

## **Minutes of meetings of Newton St Loe Parish Council – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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

### **Ordinary Parish Meeting**

- (1) Apologies: Cllr Dench
- (2) **Chairman's welcome and introduction**  
Cllr Cook welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
  
A minutes silence was observed, for Pete Jefferies
- (3) **Declarations of interest** – none
- (4) **Minutes of meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
Minutes of the October 2023 meeting agreed & signed as a correct record.
- (4) **Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch**  
There have been reports of a car being damaged & fly-tipping in the village. Regular newsletters from the PCC are circulated to councillors.
- (5) **Public Forum**  
A number of issues were raised, by residents in attendance as well as via email:  
# The parish survey compiled by one resident is ready for distribution. It was agreed that the parish clerk & the chair would meet him before the next meeting to organise how this would be distributed. Clerk to print copies & councillors & residents will provide names of people who need hard copies.  
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- (6) **Defibrillator location** –  
There has still been no progress on actually siting the equipment. While an offer from a local resident to place on their wall has been made, which will provide access on the main street, this has not come about yet.
- (7) **Councillor items** – matters raised by councillors that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda
  - a. There will be 3 trees planted in the recreation ground. A silver Birch for the Platinum Jubilee, an Oak for the Coronation, a Walnut for Pete Jefferies.
  - b. It was agreed that the PC should look at producing a newsletter twice a year, to be distributed to houses in the village.
- (8) **District Councillors Report**  
Cllr Streatfield-James reported on a number of issues:  
# The local plan for BaNES, which will come into effect in the mid 2030s, will begin early in 2024, with an initial outline consultation phase. This will start about the 13<sup>th</sup> of January.  
# There was a discussion about village grit bins & whether BaNES can refill Cllr Streatfield-James will follow up.
- (9) **Playground**  
It appears that there equipment is repairable to provide a solution for a couple of years. There has been an offer to contribute from local residents. It was agreed to go ahead to maintain the equipment in situ.
- (10) **Finance**
  - a. Financial Report – approved
  - b. Budget for 2024-25 agreed
  - c. Cheques & payments approved:

000967	R.Moss	Salary October & November, backdated pay award	£722.81
Direct Pay	HMRC	Tax	£89.95
000968	R.Moss	Office expenses & domain renewal, wreath & plants	£337.22
000969	Avon Valley Landscapes	Grounds maintenance June - Oct	£1,782

**(11) Planning** – no applications submitted this month

**(12) Clerk's report**

The offer from the Somerset Miners Trust to site a 'miner silhouette' in the village, to mark the mining history & heritage in Newton St Loe, was agreed & the village entrance as the most appropriate location.

**(13)** Date of next meeting Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

**Meeting closed at 7.53pm**