

Minutes of meeting Newton St Loe Parish Council – 18th May 2023

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

Apologies: none

- (1) Election of chair 2023-24: Cllr Cook elected
- (2) Election of Vice Chair 2023-24: Cllr Dench elected
- (3) Co-options: Sally Slingo & Mary Brown were co-opted onto the council
- (4) **Chairman's welcome and introduction**
Cllr Cook welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- (5) **Declarations of interest** – none

(6) Minutes of meeting 20th April 2023

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

(7) Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch

Regular newsletters are received by email from the PCC.

(8) Public Forum - the Council allows 15 minutes for items raised by members of the public
A local resident highlighted that the website was out of date. The clerk apologised, as there are technical problems which are being resolved.

(9) Defibrillator location – Truespeed have agreed to host the defibrillator, & will cover the fitting & ongoing costs.

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

- a. Village Fountain – The Duchy are putting in an application to BaNES planning, as this is a listed item. They have provided a full summary document with plans for the restoration, which have been shared with parish councillors.
- b. It was agreed that the telephone box is a potential asset for the village, as has happened in other communities with uses such as a small library . First it would need some minor restoration, it was agreed to cover these costs.

(11) District Councillors Report

Cllr Alison Streatfeild-James intyroduced herself & reported on the potential new recycling centre in Keynsham. Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that BaNES & WECA were looking to improve the bus service along the A4, but that the village was isolated from the route.

(12) Playground –

The long term future of the playground is not clear, as the cost of replacement is outside the financial scope of the Parish Council. It was agreed this was an issue to be discussed at the Annual Parish meeting in June. It was also agreed that leaflets be produced & distributed to local households to advertise the meeting. Clerk to contact BaNES to see if they will provide a new dog poo bin.

(13) Finance

- c. Financial Report – approved
- d. Clerk's time sheet – agreed
- e. Cheques approved:

000954	R.Moss	Salary, office expenses & coronation grant reimbursement.	£373.69
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000955	HMRC	Tax	£46.68
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(14) Meetings Attended

No reports

(15) Planning

f. Planning Applications:

None

(16) Reports

Clerk's Report on past month & ongoing items.

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

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

Meeting closed at 19.57 pm. Date of next meeting Thurs 15th June 2023, which will also be the APM

Signed as a correct record

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