

**Minutes of Annual meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council
held on 12th May 2025 at Free Church, Bletchley Road.**

- Present:** Cllrs Chapman (chair), Young (vice-chair), Coeshall, Collinge, Cookman, Hardwick, Hunter, Thornton-Kitchen, and Whipp.
In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council, Linda Fensom, Finance Officer.
5 members of the public in person.
- 1/25 To elect Chairman of the Council.**
Cllr Chapman elected as Chairman for 2025/26 council year and signed declaration of office.
- 2/25 To elect Vice-Chairman of the Council.**
Cllr Young elected as Vice-Chairman for 2025/26 council year and signed declaration of office.
- 3/25 Apologies**
Cllr Hartley.
- 4/25 Disclosures of interest**
None.
- 5/25 Election -** To note results of election on 1st May and express thanks to those who did not stand and to those who stood but were not elected.
Election results noted. Thanks expressed to all candidates and to former Cllr Tim Welch for his past service to the council.
- 6/25 Signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
It was resolved that those elected but unable to sign declaration of acceptance of office be given until the next meeting on 16th June to sign their declaration.
- 7/25 Announcements**
Thanks to Cllr Ian Whipp for his service his 8 years service as chair of the Parish Council.
- 8/25 Minutes:**
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 14 April 2025 be signed as a correct record.
- 9/25 Update on actions arising from meeting on 14 April**
Actions closed:
Planning and preparation for the VED Day 80, Richborough application objection, Cobb Hall application - further objection on basis that NLNP is now in place and policies apply, Gladman application - further objection on basis that NLNP is now in place and policies apply, Election - complete candidate profiles and produce leaflet, Finalise foreword for 'made' version of the Newton Longville Neighbourhood Plan, Submit 'no objection' to 14 London End planning application, Submit 'no objection' to 79 Drayton Road planning application 25/00824/APP, Submit 'no objection' to planning application 2 Elm Close, Contact Buckinghamshire Council about status of the current planning approval 20/03539/APP for SGN Gas Depot, Whaddon Road application - further objection on basis that NLNP is now in place and policies apply, Advise supplier that we do not intend to go ahead with the hire of a portal toilet for Hammond Park at the current time.
- 10/25 To agree timetable for scheduled parish council meetings in 2025/26 and normal location of meetings.**
It was resolved that parish council meetings will normally be held at the Free Church on the third Monday of the month at 7 pm.
- 11/25 Bank Mandates**
It was resolved that the bank mandates remain as previously (any two of four signatories, Cllrs Chapman, Coeshall, Hunter and Whipp).

12/25

Finance Working Group

It was resolved that the members of the Finance Working Group be Cllrs Chapman, Collinge, Cookman and Whipp, with Clerk Mike Galloway and Finance Officer Linda Fensom.

13/25

Public Involvement

Sue Sparling expressed thanks for Cllr Whipp for his ongoing efforts and to the council and individual councillors for their support for Warm Spaces, the Free Church and for organising the VE Day 80 event. She explained that the unit outside the Free Church has been installed by the Environment Agency to monitor pollution and will be there for about four months. The data gathered will then be available publicly. An article will be included in the Pump.

Potential issue with laptops held at the Free Church when support for Windows 10 ceases. Working group of Cllr Cookman, Cllr Young and Tim Welch to review options and report to next meeting.

Steve Heath asked that Traffic Calming and Volume be an agenda item at the next meeting. It was agreed this is a hot topic in the village. In the meantime Steve Heath to meet with Cllr Thornton-Kitchen, Tim Welch and Stuart Napier to outline the potential action for the PC to consider.

Planning, Highways and Environment

14/25

Neighbourhood Plan

Update on Buckinghamshire Council decision on 2nd May 2025 to "Make the Newton Longville Neighbourhood Plan".

Verbal update by clerk. The Neighbourhood Plan is both now part of the "Development Plan" and should be taken into account when deciding planning applications.

Thanks to all who have taken the Neighbourhood Plan forward to this stage.

Neighbourhood Plan Facebook group to be shut down.

Details of the Neighbourhood Plan on website to be reduced to the Referendum results and the Made Plan.

15/25

Planning application 25/01217/APP

For: Construction and operation of a photovoltaic solar array and ancillary infrastructure

At: Bletchley Landfill Site, Guernsey Road, Newton Leys, Milton Keynes MK43 5FR
[Proposed access is from Bletchley Road, Newton Longville]

The application is very similar to what was outlined in the earlier public consultation, which was generally supported.

A case can be made that access for construction should be from Guernsey Drive, and not through the village (so not using either bridge or crossroads).

