

Minutes of the meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council held on 21st February 2022

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

146/21 **Apologies**

Cllrs Hunter and Watkins.
(Cllr Iain Macpherson, Buckinghamshire Council)

147/21 **Disclosures of interest**

None.

148/21 **Announcements**

Cllr Whipp gave details of visit made to the village by Greg Smith MP to Curly Tails and to see East West Rail works and state of the roads.

149/21 **Minutes**

Resolved: minutes of meeting on 17th January be signed as a correct record.

150/21 **To consider review, if any, of policy on procedure to be followed for all attending parish council meetings in person.**

Noted that whilst the government has announced all legal restrictions will be removed, there will be strong guidance and public taking self-responsibility, as with face coverings at present.

The policy is to continue until revoked at a later meeting. This policy does not override any specific legal requirement that may conflict with this policy. Policy as agreed appended to minutes.

Resolved: that no change be made to policy at present.

151/21 **To consider amendment to rules for public involvement.**

Proposed that: "Except with the approval of the Chair, representations by attendees at a meeting will be limited to a maximum of five minutes, and without the approval of the Chair, all attendees will remain seated when speaking at the meeting."

(Note: The current rules, including a maximum of 15 minutes for public participation will still apply, unless otherwise directed by the chair.)

Proposed by Cllr Chapman, seconded by Cllr Collinge.

Resolved: that the proposed change be made.

152/21 **Buckinghamshire Councillors update**

None present.

153/21 **Public Involvement**

Questions were asked about: MK17 and Licensing for outdoor events in Hammond Park. PC to follow up. Car park by Green Way shops and why no Blue Badge spaces. Will have been built before such spaces were a requirement. Car park is owned by the owner of the shops, PC will contact the owners about this. Weed on footpaths and road verges, PC to check with Bucks.

154/21

Village Events

Update on proposed activities and parish council support.
(Including Queen's Platinum Jubilee; Village Show & Fete; MK17, Garage Sale, Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens).

Support in principle confirmed for events.

155/21

Red Kites feeding

There is current concern situation with the feeding of Red Kites contrary to advice by RSPB.

Update and consider any appropriate action.

Verbal update given. Although feeding is against the recommendations of organisations such as the RSPB, it appears not to be illegal. Residents who are negatively impacted by the feeding should though consider submitting a complaint to Buckinghamshire Council for Public Nuisance. If justifiable complaints are submitted, the parish council will consider supporting affected residents. A statement making this clear will be included in the next edition of the Pump which we hope may help the residents who are feeding the birds to understand that they should consider how this impacts on their neighbours and stop the practice.

Resolved: Update noted, situation to be kept under review.

156/21

Footpaths and Public Rights of Way (PROW) - Update

At the Parish Council meeting on 17th January a member of the public stated that several footpaths in the village including that the footpaths leading off Warners Road are impassable.

At the time it was explained that footpaths are the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council. The Parish Council has responsibility under a Devolution Agreement with Buckinghamshire Council on a reactive basis to deal with reports of overhanging vegetation which may involve serving notice on the landowner. If no action is taken, the matter must be referred to Buckinghamshire Council to consider legal action. The surface of footpaths and any litter etc is the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council, although the parish council does employ someone who carries out litter picking throughout the village.

Footpaths were inspected shortly after the PC meeting and none were impassable.
Update noted.

Planning and Highways

157/21

Planning application: 22/00431/APP

For: Variation of condition 3 (hours) relating to application 20/04286/APP (Change of use to run part time business physiotherapist and housing practitioner (D1) from summer house in rear garden)

At: 2 Manor Road, MK17 0AJ

Resolved: No Objection.

158/21

Tree works notification: 22/00230/ATC

For: Proposed tree works in conservation area.

At: The Rectory, Drayton Road, MK17 0BH

Resolved: No Objection.

