

Minutes of the meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council held on 20th April 2021

- Present:** Cllrs Whipp (chair), Ward (vice-chair), Chapman, Chamberlain, Coeshall, Collinge, Hunter and Watkins.
In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council,
Cllr Ben Everitt (Bucks Council)
8 members of public
- 218/20 Apologies**
Cllr Ward apologised she would be late. Cllr Watkins apologised she would have to leave early.
(Cllr Scott Raven apologised he could not attend.)
- 219/20 Disclosures of interest**
None.
- 220/20 Announcements**
Cllr Whipp gave details of recent liaison with Police on attempted burglaries in village and subsequent arrest following use of doorbell video. Thanks to both Bucks Cllrs Ben Everitt and Scott Raven who are not standing for election. A virtual Election Hustings is being arranged to which all parties have agreed to attend, this will give all the opportunity to find out more and ask questions of the candidates.
- 221/20 Minutes**
Resolved the minutes of the meeting on 9th March be signed as a correct record.
- 222/20 To appoint additional bank signatories**
Resolved to appoint Cllrs Chapman and Hunter as additional signatories for Unity Trust and to appoint Cllr Hunter as an additional signatory for Barclays.
- 223/20 To consider how to best use social media for community involvement and engagement.**
It is recognised that whilst worth making effective use of social media this needs to be a careful balance. Working group of Cllrs Collinge, Hunter and Watkins to consider in more detail and report to a later meeting.
- 224/20 To note result of parish council election and filling of one vacancy by co-option.**
Election results noted. The working group set-up to consider social media to also consider how vacancy may be best promoted, particularly to all residents and making clear that being a councillor is something one can do even if working full-time and having a young family.
- 225/20 To appoint working group to review current policy and procedure documents.**
Working group of Cllrs Chapman and Coeshall as well as clerk to consider and report to June meeting of documents to be reviewed or created where they do not currently exist (such as social media policy) and the timescale and priority to be applied.

226/20

To consider arrangements for meeting in May

If virtual meetings are permitted the meeting should be on 18th May at 4 pm, but if a physical meeting has by law to be held it should be as late as possible and in the evening. Actual date and time to be agreed after discussion with all councillors.

227/20

Public Involvement

Question asked about ongoing issue on verge collapse on Whaddon Road opposite entrance to Hammond Farm which had been closed by TfB although works had not been completed. This is considered to be dangerous and is to be pursued with TfB/Bucks Council.

Other matters to be dealt with under individual agenda items.

Planning and Highways

228/20

Planning application: 21/00952/APP

For: Two storey side extension

At: 23 School Drive, Newton Longville, MK17 0DD

It was noted there is a charge on the property indicating multiple services running under the site of the proposed extension.

Resolved to object application due to uncertainty over multiple services, including gas, which appear to run under to site of the proposed extension.

229/20

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

Currently around 1,400 objections to application. Update received from Bucks Council (BC), case officer that had been dealing with the application has now left BC, now being dealt with by a consultant. Not to be considered by BC committee before June. Whilst formal date for making comments has passed, public comments may still be made.

230/20

To consider application to extend use of landfill site due to finish by 2022, by 15 years to finish by 2037 with restoration completed within a further two years. Application 20/00678/FULMMA to MK Council refused and appeal lodged. Ten day public inquiry due to start on 6th July. Any comments to Planning Inspector to be made by 6th May.

(Application CM/0018/20 to Buckinghamshire Council refused on 9th December following technical issues raised about status of application as a section 73 application. No appeal lodged as yet.)

Resolved to hold a public meeting to discuss, inviting both the applicants and the campaign group, followed by a parish council meeting to decide PC position.

Meeting adjourned at 18:30.

Meeting resumed on 27th April at 16:00. Present Cllrs Whipp (Chair), Ward (Vice-Chair), Chamberlain, Chapman and Hunter. 1 member of public.

In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council

231/20 VALP (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan)

Update on hearing session

Brief update given. Final hearing session now on Thursday 29th April.

Village Events and Activities

232/20 To consider how best to support and encourage forthcoming and potential future events.

The parish council is keen to encourage and support village events, including the proposed Village Show. Discussions held with those organising the Village Show. An indicative funding requirement/budget has been produced but there is no specific request at this point. As with other village events, any limited printing requirements should be possible to be dealt with in-house at minimal cost.

233/20 To consider options for provision of an support for a community library – potentially appoint working group.

Whilst this has been suggested, it is unclear what support To be promoted on website, Facebook and in Village Pump to gauge support and seek volunteers willing to get involved organising this.

234/20 To consider purchase of equipment to be loaned out for use in village litter picking activities.

Whilst AVDC (Bucks Council) have some equipment that may be borrowed, in practice it appears it is all out on loan and none is available. Budget of £150 agreed to purchase equipment.

Finance

235/20 To consider any grant applications:

None.

236/20 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.

237/20 Exclusion of Press and Public

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

**238/20 Update on legal matters in relation to East West Rail works
To consider legal action in relation to potential statutory nuisance being caused by dust from East West Rail works.**

It appears some positive action is being taken by EWR, so there is no need for any further action at present.

239/20 Property matters

None.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 17:42 (27th April 2021)

Signed: _____

Date: _____