

Minutes of the Newborough Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4th December 2023

Present; Cllr Clarke, Cllr Sanders, Cllr Gould, Cllr Bell, Cllr Skipper
Also present C Holmes; 0 Parishioners

1. Councillor Co-option

It was agreed to co-opt Jill Clarke who was welcomed to the parish council.

Action: Clerk to send our register of interests and update the website.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jessel; Cllr Hudson; Cllr Mainwaring

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair offered a thank you to all the councillors for the great work that they have done this year. He went on to explain that without them the village wouldn't have had the well dressing, coronation celebrations, remembrance services, village clean up days and the Christmas light switch on event. He stated that all the councillors in their own way have been involved in making the council strong and successful and they are all fantastic. The Chair explained that the community that we serve is benefiting from all the hard work and goodwill demonstrated and he looks forward to more events in the New Year as well as tackling issues important to the parishioners. A special thank you was offered to the clerk without whom they wouldn't be able to do what they do with the chair explaining that she is the glue that sticks the parish council together.

This is the first full year that the parish council have all had together and the chair expressed that he couldn't be prouder of what they have achieved.

Lastly, a Merry Christmas was offered to the councillors and parishioners of Newborough.

5. Public Forum (10 mins allocated)

No public present.

6. County & Borough Cllr Reports

Nothing received.

7. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 6th November 2023.

All agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

Action: Clerk to convert to upload to website

8. Matters arising from those minutes.

None

9. Review Planning Applications

Planning No:	Date	Premises	Planning requested	Council Actions	Decision
P/2023/00307	11.04.23	The Old Stables, Hollybush Park, Hollybush Road, Newborough, Staffordshire, DE13 8SF	Erection of a detached car port with solar panels on south facing roof	No Comments added by council	Registered
P/2023/00512	23.05.23	Duffield Cottages, Duffield Lane, Newborough, Staffordshire, DE13 8SH	Upgrade works to the existing drainage systems, including new soakaway cubes, replacement Sewage Treatment Package Plant and drainage area	No Comments added by council	Registered
P/2023/00802	19.07.23	Forge House, Yoxall Road, Newborough, Staffordshire, DE13 8SU	Conversion of existing garage/annexe to a holiday let with associated external alterations	The council added comments regarding ensuring that the driveway is enough parking for the holiday let to avoid on street parking issues	Permits
P/2023/00641	12.07.23	Dolesfoot Farm, Dolesfoot Lane, Newborough, DE13 8SP	Erection of a cattle shed	No Comments added by council	Registered
P/2023/01168	09.11.23	Beech Cottage, Hollybush Road, Newborough, DE13 8SF	Erection of a part first floor part two storey front and side extension to existing annex	No Comments added by council	Registered

10. To provide an update on speed indication devices

It was explained that the Section 50 licence has been submitted to Staffs County Council and the quote for the two SIDs has been finalised with Elan City. Quotes are waited for the installation of the pole.

Action: Clerk to finalised installation quotes and to add to the January agenda

11. To discuss the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023 in relation to the clerks wages.

Having reviewed the clerk's contract and discussed the item the councillors feel that the increase is acceptable and justified.

12. Clerk's Report: to include banking changes, finance & correspondence.

Blocked gullies reported to Staffs County Council and Julia Jessel

Contractors contacted regarding the installation of posts for SIDs.

Section 50 licence applied for with Staffs County Council.

Final quotation achieved for two SIDs.

Awaiting pictures to further send to environmental health.

Repeated cars parked on Elton Close reported to Staffs County Council and to the PSCO.

Surfacing on Yoxall Road reported to Staffs County Council.

Awaiting PSPO sign from Staffs County Council.

Welcome email sent to the new reverend and information on upcoming meeting.

Parishioner correspondence received regarding the footpaths in Corbett's Wood – **This was discussed, and it was explained that the footpath goes through the middle of the wood not around the outside and the tree obstruction has now been removed by Cllr Skipper.**

Parishioner correspondence regarding dog poo close to the school – **Clerk removed the dog poo on Wednesday 29th November, but this will be reported in future.**

Parishioner correspondence regarding the new erected signs at the end of Dark Lane & Roost Hill. – **This has been reported to County Councillor Jessel**

Parishioner correspondence regarding volunteering

Parishioner correspondence regarding The Red Lion as a community asset – **It was agreed by the council undertake the application.**

Staffs Smart Alert – Don't leave your car unattended with the keys in when letting it defrost.

Staffs Smart Alert – Regarding a free call blocker service that is available for vulnerable people.

13. Councillors Reports

Cllr Bell explained that repeated dog poo left on Squirrels' Corner has been raised by a parishioner.

Cllr Sanders raised the issue of the parking outside the school ensuring that the teachers are using the car park and not parking in the village if possible.

It was agreed to arrange defibrillator training for the New Year.

Action: Clerk to arrange defibrillator training session

Meeting closed at 20.55pm

Next Meeting of the Parish Council – 8th January 2024.

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Signed by Chairman

Name:

Signature:

Date: