

## **Minutes of meetings of Newton St Loe Parish Council – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

In attendance: Cllrs Dench, Cook, Hurlow, Brown, Slingo. Also Cllr Streatfeild-James (B&NES), Robin Moss (Clerk) & 5 members of the public.

### **Ordinary Parish Meeting**

Apologies: None

- (1) **Chairman's welcome and introduction**  
Cllr Cook welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- (2) **Declarations of interest** – none
- (3) **Minutes of meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
Minutes of the May 2023 meeting agreed & signed as a correct record.
- (3) **Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch**  
There have been no reports of recent crime in the village. Regular newsletters from the PCC are circulated to councillors.
- (4) **Defibrillator location** – There has been no response from Truespeed to enquiries about their offer to host the defibrillator. It was agreed that the clerk will keep phoning & emailing their office, also that Cllrs may have to visit the office in person again.
- (5) **Councillor items** – matters raised by councillors that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda
  - a. The Village fountain is due for repair work to start early in July.
  - b. The old telephone box is in need of a face lift. It was agreed to seek prices for renovation.
  - c. 'Roberts Bench' at the top of Smiths Hill needs repair. Clerk to contact the Duchy.
  - d. The verges & hedges on Smiths Hill are overgrown, clerk to contact the Duchy about this.
- (6) **District Councillors Report**  
Cllr Streatfield-James reported on the make up of the new LibDem administration in BaNES. She also outlined how to speak at BaNES Council & Cabinet meetings. There is a Festival of Nature taking place soon. Alison will also check if the Westlink service includes Newton St Loe.
- (7) **Finance**
  - a. Financial Report – approved
  - b. Cheques approved:

000956	R.Moss	Salary & Office expenses - May	£378.82
000957	HMRC	Payroll deduction	£43.68
D.Debit	Information Commission	Data licence	£40.00

### **(7) Meetings Attended**

- (8) Date of next meeting Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Meeting closed at 7.30pm**

## Annual Parish Meeting

The APM was primarily a discussion about the future of the playground.

Because of a number of recent incidents & increasing levels of wear & tear to the large piece of equipment, as well as the need to replace parts of the swings, the Parish Council has been considering options for the future. Replacement of the equipment is extremely expensive & unaffordable for a small parish council. Users of the playground are mainly visitors to the village & the use of PC funds to benefit non-residents is not recommended or advised.

Some residents want the playground kept open & are concerned that alternatives to closure have not been adequately explored.

It was agreed that the clerk will bring a report to the next meeting, that will detail different options.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed as a correct record

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