- Councillors to consider email received from NLPC Solicitor, Mark Tildesley, regarding the new Draft Lease of the Bob Bown Memorial Field (see **Schedule Two**).
- Councillors to consider final plans and quotation for improvement works to the Bob Bown Play Park. Clerk to advise. Item to be deferred if details have not been received by the meeting date.

14. Village Magazine.

15. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

The Parish Council Facebook group has increased to 427 members.

16. Village Hall.

To note, Christmas Advent Fayre to be held in the Village Hall, in liaison with NLPS PTA, on 01/12/22. Clerk to advise.

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

- The following requests submitted to the Members' Highways Fund have been approved, are now being processed and grant monies will be transferred:
 - a) Post and rail fencing for urban wildflower verge at Markfield Lane. Firetree to complete installation. Total cost £2938.00.
 - b) 4 x new parish welcome signs. Quotes currently being obtained.
- Replacement bin for Bradgate Road has arrived and will be installed week commencing 24/10/22. Total cost £420.91.

18. Churchyard and cemetery.

Permission granted for removal of the yew bush at the Churchyard. Firetree to remove as soon as possible. Total cost £266.00 as previously agreed.

19. Correspondence.

East Midlands Ambulance Service - CPR awareness to your parish received by email 12/10/22 (see **Schedule Three**).

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) development -public engagement on draft networks received by email 18/10/22 and sent to Councillors (see **Schedule Four**).

East Midlands Airport - Airspace Modernisation Programme Stage 2, Phase Two received by email 18/10/22 and sent to Councillors (see **Schedule Five**).

Advance notice for LCC Budget Webinar, Friday 11th November, 12.30pm – 1.30pm. The Leader of Leicestershire County Council will chair a session on Zoom on the current financial challenge, supported by LCC colleagues. An invitation and further details will be sent at a later date, for parishes to sign up for the session.

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

Clerk attended CBC Clerks' Liaison Meeting 04/10/22

21. Items of interest or for future meetings.

22. Staffing Matters.

Councillors to pass a resolution to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge (see **Schedule Six**).

23. Finance.

Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

23.09.22	APB	Village Hall Rent Sept – Dec 2022	£750.00
23.09.22	HMRC	Tax and NI Contributions	£523.76
28.09.22	HS	September BT Broadband and Out of Plan Calls	£65.15
28.09.22	HS	September Salary	£1149.01
03.10.22	NEST	Pension Contributions	£52.92
03.10.22	HS	Travel and Miscellaneous Expenses April to	£111.39
		Sept '22 inclusive	
17.10.22	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 2022/2023 Inv 8 of 12	£1062.50
19.10.22	Firetree	Grave Relevelling and Returfing x 3 plots	£174.00
19.10.22	Glasdon UK Ltd	Topsy Jubilee Bin – Replacement for Bradgate	£420.91
		Road	

Total Expenditure £ 4,309.64

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 19/10/22	£ 1,870.62
Business Reserve Account @ 19/10/22	£ 88,000.00

Total £ 89,870.62

24. Date of the next two Parish Council Meetings.

Wednesday 30th November 2022 7.15pm Wednesday 11th January 2023 7.15pm

<u>Schedule One</u> - Comments submitted re: 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.

Tuesday 4th October 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Comments of Objection to Planning Consultation P/22/1394/2 - Land at North of Pollards Road Anstey.

Newtown Linford Parish Council **object** to these proposals as they feel the adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of this proposed development, for the following reasons.

- 1. The positioning of this proposed development is close to the Bradgate Park and National Forest boundaries. This surrounding area of beauty should be maintained as natural open space to protect the visual views to and from higher areas of Bradgate Park, which would otherwise be hugely impacted by a closer, more 'built up' environment.
- 2. The proposed development would have a severe impact on biodiversity of the area. Many natural habitats would be lost, along with both green space and agricultural land.
- 3. The increase in traffic on the surrounding roads would lead to further congestion, particularly at the junction of The Nook, therefore, also impacting on highway safety for road users and pedestrians.
- 4. A further development on this scale, in addition to other applications for Anstey and a lack of infrastructure, will adversely impact local amenities which appear to already be struggling with demand, such as the oversubscribed Doctors Surgery, Pharmacy and Schools. Bus services have also been heavily reduced in recent years and there is insufficient parking in the service centre.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Hannah Shaw

Parish Council Clerk Newtown Linford Parish Council Tel: 01530 249945

Schedule Two - Commercial Lease Matter, Bob Bown Memorial Field. Email received 19/10/22

Dear Hannah,

We write to confirm that at long last we have received a draft lease from Charnwood Borough Council for the Bob Brown field.

