

Minutes of meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council held on 11th October 2021

Present: Cllrs Whipp (chair), Chapman (vice-chair), Coeshall, Collinge, Watkins and Welch.
In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council,
2 members of the public in person

74/21 **Apologies**

Cllr Hunter.
(Cllr Iain Macpherson, Buckinghamshire Council)

75/21 **Disclosures of interest**

None.

76/21 **Announcements**

Cllr Whipp mentioned the successful village Garage Sale that had been held on Saturday 9th October.

77/21 **Minutes**

Resolved the minutes of the meeting on 27th September be signed as a correct record.

78/21 **To consider application(s) for co-option to fill vacancy on Parish Council**

One application had been received, from Tim Welch. Having heard from Tim Welch the council resolved that he be co-opted to the council, he signed the declaration of acceptance and joined the meeting.

Cllr Whipp thanked Tim Welch for applying and welcomed him to the council.

79/21 **Public Involvement**

Questions asked about hedge cutting (confirmed as stated before is to be done later in year); pavements (a Buckinghamshire Council matter); and Dog poo bin (bin now received, location is being considered).

Planning and Highways

80/21 **To consider response to Oxford to Cambridge Arc consultation (closing date 12th October)**

It was resolved that:

Newton Longville Parish Council is strongly opposed to the Oxford Cambridge Arc scheme. The Parish Council shares the concerns of Buckinghamshire Council about what the scheme would mean in terms of planning policy and local democratic autonomy, particularly given the expectation for what appears likely to be a disproportionate target for house building in the region.

The Parish Council does not believe that focused development in the region between Oxford to Cambridge is in line with the Government's 'Levelling Up' strategy. On the Oxford-Cambridge Arc Policy web page (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/oxford-cambridge-arc/oxford-cambridge-arc>) it is clearly stated that "*The Oxford-Cambridge Arc (the Arc) is a globally significant area between Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge. It is formed of five ceremonial counties: Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire... It supports over two million jobs, adds over £110 billion to the economy every year and houses one of the fastest growing economies in England.*" There are a number of regions around the UK which are in

far greater need for investment and they should be the priority, not an area of the already overheated south east of England.

The Parish Council's concerns are exacerbated by the Government consultation survey which we do not believe meets Cabinet Office Guidelines on consultation.

To delegate to the clerk in consultation with the chair and vice-chair to submit an objection to current the Oxford-Cambridge Arc consultation.

That a post be made on Facebook and PC website with details of the decision by the parish council and links to both the Government consultation and the alternative consultation by Stop the Arc group.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 16:29.

Signed: _____ Date: _____