

Minutes of meetings of Newton St Loe Parish Council – 22nd February 2024

In attendance: Cllrs Cook, Hurlow, Brown, Slingo, & Dench. Also 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 21st December 2023**
Minutes of the December 2023 meeting agreed & signed as a correct record.
- (4) **Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch**
It was suggested that PC James Evans, part of the Keynsham neighbourhood policing team, could be invited to the Annual Parish meeting, probably in May or June.
- (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 circulated to all councillors, there have been some suggestions about wording & questions to be included. Clerk to meet with Mr Bland & with councillors, to agree a completed version for the next meeting.
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.
- (6) **Defibrillator location** –
There has still been slow progress on actually siting the equipment, even with the Duchy supporting the idea
- (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. A silver Birch for the Platinum Jubilee, an Oak for the Coronation, a Walnut for Pete Jefferies. There will be plaques provided by the Duchy for each individual one.
 - b. It was confirmed that the PC should look at producing a newsletter twice a year, to be distributed to houses in the village. Clerk had not had the time to take this forward, but would produce a template & outline for the next meeting.
- (8) **District Councillors Report**
Cllr Streatfield-James reported on a number of issues y email, particularly reminding councillors & residents that the local plan for BaNES is in the initial outline consultation phase, with a deadline for comments in Early April.
- (9) **Playground**
The equipment is awaiting repair in situ, Clerk to chase up when there will be some dates for this repair, hopefully as the weather improves.
- (10) **Finance**
 - a. Financial Report for February – approved
 - b. Cheques & payments approved:

R.Moss	Salary Dec 23 & Jan 24	£596.63
HMRC	Tax	£82.75
Avon Valley Landscapes	Grounds maintenance June - Oct	£288.00

Duchy of Cornwall	Recreation ground rent Sept 23 – March 24	£84.00
TEEC	Domain & Website hosting	£259.20

(11) Planning - 24/00352/FUL – Bath Spa University – Illuminated entrance sign & digital maps – no comment was made

(12) Clerk's report

The Somerset Miners Trust will be making a site visit, to look at the location for a 'miner silhouette' at the bottom of Smith Hill.

There was a discussion about the information on the website, it was noted that many parish websites were not up to date & missing information. It was suggested that BaNES should be offering professional technical support, particularly to the smaller parishes.

(13) Date of next meeting Thurs 18th April 2024.

Meeting closed at 7.48pm