This is a Lease between those parties for the term of 21 years at an annual rent of £300.00 per annum plus VAT subject to review on each 5th anniversary of the commencement of the term. The rent is to be reviewed in accordance with the increase of the retail prices index; in the extremely unlikely event that that index ever goes down then the rent cannot go down, it will remain as before. The Lease comes with a right of way along the driveway that provides access to it. Use of the field is restricted to "recreational purposes only and as a woodland area". The Council have imposed a repairing obligation in the Lease to "keep the property and at the end of the term leave the property clean tidy and clear of rubbish and shall keep and leave clean and in good repair order and condition and free from obstruction all service media field drains fences hedges fields walls stiles gates and posts cattle grids bridges culverts ponds watercourses sluices ditches roads and yards on the property". I would make the point that it does say "if any" and this all seems rather excessive.

One thing that is worthy of comment is that the right of way is limited to passing and repassing along the access way on foot only. Which does rather beg the question if you need to carry out maintenance work and you need vehicles, theoretically you cannot take them up the access way to get there. Is that a problem and should we be looking to seek an amendment to extend the right of way to include vehicles? Clearly, if it satisfies the council, we could limit that to "for maintenance purposes only".

In addition to the various other rights referred to, the rent is expressed to be paid quarterly on the usual quarter days and there is a break clause granted to both parties to break the Lease on each 5th anniversary so long as 6 months' notice has been given. A break clause in favour of the Landlord for a business tenancy generally over break the contractual Lease and does not bring to an end the security of tenure provisions of the Landlord and Tenants Act 1954. In this particular case however, the security of tenure provisions of the act are expressed to be excluded so if the landlord did exercise the break clause then your right to occupy the property would come to an end. Reciprocally of course you can break the Lease.

If this explanation is sufficient for your purposes, then perhaps you could let me know if you are happy to proceed on this basis and or whether you want me to increase the extent of the right of way. The council have said they will supply us with a schedule of condition for the property. This would be extremely unusual for an open field but essentially a schedule of condition is an indication that the condition of the property at the commencement of the term and the repairing obligation requires you to give the property back in no worse state and condition and as evidence by that schedule of condition. The schedule of condition will be a series of photographs and the council have said that will be sent to us shortly.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards Mark Tildesley Solicitor/Director

Schedule Three - East Midlands Ambulance Service - CPR awareness to your parish

Hi,

On behalf of East Midlands Ambulance Service, I would like to offer a free awareness session on CPR and the use of a Defibrillator. Part of the Cardiac Arrest Strategy of East Midlands Ambulance Service is to raise the awareness to the public of what to do if they were if they were in the unfortunate position of dealing with a cardiac arrest.

We can arrange a visit for you on a pre-agreed date, we will provide ambulance staff and equipment for the session at no cost to your group.

You can be assured in the fact:

- Staff will have a clear enhanced DBS (copies of which can be sent to you prior to the event), hold an Ambulance Service ID card & wear PPE to current guidelines
- Staff that deliver the session will be knowledgeable [Some staff still working currently on frontline emergency ambulances for your area]
- East Midlands Ambulance Service have invested into modern equipment with real time monitoring CPR mannequins to allow feedback to attendee (we have infant, child and adult mannequins)
- Attendees will be aware with CPR, Defibrillation & exactly what to do in the event of a cardiac arrest
- Session will be delivered in line with current guidelines with current infection prevention

What we ask of you:

- Provide room/space for us to teach the session
- Provide a date & time you would like us to attend and an estimate of how many people you would like us to deliver the session to
- Preferably access to a projector or screen (this however is not compulsory)

Sessions are aimed to last up to an hour, but if necessary, content can be streamlined in line with your plans & we can deliver multiple sessions daily. The session is also open to all members and residents that live within the parish area.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact me, we hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards

