

Minutes of the meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council held on 9th February 2021

Present: Cllrs Whipp (chair), Ward (vice-chair), Chapman, Chamberlain, Coeshall, Collinge and Hunter.

In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council, Bob McGeady Solicitor, Jimmy Wells, Streetworks Team Leader, Streetworks Inspections, Bucks Council
14 members of public

187/20 **Apologies**

Cllr Ward apologies she would be late.

188/20 **Disclosures of interest**

None.

189/20 **Announcements**

Bob McGeady (solicitor) and Jimmy Wells (Bucks Council) welcomed to meeting.

190/20 **Minutes**

Resolved the minutes of the meeting on 19th January be signed as a correct record.

191/20 **Public Involvement**

Questions asked about hedge cutting – this has been delayed by wet weather, not COVID. Query about demolition of building off Drayton Road and need for planning permission, to be followed up. The ongoing very poor state of road and the potholes in particular at crossroad and in Whaddon Road and Bletchley Road and use of Fix My Street and inadequate responses to reports made, issues with ditches which is being followed up and East West Rail.

Other items dealt with under individual agenda items.

Planning and Highways

192/20 **Salden Chase (“South West Milton Keynes”)**

Identical planning applications made in January 2015 to AVDC and Milton Keynes Council.

For: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access for a mixed-use sustainable urban extension on land to the south west of Milton Keynes to provide up to 1,855 mixed tenure dwellings; an employment area (B1); a neighbourhood centre including retail (A1/A2/A3/A4/A5), community (D1/D2) and residential (C3) uses; a primary and a secondary school; a grid road reserve; multi-functional green space; a sustainable drainage system; and associated access, drainage and public transport infrastructure.

At: Land South of the A421, West of Far Bletchley, North of the East West Rail Link and East of Whaddon Road

- Application 15/00314/AOP - Update on outstanding not yet determined by AVDC (now Buckinghamshire Council)
- Application 15/00619/FUL - Update on appeal made against refusal of application by Milton Keynes Council

To make any necessary decisions in relation to outstanding planning application and appeal.

Solicitor Bob McGeady, acting for Newton Longville Parish Council and West Bletchley Council as Rule 6 parties in the appeal against the refusal by Milton Keynes Council provided an update on following an Appeal Case Management Conference earlier in the day, led by the Planning Inspector. The appellants have been given 7 days to say whether or not they will provide one single document, instead of the “paper chase” they have provided so far.

Discussions to be held with West Bletchley Council on future action on appeal. Buckinghamshire Council are about to carry out a consultation for 30 days, primarily on the revised Transport Assessment.

193/20

Planning application to consider response: 20/03539/APP

For: Installation of a gas tanker off-loading facility for injection of renewable gas into the national gas distribution network

At: SGN Gas Depot, Bletchley Road, Newton Longville

By: Bawden Energy Limited

Update on current situation and consider appropriate action

No update yet from Buckinghamshire Council. Nothing has been added to planning portal since 22nd December. Clerk to follow up with Buckinghamshire Council as an updated Transport Assessment should have been submitted by now.

194/20

Planning application to consider response: 20/04227/APP

For: Single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation

At: 41 Green Way, Newton Longville, MK17 0AP 21/00105/APP

No objection.

195/20

VALP (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan)

Update and to consider response to consultation on further main modifications.

Whilst there are minor changes in relation to Salden Chase and Whaddon (Shenley Park) it is not considered necessary to make any further submission in addition to the submission made on the initial main modifications. The Inspector has indicated he is going to hold further public examination sessions to consider issues raised.

Parish Charter

196/20

Parish Charter – to consider response to draft document issued by Buckinghamshire Council.

Concept of charter discussed. Informal group of cllrs to meet and consider draft document as well as example from elsewhere and then make recommendations on response to be made to Buckinghamshire Council.

Property

197/20

To consider need for repairs to Longueville Hall gutters and re-fit to parish council office.

Cllr Hunter gave an update on the successful completion of the heating and cooling works. Cllr Whipp gave an update on subsequent works required.

Works as proposed approved.

Finance

198/20 To consider any grant applications:

None.

199/20 To agree bank statements, accounts and payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment, any payments made between meetings and consider BCR

Accounts approved, no payments made between meetings for approval or invoices for payment. Several invoices are expected.

200/20 Exclusion of Press and Public

It was resolved to exclude the press and public in view of matters to be discussed.

201/20 To consider potential legal action in relation to East West Rail works

Update given by Clerk, Cllr Whipp and Cllr Chapman on ongoing discussions with EWR Alliance (contractors), EWR Company, Greg Smith MP and Buckinghamshire Council.

Some very limited progress has been made and an undertaking has been given by EWRC on improving communication as stated in letter from EWRC included in Village Pump.

However so far in relation to the proposed closure of Bletchley Road/Newton Road bridge EWR have so far refused to make adequate provision (without adequate provision for pedestrians, cyclists, and users of mobility scooters) and/or to defer the works until impact of Coronavirus is reduced.

In relation to the proposed works to create a new bell-mouth to Compound B6, directly opposite the where the haul road has been constructed, EWR have so far not provided anything to show the works are authorised under either the TWAO or a planning application. The works would bring the haul road immediately next to houses, remove an existing sound protection bund and require the removal of several street trees.

Resolved to approve start of legal action if considered necessary in relation to proposed closure of Bletchley Road/Newton Road and the proposed creation of a new bell-mouth. Authority delegated to Clerk in consultation with Chair to pursue action as considered necessary.

202/20 To consider potential legal action in relation to ongoing failures by Buckinghamshire Council to maintain highways within Newton Longville to an adequate standard.

Update given by Clerk, Cllr Whipp and Cllr Chapman on ongoing discussions with Buckinghamshire Council, Transport for Bucks and Greg Smith MP.

Resolved to approve legal action if considered necessary in relation to the ongoing failures by Buckinghamshire Council to maintain highways within Newton Longville to an adequate standard. Authority delegated to Clerk in consultation with Chair to pursue action as considered necessary.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 18:20

Signed: _____

Date: _____