

**Minutes of the meeting of Annual Newton Longville Parish Council held on 16th May 2022
at Longueville Hall**

Present: Cllrs Whipp (chair), Chapman (vice-chair), Coeshall, Collinge, Hunter and Welch.
In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council,
Buckinghamshire Cllr Iain Macpherson, seven members of the public in person.

1/22 To elect Chairman of the Council.

Cllr Whipp nominated and seconded. Cllr Whipp elected as Chairman for 2022/23 council year and signed declaration of office.

2/22 To elect Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Cllr Chapman nominated and seconded. Cllr Chapman elected as Vice-Chairman for 2022/23 council year and signed declaration of office.

3/22 Apologies

None.

4/22 Disclosures of interest

None.

5/22 Announcements

Cllr Whipp gave details of recent issues including instances of suspicious behaviour, those involved have left the area.

6/22 Minutes

Resolved: minutes of meeting on 11th April be signed as a correct record.

7/22 To consider review, if any, of policy on procedure to be followed for all attending parish council meetings in person.

Resolved: that the policy is suspended, with a delegation to clerk in consultation with chair and vice-chair to re-introduce if thought necessary.

8/22 Buckinghamshire Councillors update

Cllr Iain Macpherson gave an update on Buckinghamshire Council activities over the past and forthcoming year, and answered questions.

9/22 Public Involvement

Question was asked about provision within Hammond Park for secondary school age children. Various suggestions made to be followed up.

Thanks for additional dog waste bin near Lilac Close.

Planning and Highways

10/22 East West Rail update on current issues and make any necessary decisions.

Written update had been circulated by Cllr Chapman. Key points were highlighted, including that trains are now on the line to laying track and sleepers. The haul road is now closed and in the process of being removed and re-instated. Update noted.

11/22 Planning application: 21/04794/AOP

For: Outline application for construction of 2 new dwellings and new vehicular access following demolition of the existing conservatory.

At: 1A Church End, Newton Longville, MK17 0AG

There has been no change since the last meeting. No update has been provided by Buckinghamshire Council Highways Officer.

12/22

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.

No update as yet from case officer. Noted that Milton Keynes Council have started an informal consultation from 16th May to 13th June about proposals for traffic calming on Newton Road.

13/22

Salden Chase (application to Buckinghamshire Council)

Update and consider any appropriate action.

No update to online planning portal since November. No update as yet from Buckinghamshire Council.

14/22

Housing development for 17 houses on Whaddon Road

Update and consider any appropriate action.

Ongoing issues being pursued both directly and with Buckinghamshire Council Planning Enforcement, however the Senior Enforcement Consultant that was dealing with this is no longer working for Buckinghamshire Council, but to date details have not been provided of any replacement Due to issues with the site and parking by site operatives, as well as Buckinghamshire Council, it has been necessary to involve DEFRA, HSE, VAHT and Police.

15/22

Update on other outstanding planning applications and consider any appropriate action.

Verbal update given on other outstanding applications not yet been determined. Since the last PC meeting, two of older applications have now been refused. (19/04367/AOP 57 dwellings at Hammond Farm, submitted December 2019, and 21/04349/APP 17 Warners Road, submitted November 2021.)

Clerk to continue to track outstanding applications and pursue with Buckinghamshire Council as considered appropriate.

Property

16/22

To consider change to allotment rules to improve security

All allotment holders have been contacted about several points including a potential change to the rules to explicitly require gates to be kept locked when not in use to enter or exit. To be considered at June meeting.

17/22

To consider need for improved allotments perimeter fencing at certain points.

There are a few places where the fencing is in need of improvement as well as some missing hedge. It is recognised that it is not realistic to make it impossible for someone to get into allotments if they are determined to do so. The cost to fence around the whole site with 2.4m fencing would around £30,000 and it would still be possible for someone to climb over it.

Options being explored to improve fencing to footpath at minimal cost as well as other gates and locks. It may be possible to get some stock fencing from EWR.

18/22 To review location of current dog waste bins and consider need for additional/replacement bins.
Verbal update, to be kept under review. Several bins are in need of replacement as repair would not be practical or economic.
Resolved that clerk is authorised to purchase replacement bins for a total cost of up to £300, potentially including a higher capacity bin.

19/22 To consider potential of accepting transfer from Fairhive (previously Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust) of land off School Drive.
Verbal update given. This is a small site that has been poorly maintained for some time, including conifers blocking a street light. Fairhive have been asked to consider transferring the land to the parish council at nil cost, but potentially a small cost for the land transfers.. If transferred the trees could be removed, the area grassed and made into a small pocket park, perhaps with a bench. Negotiations to continue with Fairhive.

Devolution

20/22 To consider devolution of enforcement of overgrowing hedges in parts of Whaddon Rd, Drayton Rd and Stoke Rd not covered by existing agreement.
Verbal update given. Currently under the devolution agreement the PC covers the 30 mph area and Bletchley Road. At present there tends to be little enforcement by TfB, particularly on Whaddon Road.
Resolved that no change at present, but to monitor situation over next 12 months.

Finance

21/22 To consider grant applications.
None.

22/22 To agree accounts and payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings.
Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted.

23/22 Exclusion of Press & Public
Resolved to exclude press and public

24/22 To consider need for formal legal action to challenge failure by Buckinghamshire Council to take enforcement action and proposed approval of planning application as a delegated decision.
Resolved that formal action need not be taken at this stage given signs of positive movement, to pursue further discussion with Cllr Iain Macpherson and continue to seek a meeting with relevant officers in the hope of resolving current issues.

25/22 To consider property matters
No issues to be considered at present.

26/22 Staffing - to consider recommended revised pay scales
Report considered, revised pay rates approved in line with recommendations by NALC and Living Wage Foundation.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22:10.

Signed: _____ Date: _____