

**[DRAFT] MINUTES**

**NEWTON ST LOE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Newton St Loe Parish Council held virtually on Thursday 4 February 2021

**Present:** Parish councillors Mark Foster (Chairman), John Everitt, Naomi Johns, David McLean and Jay Marshall

**Also in attendance:** Saltford Ward Councillor Alastair Singleton

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**COU148/19: Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Judith Cook and Sheila Dench

**COU149/19: Declarations of interest**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**COU150/19: Public participation**

None

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**COU151/19: District councillor's report**

District councillor Alastair Singleton submitted a written report. Alastair reminded members that the Ward Councillors grant towards a defibrillator must be spent by 31 March 2021. (Note: the money was spent by 31 March 2021.)

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**COU152/19: Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2020**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 December 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

**COU153/19: Invoices and staff costs for payment**

RESOLVED that the following invoices and staff costs be approved for payment:

- Crispin Taylor (Clerk), total staff costs for December 2020 and January 2021: £429.52
- G B Sports & Leisure, play area inspection: £96 (£80 + VAT)
- TEEC Ltd, creating and migrating website: £552 (£460 + VAT)

Members expressed concern about the invoice from TEEC Ltd for hosting website and gov.uk costs in the amount of £240 + VAT as this was in excess of the quote.

#### **COU154/19 Repairs to the village fountain**

RESOLVED that the estimated cost of repairs be included in the budget for 2021/22

#### **COU155/19: Parking and traffic in the village**

RESOLVED that the Parish Council submit a proposal for a community-run residents' parking scheme (John Everitt to draft).

#### **COU156/19: Risk assessment**

RESOLVED that this item be deferred

#### **COU157/19: Partial Update to the Bath & North East Somerset Local Plan**

RESOLVED that the Parish Council comment as follows:

"In general the Parish Council supports the proposed plans and, in particular, the additional provision of housing within the District. However, the Council has concerns with any specific proposal(s) that conflict with the following principles:

1. Housing development should not be permitted on "new" sites until all brownfield sites have been exhausted.
2. The Council believes in the retention of the Green Belt and ANOB and would strongly oppose any weakening, relaxation or exception to policies designed to protect these areas
3. The green 'corridors' between villages and, in particular, between Bath/Keynsham and the surrounding villages should be protected with no incursions permitted.
4. The Council has concern around the possible removal of the Park & Ride sites from the green belt and the impact that any consequential development could have on the surrounding areas.

The Parish Council realises that adverse consequences can sometimes result if policies are absolute, but considers the above principles should only be relaxed in extremely exceptional circumstances and following full consultation"

#### **COU158/19: Parish Council budget and precept for 2021/22**

Members considered a draft budget for 2021/22

RESOLVED that:

- The draft budget for 2021/22 be approved and adopted
- The precept for 2021/22 be set at £7,350

#### **COU159/19: Next meeting of the Parish Council**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 22 April 2021, virtually, at 7 p.m.

**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**COU147/19: Future agenda items**

- Monitor action plan
- Updated risk assessment
- Update on parking in the village
- Repairs to fountain
- Internal auditor's recommendations
- Development proposals

Meeting closed 8.30 p.m.

Signed.....  
Chairman

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