



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 9th October 2024 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 September Parish Council Meeting.**
4. **Declaration of Parish Councillors' personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items.**
5. **Vacancy in Office of Councillor**
Councillors to consider one application for co-option to the Vacancy in Office of Councillor.
6. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office following Co-option.
7. **Public Participation.**
To receive representations from the public on items on the agenda.
8. **Police Matters and NHW Update.**
9. **Bradgate Park.**
Invitation received to Ruins of Bradgate House Interpretation Strategy – Visit Mapping Workshop Tuesday 8 October and sent to Councillors 23/09/24. Vice-Chairman to attend.
10. **Newtown Linford Biodiversity.**
11. **Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.**
12. **Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt.**
13. **Village Governance and Residents.**
Flooding incident occurred on 01/10/24 affecting local roads. River level reached 2.08m. No known properties flooded. 2 x trees down on Groby Lane. No hydrosnakes issued.
14. **Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues – report by Tree Warden if in attendance.**

- **Decisions**

P/24/1302/2 - 498 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of two storey extension to front of bungalow – Grant Conditionally 19/09/24.

P/24/1257/2 - Lyndyke, 2 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing garden room) – Grant Conditionally 13/09/24.

P/24/0696/2 (Listed Building Consent) and P/24/0695/2 -The Paddocks, 78 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of front porches, timber shed and replacement windows – Withdrawn.

- **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

Re-consultation P/24/0205/2 - 15 Cravens Rough, Markfield, LE67 9PF - Demolition of Existing Dwelling; Erection of Replacement Dwelling and Detached Garage – No Objection 04/09/24.

Re-consultation P/24/0851/2 (Resubmission of P/23/2204/2) - 482 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Erection of two storey extensions to front, side and rear, alterations to roof, detached garden room and installation of pool with pergola to rear, boundary wall with vehicular gates to front – Mixed Comments 11/09/24.

“Newtown Linford Parish Council wish to reiterate previous comments submitted in relation to this application and further acknowledge the ongoing concerns of neighbours, particularly in relation to possible loss of light and overbearing impact. However, Councillors also recognise these latest proposals have tried to address these issues.”

- **Discuss**

P/24/1493/2 - Ye Olde Cottage, 64 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement of UPVC conservatory windows for timber and insertion of new chimney pots.

P/24/1415/2 - 107 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Erection of first floor rear extension.

- **Trees**

There are no tree applications to discuss

- **Other**

There are no other applications to discuss.

15. **Bob Bown Memorial Field**

- Annual Play Area Inspection to take place during November by ROSPAA Play Safety, arranged through CBC. Councillors to agree cost of £71 plus VAT.
- The Clerk is aware of an incident that occurred at the Bob Bown Memorial Field and had reported the matter to Charnwood Borough Council on 24/09/24. Clerk to advise.

16. Village Magazine.

17. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

The Parish Council Facebook group has increased to 524 members.

18. Village Hall.

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

Old Parish welcome sign on Sharpley Hill reported to LCC Highways for removal, reference FS646814337 11/09/24.

20. Churchyard and Cemetery.

Councillors to consider adoption of the updated NLPC Cemetery Fees and NLPC Cemetery Regulations 2024, as prepared by the Clerk and sent out to Councillors on 24/09/24.

21. Governance

Councillors to consider adoption of the NLPC Safeguarding Policy 2024 as prepared by the Clerk and sent out to Councillors on 24/09/24.

22. Correspondence.

Passenger Transport Network Review received 17/09/24 and cascaded to Councillors.

Concern for Vehicle Speeds, Roecliffe Road, received from a resident on 18/09/24 and Clerk's response (see **Schedule One**). Resident invited to attend meeting and speak during public participation.

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

Clerk attended LCC Parish Liaison Meeting 27/09/24.

Chairman to attend the LRALC AGM 05/10/24.

Vice-Chairman to attend the Ruins of Bradgate House Interpretation Strategy – Visit Mapping Workshop 08/10/24.

24. Items of interest or for future meetings.

25. Finance.

- To note, Parish Precept 2nd Instalment for 2024/25 to the value of £31,299.50 was received 05/09/24.
- a) Councillors to consider suspending Standing Order 18 e for the following agenda item, in accordance with the NLPC Financial Regulations 5.2 iii

SO 18 (e) Three tenders shall be produced for any proposed contract for the supply of goods, materials, services and execution of works with an estimate value in excess of £5,000.

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FR 5.12 iii. *The requirement to obtain competitive prices in these regulations need not apply to contracts that relate to items (i) to (iv) below:*

iii. *works, goods or services that constitute an extension of an existing contract;*

b) Councillors to consider quotation received for the 2025/2026 Grounds Maintenance Contract (extension) for the Bob Bown Memorial Field, Churchyard, Cemetery and mown paths through the wildflower verge on Markfield Lane. **Total £16,354.47** (2023/2024 price was £15, 878.13).

c) Councillors to consider reinstating Standing Order 18 e as detailed above.

- The Clerk had carried out a budget review at the end of Quarter 2 of the 2024/2025 financial year. Based on financial commitments already agreed, the budget will stand at - £9,364 below the expected income/expenditure, due to the memorial safety works following inspection (pending payment) , new noticeboard and tree works following the Duty of Care Tree Inspection (also pending payment).
- Councillors to receive the signed External Auditor Report and Certificate 2023/2024, published to website 13/09/24.

Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

Ledger Date	Payee	Payment Description	Amount	Legal Power	Notes
02.09.24	NEST	Pension Contributions	£69.81	LGA 1972 S112	
11.09.24	APB	Village Hall Rent Sept – Dec 2024	£750.00	LGA 1972 S133	
16.09.24	Firetree	Grounds Maintenance 24/25 Inv 7 of 12	£1323.18	LGA 1972 SS 19, 214 & 215	
16.09.24	Moore	External Auditor's limited assurance review	£378.00	The Accounts & Audit Regs. 2015	VAT £63.00
19.09.24	HS	Reimbursement of Scarecrow Festival Printing Costs	£30.04	LGA 1972 S137	
19.09.24	CBC	Bob Bown Memorial Field Rent	£87.36	LGA 1972 S19	
24.09.24	HS	September Broadband and Out of Plan Calls	£70.59	LGA 1972 S111	
24.09.24	HMRC	Tax and NI Contributions	£771.17	LGA 1972 S112	
25.09.24	HS	Travel & Miscellaneous Expenses April - Sept 24 inclusive	£177.15	LGA 1972 S111	

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27.09.24	HS	September Salary	£1324.89	LGA 1972 S112	
01.10.24	M.J. Brewin	Various Works at Churchyard & Cemetery and Village Christmas Tree	£1296.00	LGA 1972 SS 144, 214,215,	VAT £216.00
01.10.24	The Church Noticeboard Company	Replacement Noticeboard	£1056.00	LGA 1972 S142	VAT £176.00
02.10.24	NEST	Pension Contributions	£69.81	LGA 1972 S112	
Total			£7404.00		

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 03/10/24	£ 1,182.23
Business Reserve Account @ 03/10/24	£ 96,116.03
Total	£ 97,298.26

Bank Reconciliation:

Carry Forward figure	£ 72,949.58
Expenditure	- £ 7,404.00
Income	+ £ 31,752.68
Balance	£ 97,298.26

26. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday 6th November 2024 7.15pm

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Schedule One

-----Original Message-----

From: "UK Local Councils" <admin@localcouncils.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 5:12pm

To: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Subject: [Form Results] Local Council Contact Form

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Dear Councillors,

I am writing to you concerning the increasing number of vehicles exceeding the 40mph speed limit on my road (Roeclyffe Road, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8TN).

I am XX years of age and have lived on this road for nearly 7 years. Over time, more and more small children have moved into houses along our road and neighbours have become grandparents with small grandchildren visiting regularly, along with most residents owning one or two dogs. With this in mind, I find it terrifying that vehicles are reaching speeds of up to 106mph (according to the police car who was stationed on our road approximately 4 years ago). My own dog, XXXXX, was knocked over by a car outside our house and it is only because the lady driving was responsible and was obeying the speed limit that she is still with us today. I lose sleep over this kind of situation happening again either to us or one of our neighbours and I worry every time I walk down the narrow pavement of our road with my dogs that one wrong step will be catastrophic owing to the extreme speed of vehicles.

Since I started driving myself, I've noticed that the 40mph signs along Roeclyffe Road are obscured by hedges that are unkempt, overgrown and/or dirty. Therefore, I think it is imperative that more signs are put up along our road in positions of clearer visibility to make it crystal clear to drivers that the speed limit is 40mph.

I also believe the residents of Roeclyffe Road are deserving of a speed camera being installed somewhere along the road to allow us to leave our drives safely, walk our dogs without constant fear of being hit by a speeding vehicle and eliminate the danger of an accident occurring to a young child who may wander onto the road unwittingly. I would estimate that the cost of installing and running a speed camera would be balanced out by the fines received within the first few weeks of its installation, however, prevention of loss of life should be a sufficient benefit.

I would be grateful if you could give consideration to the points I have raised and look forward to hearing a response.

Yours Faithfully,

RE: [Form Results] Local Council Contact Form

From: clerk@newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk <clerk@newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 7:18 pm

To:

Good afternoon XXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your email.

Firstly, with regards to highway signage and overgrown vegetation, this is the responsibility of Leicestershire County Council. You can report a road problem via the following link below and a Highways Inspector will attend to assess if works are required and if hedgerows belong to private landowners, they will make contact to request vegetation is cut back and is not obscuring road signs.

[Road safety | Leicestershire County Council](#)

With regards to vehicle speeds, we are aware of resident concerns and in July, Borough Councillor David Snartt, requested data from the Leicestershire Police Road Safety Unit.

It was reported that the Leicestershire County Council carried out a covert speed survey last November which showed that the average speed of vehicles was 39mph and 13% were travelling above the National Police Chief Council (NPCC) guidance of 10% +2mph.

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Overall, this represents good compliance with the speed limit. In terms of collisions, there has been one slight injury collision in the past 5 years, this being at the crossroads.

Unfortunately, the Police have informed us that in terms of both speeds and collisions the road does not qualify for the camera vans. 20% of vehicles would need to be travelling above 10% +2mph and there would have to be at least 1 fatal or serious collision and / or at least 2 slight injury collisions for the speed vans to be considered.

As the Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Police are the responsible authorities, the Parish Council are limited in what they can do beyond installing a Vehicle Activated Sign, which has been in place on Roecliffe Road for some years now. However, I will include your correspondence (redacted of personal information) on the agenda for Councillor consideration at the next Parish Council meeting in October. Should you wish to attend the meeting and raise your concerns in person during public participation time, you would be welcome to do so.

The meeting will be held at Newtown Linford Village Hall starting at 7.15pm on Wednesday 9th October.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Best wishes,

Hannah