

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

- Present:** Cllrs Whipp (chair), Ward (vice-chair), Chapman, Chamberlain, Collinge, Hunter and Watkins.
In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council,
Cllr Ben Everitt (Bucks Council), (Cllr Scott Raven apologies he could not attend.)
6 members of public
- 203/20 Apologies**
Cllr Coeshall.
- 204/20 Disclosures of interest**
None.
- 205/20 Announcements**
Bucks Cllr Scott Raven had submitted a report which amongst other things gave details of meeting both he and Cllr Everitt with TfB on roads in the village.
Cllr Ben Everitt reported that action had been taken to reduce the impact of the A421 (between Bottle Dump and Whaddon) closure for resurfacing works, so it avoids peak time hours. Bucks Council has agreed to this and it will now only be closed between 9:30 and 3:30. Bucks Council increased the overall budget and have allocated an additional £1.8m funding for gulley maintenance as they have not been done for years. Less good news on roads, he said they are just continuing to patch up roads, although they know it needs resurfacing, it is in the programme but not very near the top. "We'll end up with a new roads as they continue to fill the potholes between the potholes." A new material is being used which stick well. It was commented that from what has been seen locally the quality of work done has been poor with insufficient preparation and little time spent. What has been filled is then breaking up within a few weeks.
Cllr Whipp reported that Cllr Chamberlain had indicated she was not seeking re-election. Cllr Whipp thanked her for her past service on the parish council.
- 206/20 Minutes**
Resolved the minutes of the meeting on 9th February be signed as a correct record.
- 207/20 To consider whether to fill vacancy on Parish Council by co-option**
(or leave to election).
Resolved to fill vacancy by co-option.
- 208/20 To consider application(s) for co-option to fill vacancy on Parish Council**
One application had been received, from Sue Watkins. Having heard from Sue Watkins the council resolved that she be co-opted to the council and that the declaration of acceptance be signed prior to the next meeting.
Cllr Whipp thanked Sue Watkins for applying and welcomed her to the council.
- 209/20 Public Involvement**
Question asked about length of A421 road closure. Cllr Whipp gave more details. Details will be put on website and Facebook, although exact details are unclear.
It was mentioned that an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate has just been lodged by FCC against the refusal by MKC of the planning application to extend the use of the landfill site by 15 years from 2022 to 2037.

This will be discussed at the next PC meeting and that at present the PC has not made any formal decision about the proposal. At present it is unclear what stance Bucks Council are taking about this, the application to them taken of the agenda of a meeting in September that was due to consider after technical issues on the processing of the application were raised with them on the application as submitted. The applicants were given the opportunity to withdraw and resubmit but chose not to do so and so Bucks Council reject it in December as invalid.

Other matters to be dealt with under individual agenda items.

Planning and Highways

210/20 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

Revised information has been submitted by the applicants to remove the propane tank and flare stack as well as an updated Transport Assessment.

Steve Heath has reviewed the application and gave a verbal update. There are multiple unresolved issues, gas will have to arrive already blended but no detail is given of what would happen if gas delivered is not to the required standard. The Transport Statement details are flawed as Whaddon Road bridge was closed when the traffic count was undertaken, it also took account of the temporary EWR traffic.

Details still being reviewed in more detail. To be further considered at next meeting.

211/20 VALP (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan)

Update and to consider most appropriate process for attendance at main modification hearing session.

Brief update given. PC due to speak on 15th April session on “land near to Milton Keynes” – in relation to proposed allocation of “Shenley Park” at Whaddon, from the sites considered at “Shenley Park”, Salden Chase (phase 2) and Eaton Leys.

[In relation to the appeal on Salden Chase refusal by MKC and the undetermined application to Buckinghamshire Council (BC), attempts are to be made to hold a discussion with BC. Objections are already on file with BC and so at present it is not considered necessary to encourage further individual objections. Objections already made still stand and do not need to be repeated. The ongoing work on the appeal will ultimately form the basis of further objections.]

Parish Charter

212/20 Parish Charter – to consider response to draft document issued by Buckinghamshire Council.

Informal group of cllrs had met and considered. It was thought the document was too wordy and not fit for purpose and seemed to downplay the role of parishes. It was not thought worthwhile suggesting any specific amendments and it would be better if a new shorter document is produced and reconsulted on. Draft response to be circulated for comment before sending as a response to Bucks Council.

Finance

213/20 To consider any grant applications:

None.

214/20 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. Payments made between meetings noted. Invoices for payment approved.

In relation to ongoing costs for legal and professional fees on Salden Chase, to date costs have been split 50/50 with West Bletchley Council. They have now agreed to fund all of the costs for additional highways consultancy work now required. There are still likely to be further costs to be shared for the costs of representation at the appeal hearing.

215/20 Exclusion of Press and Public

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

216/20 Update on legal matters in relation to East West Rail works

Update given by Clerk, Cllr Whipp and Cllr Chapman on current issues and ongoing discussions. There are some signs of improvement in the approach being taken by EWR.

It appears positive progress has been made in relation to the proposed bell-mouth entrance to Compound B6 and haul road. Whilst there is conflicting information about when the Newton Road/Bletchley Road bridge will be re-opened it seems clear it will be opened several weeks before 1st April.

217/20 Property matters

None.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 18:26

Signed: _____ Date: _____