

## **Minutes of meetings of Newton St Loe Parish Council – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

In attendance: Cllrs Dench, Cook, Hurlow, Brown, Slingo. Also Robin Moss (Clerk) Cllr Streatfeild-James (B&NES) & 2 members 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
Minutes of the September 2023 meeting agreed & signed as a correct record.
- (4) **Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch**  
There have been no reports of recent crime 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:  
# There was a discussion about how Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies were being spent. While parishes do get 15% of this money to spend, the other 85% is spent by BaNES, to benefit the area affected by any development. The detail of this money being spent is not clear, nor do BaNES have a publicly available record.  
# The parish survey compiled by one resident is ready for distribution, although there was a discussion about how it should be distributed & the balance of online & also by hand. Clerk to print copies & councillors & residents will provide names of people who need hard copies.  
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- (6) **Defibrillator location** –  
Disappointingly there has still been no progress on actually siting the equipment, although there has been an offer from a local resident to place on their wall, which will provide access on the main street.
- (7) **Councillor items** – matters raised by councillors that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda
  - a. Concerns were raised about a number of trees close to a housing development in Workshop Lane. Clerk to investigate the process necessary to place Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)
  - b. There have been concerns about cars parking on the historic pavements, which could cause damage.
- (8) **District Councillors Report**  
Cllr Streatfeild-James reported on a number of issues:  
# The WECA proposals for the A4 traffic corridor have proven controversial in Saltford, further traffic assessment studies are to be done.  
# There has been discussion about the BaNEs local plan. In the past the Duchy of Cornwall has suggested land for housing development, but this has been rejected.  
# Details of local church concerts was also provided.
- (9) **Playground**  
There was a discussion about the current situation. An inspection of the play equipment is due, but discussions have also been ongoing about possible repairs to extend the useful life of the site.
- (10) **Finance**
  - a. Financial Report – approved

b. Cheques & payments approved:

000964	R.Moss	Salary September & office expenses.	£330.73
Direct Pay	HMRC	Tax	£41.88
000965	GB Sports & Leisure	Playground inspection	£102.00

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

**(12) Clerk's report**

There has been an offer from the Somerset Miners Trust to site a 'miner silhouette' in the village, to mark the mining history & heritage in Newton St Loe. There was a discussion about possible sites, but no decision taken yet.

**(13)** Date of next meeting Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Meeting closed at 7.54pm**