

**Minutes of meeting Newton St Loe Parish Council – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

In attendance: Cllrs Dench, Cook, McClean, Hurlow. Also Cllr Singleton (B&NES), Robin Moss (Clerk) & 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs

**(1) Chairman’s welcome and introduction**

Cllr Mclean welcome everyone to the meeting. He announced that he was standing down from the Parish Council, so this would be his last meeting.

**(2) Parish Council vacancies –**

There have been 3 nominations for the Parish Council for the May 2023 elections, so there is an unopposed election. There will be 4 vacancies & Cllrs will be able to co-opt at the AGM. 2 members of the public present expressed an interest & will attend the May AGM.

**(3) Declarations of interest – none**

**(5) Minutes of meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

**(6) Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch**

Regular newsletters are received by email from the PCC.

**(7) Public Forum - the Council allows 15 minutes for items raised by members of the public # no matters raised**

**(8) Defibrillator location –** There was a discussion about possible locations, as a number of residents & businesses are reluctant to host because of the fitting & ongoing costs. It was agreed to meet with the Duchy to discuss a location.

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

- a. Village Fountain – The Duchy are putting in an application to BaNES planning, as this is a listed item & a more complicated restoration than first anticipated.

**(10) District Councillors Report**

Cllr Singleton reported on the potential new recycling centre in Keynsham, a new pothole repair system that is carbon neutral & the new voter ID regulations, that will be introduced for the May 2023 local elections. As he will be standing down in May, he was thanked for his work over the last 4 years.

**(11) Playground –**

The temporary repair to the monkey rings has meant that the playground has now reopened. However the long term future is not clear, as the cost of replacement is outside the financial scope of the Parish Council. As the land is owned by the Duchy it was agreed to discuss this with them. It is possible that the play equipment may have to be removed & not replaced as it comes to the end of its useful & safe life.

**(12) Finance**

- a. Financial Report – approved
- b. Clerk’s time sheet – agreed
- c. A grant of £100 was agreed for Coronation celebrations organised in the village
- d. Cheques approved: these included payments due to be agreed at the Feb meeting

000944	R.Moss	Reimburse Laptop (Currys PC World)	£541.49
000945	R.Moss	Salary Dec 2022 & Jan 2023 & pay settlement backdate 2022-23	£730.21
000946	HMRC	PAYE income tax	£134.55

000947	Duchy Cornwall	Sept – March 23 Rec rent	£72.00
000948	GB Sports	Annual playground inspection	£102.00
000949	ALCA	Annual subscriptions	£70.01
000950	R.Moss	Salary Feb & March 2023 + office expenses	£558.50
000951	HMRC	PAYE Income tax	£88.55
000952	Avon Valley Landscapes	Grass cutting & works	£474.00
000953	TEEC	Hosting & domain charges	£216.00

**(13) Meetings Attended**

No reports

**(14) Planning**

a. Planning Applications:

**23/01345/FUL**

Bath Spa University, Newton St Loe,

Proposed alterations to University vehicular entrance, including demolition of existing building, and introduction of vehicle access barrier.

It was agreed that there were no objections to this proposal

**(15) Reports**

Clerk's Report on past month & ongoing items.

**(16) 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 19.53 pm. Date of next meeting Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, which will also be the AGM

Signed as a correct record

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