Niall Jerrison Community Trainer (Charnwood)

<u>Schedule Four - Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) development -public</u> engagement on draft networks

Your help is required for Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) development - public engagement on draft networks

Continuing with our programme of work to inform the Council's approach to providing enhanced cycling and walking facilities in the County, public engagement launches this week asking for people's views on draft priority cycling and walking networks. These have been produced as part of the ongoing development of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) for the Melton Mowbray area, and North of Leicester area, which includes Leicester Forest East, Kirby Muxloe, Glenfield, Ratby, Groby, Anstey, Bradgate Park, Thurcaston, Birstall, Thurmaston, Syston, Barkby, Scraptoft, Bushby and Thurnby.

As many people as possible are encouraged to have their say on the draft plans by accessing the online map-based engagement here: https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement/cycling-and-walking-networks-to-help-shape-future-infrastructure

Parishes are asked to promote this engagement opportunity to their local communities for people to help shape the priority cycling and walking networks from an early stage.

The engagement runs for 4 weeks from Wednesday 19th October to Wednesday 16th November. Responses will be considered alongside early feedback already received from local councillors, to help inform the final priority cycling and walking routes to be included in the LCWIPs for these areas.

LCWIPs set out the vision and key priorities for infrastructure improvements in each of the areas, to create attractive, joined-up priority cycling and walking networks, encouraging, and enabling people to travel more sustainably. LCWIPs are also key plans in helping us to secure funding to deliver these improvements to cycling and walking routes, including via Government bidding opportunities and from developers.

It is currently anticipated that these LCWIPs will be finalised and presented to the Cabinet for approval in spring 2023.

Schedule Five - East Midlands Airport - Airspace Modernisation Programme Stage 2, Phase Two

Dear Sir / Madam,

Reminder to RSVP if you haven't already

We recently contacted you to update you on our plans for Stage 2 of the airspace modernisation programme at East Midlands Airport.

The UK Government is leading a national programme of airspace change. As part of this, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has published an Airspace Modernisation Strategy. This strategy requires all UK airports to redesign the flight paths that aircraft use to arrive and depart.

East Midlands Airport is continuing to work on Stage 2 of the airspace modernisation programme. At this stage, a comprehensive list of route options is produced and refined through stakeholder engagement, before being assessed against the design principles that were agreed through stakeholder engagement at Stage 1 of the programme.

The airport carried out a number of discussion sessions earlier this year as part of the first phase of engagement for Stage 2. We would now like to invite you (or another representative from your organisation) to a follow up discussion session.

The content shared at this phase will be split over two sessions, with the first taking part in early November. You will be invited to attend a second session later in the month.

Please follow the below link to confirm which event you would like to attend.

https://forms.office.com/r/ANvvNWYJNR

Please note that sessions will be recorded for feedback analysis purposes.

For more information about the programme and Stage 2, please watch our short video here.

If you have any questions or additional requirements, please reply to this email.

Best wishes, East Midlands Airport

Schedule Six - Civility and Respect Pledge

Definition of Civility and Respect

Civility means politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech, and in the written word.

Examples of ways in which you can show respect are by listening and paying attention to others, having consideration for other people's feelings, following protocols and rules, showing appreciation and thanks, and being kind.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), and One Voice Wales (OVW), believe now is the time to put civility and respect at the top of the agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector.

By our council signing up to the civility and respect pledge we are demonstrating that our council is committed to treating councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations, and volunteers, with civility and respect in their role.

Signing up is a simple process, which requires councils to register and agree to the following statements:

Statement	Tick to agree
Our council has agreed that it will treat all councillors, clerk and all	
employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations,	
and volunteers, with civility and respect in their role.	
Our council has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff	
Our council has signed up to Code of Conduct for councillors	
Our council has good governance arrangements in place including, staff contracts, and a dignity at work policy.	
Our council will commit to seeking professional help in the early stages should civility and respect issues arise.	

Our council will commit to calling out bullying and harassment when if and when it happens.	
Our council will continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model/champion council e.g., via the Local Council Award Scheme	
Our council supports the continued lobbying for the change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge, including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.	