

Minutes of meeting Newton St Loe Parish Council – 21st April 2022

In attendance: Cllrs Everitt, Marshall, Cook, Dench & McLean. Also Cllr Hounsell (B&NES), Robin Moss (Clerk) & 2 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Johns

(1) Chairman's welcome and introduction

(2) Declarations of interest – none

(3) Minutes of meeting 17th Feb 2022

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed & signed as a correct record.

(4) Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch

Regular newsletters are received by email from the PCC. There have been a number of thefts & incidents in the village. The Police are to be invited to a future meeting.

(5) Public Forum - the Council allows 15 minutes for items raised by members of the public – the potential location of the defibrillator was discussed, detailed in item (6)

(6) Defibrillator location

Concerns were expressed by residents as to the proposed location near the village hall, as they felt it was at a busy junction & the pavement was too narrow.

A number of alternate locations were suggested, either near the shop & noticeboard, or near the Duchy office.

No decision was taken, as it was felt that further discussion & consultation was needed.

(7) Councillor items – matters raised by councillors that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda

- a. Jubilee Celebrations –. There will be a village BBQ, tables & music provided but BYO cups & saucers. If the weather is bad, then the barn at the farm shop may be an alternate location.
- b. Village Fountain – Still awaiting proposals from the Duchy. Clerk & Chair to follow up
- c. Playground maintenance – The fencing needs repairing, there have ben some quotes, clerk to follow up & action. Clerk also to report to next meeting with repair & replacement costs for playground equipment.
- d. Grounds maintenance contract to be reviewed at the end of the summer season.

(8) District Councillors Report - Cllr Singleton outlined:

- a. There are encouraging signs that the level of Covid infections across the district are falling.
- b. The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) are finalising the draft of their Spatial Development Strategy (SDS)
- c. The planning application by Resourceful Earth for a large anaerobic digester plant at the rural, green belt, Charlton Field site near Queen Charlton has been refused

(9) Playground –

- a. Ongoing maintenance & upkeep – Clerk to produce a report on repair & replacement costs & options
- b. Increase in Duchy rental. Agreed

(10) Finance

- a. Financial Report (attached) – approved

- b. Audit report & risk assessment to be circulated
- c. Update on banking & financial processes provided
- d. Clerk's time sheet - agreed
- e. Cheques approved:

| | | | |
|--------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| 000921 | HMRC | PAYE | £94.75 |
| 000922 | R.Moss | Salary - £458.01 Office - £9.50 | £467.51 |
| 000923 | ALCA | Annual subscription | £64.41 |
| 000924 | Duchy of Cornwall | Sept 2021 – March 2022 rent | £72.00 |

(11) Meetings Attended

No reports

(12) Planning

- a. Planning Applications:

(13) Reports

- a. Clerk's Report on past month & ongoing items – noted. Most items dealt with under appropriate agenda items.
- b. Any other brief reports (not requiring discussion)

(14) Correspondence received (not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda)

- a. Campaign for Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) & The Rural Bulletins – weekly, circulated
- b. B&NES Public health newsletters – circulated to councillors
- c. Bath Preservation Trust – Environs ctte - regular newsletters
- d. B&NES schedule of road closures – weekly, circulated to councillors

Meeting closed at 19.50 pm

Next meeting to be 16th June, which will also be the Annual Parish meeting

Signed as a correct record

..... 16 June 2022