- 159/21 Discharge of condition application: 20/A3148/DIS**
For: Submission of details pursuant to Condition 4 (soft landscaping) relating to Planning Permission 20/03148/APP (allowed on appeal 21/00024/REF).
At: Hammond Farm, Whaddon Road, MK17 0AU
Resolved: The application to discharge the condition should be refused as the details in the application to discharge the condition are insufficient.
- 160/21 East West Rail – update on current issues and make any necessary decisions.**
Written update had been circulated by Cllr Chapman. Key points were highlighted. A small working group is to be set-up to co-ordinate an offer from EWRA to provide free training.
Update noted.
- 161/21 Planning application: 21/04794/AOP**
For: Outline application for construction of 2 new dwellings, ancillary building and new vehicular access following demolition of the existing conservatory at 1a Church End.
At: 1A Church End, Newton Longville, MK17 0AG
Comments made by residents: the consensus view is that the proposed access is dangerous. BC Highways DM have commented requiring amended plans before further comment. Their comments included *“the proposed access is in close proximity to the access for Home Farm on the opposite side of the road. I would recommend that the applicant move the access to the south to maximise the distance between these two junctions and minimise the potential for conflict between opposing vehicles”*. This is despite the location of the access already having been moved prior to the application being made. It appears BC Highways DM comment has been made without visiting the site to assess the situation.
PC has asked for application to go to committee, should officers be minded to approve. This has been supported by Buckinghamshire Cllr Iain Macpherson.
Resolved: Delegated to Clerk in consultation with Chair and Vice-Chair to submit further objection as considered appropriate.
- 162/21 Planning application: 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 and consider any appropriate action.
A note from agent dated 20/1/2022 was uploaded to BC planning portal on 4/2/2022 although no notification of this has been issued by BC.
To be discussed with West Bletchley Council, given differing comments made.
Contact to be made with case officer to find out what is going to be done.
- 163/21 Salden Chase (application to Buckinghamshire Council)**
Update and consider any appropriate action.
No update to online planning portal since November. Check to be made with Buckinghamshire Council.

- 164/21 Fly-tipping – update on current issues and action.**
Cllr Chapman gave a verbal update. PC to support Buckinghamshire Council's Awareness Campaign on waste, particularly around not making cash payments to be promoted in Pump and online.
- 165/21 Neighbourhood Plan:**
Note AECOM Site Assessment report.
Cllr Collinge gave a verbal update. A draft Site Assessment report has been received from AECOM it is being reviewed for accuracy and when published will be part of background documents to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 166/21 Housing development for 17 houses on Whaddon Road**
Update and consider any appropriate action.
Discussions ongoing with Buckinghamshire Council enforcement officer and with case officer.

Finance

- 167/21 To consider grant applications.**
None.
- 168/21 To agree accounts and payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings. To consider BCR.**
Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted. Invoices for payment approved.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:10.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Newton Longville Parish Council

Procedure for all attending PC meetings during Coronavirus pandemic

All attending parish council meeting in person must comply with current legal requirements and should follow current government guidance at the time of the meeting.

All attending in person are asked to follow parish council guidance:

- The Parish Council will ensure hand sanitiser is available for use before entering the room being used for the meeting.
- The Parish Council will arrange seating so that people are, where possible, not sat face to face and are at least two metres apart.
- The names of all attending the meeting should be recorded in an attendance register.
- Parish Council members and staff should wear a face covering throughout the meeting, including when speaking, unless legally exempt from wearing a face covering.
- The public should wear a face covering throughout the meeting, including when speaking, unless legally exempt from wearing a face covering.
- As long as free Lateral Flow Tests are available, all attending the Parish Council meetings should take a Lateral Flow Test before attending the meeting.
- Anyone displaying symptoms, tested positive, awaiting the result of a PCR test, or returned from abroad within the last 14 days should not attend the meeting.

Revised policy adopted at NLPC meeting on 17th January 2022

To remain in force until revoked at a later meeting.

Note this policy does not override any specific legal requirement that may conflict with this policy.