Issues raised about potential health issues and about the Battery Storage.

Letters to be issued to nearby residents alerting them to the application as well as coverage in the Pump. Contact to be made with Quanton PC as to what they have done on the Solar Farm application in their area.

At present the PC is minded to make no objection, with comments, therefore to delegate to Clerk in conjunction with Chair, Vice-Chair and Cllr Coeshall to make a response.

16/25

Tree work application 25/01146/ATC

For: Ash - pollard ash with dead crown to approx 4-5m above ground to render safe, leaving low growth Magnolia - reduce crown by approx 2-3m Holly - trim to shape (up to 50cm for most overgrown branch) Ash - remove dead centre of crown and reduce remaining crown by approx 5m to shape Cut back low limb by approx 2m back from conservatory roof.

At: St Annes Grange, 1 Drayton Road, Newton Longville

Application has already been approved.

17/25 Applications SGN Gas Depot Bletchley Road
Application 20/03539/APP (Original application)
Application 24/02423/VRC
Section 73 application For variation of Condition 2 (transport statement)
Update and make any necessary decisions
Update by Clerk and Steve Heath.
Current position on this noted. Whilst Buckinghamshire Council could have done more they have not, but have made the legal position clear to the applicants in letter of 6th May.

18/25 Salden Chase/Park/Place (15/00314/AOP) - Updates
(i) Applications
(ii) Present work and expected schedule.
(iii) Other, including naming. Salden Chase/Park (15/00314/AOP)
A written update has been circulated, verbal update by Cllr Chapman and Clerk.
Taylor Wimpey say the first houses will be able to be occupied by September. Works to provide a Pegasus crossing on Whaddon Road near Bottledump roundabout, will not commence until consent for the works are given by Buckinghamshire Council Highways.
Whilst there have been reports about construction traffic from the site coming through the village, the developer is clear that this is not the case, no work is under way at present on the Whaddon Road side of the site and evidence has not yet been provided that such vehicles have entered or left having transited through Newton Longville. The vehicles that have been seen are believed to be in transit to/from other locations outside the parish.
When there is an issue it is important to include details of time, location, ideally a photograph and the registration number.
Current position noted.

19/25 Planning Application 23/02180/AOP – Shenley Park
For: Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from access), for a Sustainable Urban Extension comprising residential development of up to 1,265 dwellings and associated other development, a primary school, vehicle accesses from and a link road between the A421 and H6 Childs Way and associated infrastructure works. EIA development
At: Shenley Park, Shenley Road, Whaddon
(Note within Whaddon Parish)
Updated plans and other information submitted
Written update circulated. Steve Heath commented that the Junctions traffic modelling software purchased by the PC has proved valuable.
There is no action to be taken at present.

Community Activities

20/25 Easter Egg Hunt – Update on event
Update by Cllr Young, the event was well attended, eggs ran out even though more than in recent years.

21/25 VE Day 80th Anniversary activities – Update on event
Update by Cllr Chapman on the very successful event. There will be detailed covering in the Pump. Agreed to make a donation to CWGF following VE Day 80 CWCG talk (Cllr Chapman did not take part in the decision on this. Agreed to donate sand bags to Curly Tails and the posters to the school.

22/25 To consider any activities over summer holiday period
Update by Cllr Young, various activities being considered, a report will be made to June meeting.

23/25 To consider other potential future activities
Cllrs Young and Thornton-Kitchen are considering an will make a report to June meeting.

Finance

24/25 To consider grant applications
None.

25/24 To agree payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings.
Cllr Hardwick asked for clarity on a payment and redaction of some names. Clerk explained the need to comply with Data Protection and GDPR. Cllr Hardwick to give more information to clerk who will check and discuss in more detail with him.
Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted.

26/25 To approve the Annual Governance Statement in 2024/2025 Annual Governance & Accountability return.
Given the new councillors, a Teams call to be arranged before the June meeting to take all through the AGAR.
Deferred to June meeting.

27/25 To approve the Accounting Statements in 2024/2025 Annual Governance & Accountability return.
Deferred to June meeting.

28/25 To authorise the Chair to sign Annual Return and Balance Sheet for 2024/2025.
Deferred to June meeting.

29/25 Exclusion of Press & Public
Resolved to exclude press and public

30/25 To consider planning matters
None.

31/25 To consider personnel matters
None.

32/25 To consider property matters
Cllr Hardwick agreed to take on the Allotment site liaison role that had been dealt with by Tim Welch.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:30.

Signed: _____ Date: _____