

Minutes of meeting Newton St Loe Parish Council – 17th February 2022

In attendance: Cllrs Everitt, Cook, Dench & McLean. Also Cllr Hounsell (B&NES), Robin Moss (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Singleton

(1) Chairman's welcome and introduction –

- a. Confirmation of meeting dates for 2022 – 21st April, 16th June, 18th August, 27th October, 15th December – all 7pm start
- b. Confirmation of clerk's contract of employment: Agreed

(2) Declarations of interest – none

(3) Minutes of meeting 21st October 2021

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed & signed as a correct record. Record of the informal meeting on 20th Jan 2022 noted.

(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. Clerk to contact local beat team for an update.

(5) Public Forum - the Council allows 15 minutes for items raised by members of the public – no matters raised

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

- a. Jubilee Celebrations – A village meeting followed the PC meeting.
- b. Village Fountain – Still awaiting proposals from the Duchy. Clerk & Chair to follow up
- c. Defibrillator - £300 in budget to install the defibrillator. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Cook re: contact details for manufacturer & installation date.
- d. Village Hall grant – The village hall just want a contribution towards chairs, but will wait until the new financial year.
- e. Playground maintenance – B&NES grant of £500 awarded through Cllr Singleton's ward initiative funding.

(7) District Councillors Report

- a. Cllr Singleton outlined the BNES 2022-23 budget, which is a 3% rise on the previous year.
- b. Pennyquick Hill repairs & upgrade should be completed by late Autumn.
- c. There had been consultation about local speed reductions on local roads, with a clear majority of respondents in favour.

(8) Playground –

- a. Ongoing maintenance & upkeep - There is a need for repairs to the fencing, also the picnic bench needs dismantling & possibly replacing. Clerk to investigate.

(9) Finance

- a. Financial Report (attached) – approved
- b. Update on banking & financial processes provided, in line with auditors recommendation. Change of contact details with Lloyds Bank confirmed.
- c. Clerk's time sheet - agreed
- d. Cheques approved:

000919	R.Moss	Stationery & IT costs	£96.89
000920	HMRC	PAYE	£262.20
000921	R.Moss	Salary	£547.94

(10) Meetings Attended

No reports

(11) Planning

a. Planning Applications:

21/05066/FUL	Bath Spa Sports Ground Lower Bristol Road	Erection of a bus stop either side of the A36 carriageway together with a central refuge crossing and footways into the sports ground.
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Councillors agreed this is a positive proposal & should be supported.

(12) Reports

- a. Clerk's Report on past month & ongoing items.
Internal audit report & risk register: update. Clerk outlined that most of the recommendations are now in place
- b. Any other brief reports (not requiring discussion)
 - i. There had been a very late invitation to join the 2022 Great British spring clean. While it was too late for this year councillors wanted to take part in 2023.
 - ii. There was a discussion about communications with residents of the village & how this needs to be a priority. Clerk to action.

(13) 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
- e. Bath and North East Somerset Local Plan Partial Update submitted for examination
- f. Advertising the New Anne Robson Trust Pre-bereavement Helpline
- g. Bath and North East Somerset Business Support Service
- h. West of England Rural Network - Village Agents
- i. B&NES Zero Carbon website
- j. Keynsham Area Forum - date for your diary

Meeting closed at 19.40 pm

Signed as a correct record

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