

Minutes of meetings of Newton St Loe Parish Council – 18th April 2024

In attendance: Cllrs Cook, Hurlow, Slingo, & Dench. Also Cllr Streatfeild-James (BaNES), Robin Moss (Clerk) & 1 member of the public.

Ordinary Parish Meeting

- (1) **Apologies:** none
- (2) **Chairman's welcome and introduction**
Cllr Cook welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- (3) **Declarations of interest** – none
- (4) **Minutes of meeting 18th February 2024**
Minutes of the April 2024 meeting agreed & signed as a correct record.
- (4) **Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch**
There was no report from the beat team this month.
- (5) **Public Forum**
A number of issues were raised, by residents in attendance as well as via email:
 - # The parish survey proposed by Mr Bland has been agreed, will be printed & delivered to residents.
 - # There is a BaNES initiative to identify & support green spaces. Councillors agreed that the recreation ground as well as a number of smaller community green spaces would be suitable. However it isn't clear about how that should be taken forward.
 - # The website is not currently working. Clerk to investigate & talk to IT support. Cllr Streatfeild-James will also ask if BaNES can provide more support for smaller parishes.
- (6) **Defibrillator location** –
The defibrillator is now sited, but needs codes for connecting. Also training will be necessary for residents who wish to volunteer to use when necessary. The Duchy have agreed to cover the electricity costs.
- (7) **Councillor items** – matters raised by councillors that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda
 - a. The 3 trees have been planted in the recreation ground. It was agreed that some seating should also be provided. Chair to look at benches & costs, Duchy to be approached about siting, funding agreed (probably from CIL budget). The oak tree has also been sited in a slightly odd place, Chair will talk to the Duchy about that.
 - b. The miners silhouettes will be sited shortly, there is a backlog of work with the Miner's Trust in providing these, as they are proving popular & the weather has not been good for placing them.
 - c. The Phone Box is due to be painted in May/ June, although the contractor is behind with work because of the weather.
- (8) **District Councillors Report**
Cllr Streatfield-James reported on a number of issues:
 - # The Local Plan is out for consultation. While there are no proposals within Newton St Loe Parish, there is an adjoining proposal for Corston & she noted the PCs comments. After the initial consultation there will be a revised proposal published in late 2024, early 2025, followed by an independent inspection in about March 2025, with adoption in late 2025.
 - # West of England Combined Authority have proposals for the A4 corridor, which are looking at traffic remodelling, with audits of safety & air quality.
 - # There is a new Westlink bus service, with an electronic map, which she will forward to the clerk.

(9) **Playground** - The equipment is awaiting a quote for the repair works.

(10) Finance

- a. Financial Report for April – approved
- b. Cheques & payments approved:

R.Moss	Salary Feb & March 2024 - & office expenses	£573.91
HMRC	Tax	£87.55

(11) **Planning** – no applications to consider

(12) Clerk's report

The Clerk produced an outline for a parish newsletter, it was agreed that this should be produced twice a year.

(13) Date of next meeting Thurs 20th June 2024.

Meeting closed at 7.48pm

Signed

20th June 2024