

**Minutes of meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council
held on 16th June 2025 at Free Church, Bletchley Road.**

Present: Cllrs Chapman (chair), Young (vice-chair), Collinge, Cookman, Hardwick, Hunter, Thornton-Kitchen, and Whipp.
In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council, Linda Fensom, Finance Officer.
13 members of the public in person.
Buckinghamshire Council ward councillor Jilly Jordan

42/25 Apologies

Cllrs Coeshall and Hartley

43/25 Disclosures of interest

None.

44/25 Announcements

Whaddon Road is due to be closed from late July to late August for around five week. VE Day event cost net around £1,300. EWR Local Representative meeting was held in person in Bletchley, attended by Cllr Chapman, he gave an update on various aspects that arose.

45/25 Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 6th June 2025 be signed as a correct record.

46/25 Update on actions arising from meeting on 6 June

Actions closed:

Review presentation of budget/actual/forecast figures to make income and costs clearer. Working group to review options for continuing the Warm Spaces IT presence to report back at next meeting. Traffic calming/volume working group to report back at next meeting. Consider potential summer activities and report to June meeting. Arrange Teams call to take councillors through the end of year finance returns. Include agenda item for next NLPC meeting to enable discussion/agreement on hedge flailing.

47/25 Standing Orders

Resolved: that Cllr Chapman and Clerk work through the latest NALC model Standing Orders to produce a draft proposed version will be circulated at least two weeks before the July PC meeting.

Public Involvement

48/25 Buckinghamshire Council ward councillor Jilly Jordan read a statement about a delay to road and pavement repairs in Green Way and Berry Way. She asked that further road/pavement issues for the two roads should be reported on FMS and/or sent directly to her. PC to issue a leaflet to residents with details of this.

49/25 A question was asked about getting a defibrillator installed near the shops. Cllr Hunter that led on getting the units installed in the village, explained that near the shops was a preferred location but at the time it was not possible to get power for the unit. This will be investigated again.
A new defibrillator has recently been installed outside the Crooked Billet funded by customers, this is of the same type as existing units.
There will be a page in next edition of Pump giving locations and how to use. In the following edition of the Pump (before the Village Show & Fete) further detail will be included about potential training.

Planning, Highways and Environment

- 50/25 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)
Application 25/01626/CPE
 For a Certificate of Lawful Development
 Update on current situation on this development (all above applications) and discussions with solicitor and to make any necessary decisions on further action to be taken by parish council.
 Solicitor is currently considering and will be responding soon.
- 51/25 Planning application - "Bletchley Solar Park"**
25/01217/APP (Buckinghamshire Council)
PLN/2025/0864 (Milton Keynes City Council)
 For: Construction and operation of a photovoltaic solar array and ancillary infrastructure
 At: Bletchley Landfill Site, Guernsey Road, Newton Leys, Milton Keynes MK43 5FR
 [Note the above address is as recorded on the application but the proposed access is from Bletchley Road, Newton Longville.]
 Update on responses to consultation and make any necessary decisions.
 Resolved: that comment are submitted to both BC and MKCC, including backing consultee comments on noise assessment, topography, trees and orientation of panels.
- 52/25 Planning Application 25/00997/APP**
 For: Householder application for erection of single storey flat roof rear extension
 At: 17 School Drive, Newton Longville, MK17 0DD
 Resolved: No comment.
- 53/25 Planning Application 25/01620/APP**
 For: Change of use of land to a mixed use of equestrian, a single pitch travellers caravan site including the relocation and internal modification of the approved stable block (24/01046/APP) as a stable and utility dayroom and associated works (retrospective).
 At: Land Off Drayton Road, Newton Longville [See plan for exact location]
 Resolved: To delegate to clerk, in consultation in chair and vice-chair, to submit objection on basis that this would be an inappropriate location for residential development and in conflict with Neighbourhood Plan Settlement Boundary policy (NL1) and if appropriate any policies in VALP.
- 54/25 Planning Application 25/00634/APP**
 For: Erection of 2m high aluminium gates, perimeter fencing and wooden posts. Creation of hardstanding to provide 4 x parking spaces (retrospective).
 At: Part OS 7576 Clack Farm, Drayton Road, Newton Longville
 [See plan for exact location]
 Resolved: To object and delegate to clerk, in consultation in chair and vice-chair, as considered appropriate.
- 55/25 Salden Place (15/00314/AOP) - Updates**
 (i) Applications
 (ii) Present work and expected schedule.
 (iii) Other, including naming. Salden Chase/Park (15/00314/AOP)
 Details for July/August closure of Whaddon Road from to be requested from Taylor Wimpey and Buckinghamshire Council, and ascertain whether any further road closures

are planned as part of the development and whether the work will include the Pegasus crossing.

Cllr Thornton-Kitchen raised the issue of the effect on businesses due to the closure. Whilst Buckinghamshire Council have taken account of school holidays when setting the dates of the closure, it is not clear they have taken any account of the effect on businesses. Those responsible at Buckinghamshire Council for this is split between Highways (Road Closures), Highways Development Management and Development Management.

To request update from Buckinghamshire Council on speed limit changes on Whaddon Road

56/25

Traffic Calming and Volume Working Group

Update on initial meeting.

Cllr Thornton-Kitchen gave an update on progress.

Thanks to Cllr Thornton-Kitchen and the working group for the work done so far.

Draft Terms of Reference to be produced for approval at July 2025 meeting.

Draft project plan to be produced for steps that will enable submission of a request for traffic calming measures (when ready, plan to be proposed to full parish council).

Average speed cameras - to investigate whether Newton Longville could be considered for early use. Clerk to contact Buckinghamshire Council to discuss.

Cllr Whipp and the Clerk explained there had been a previous consultation carried out in 2017 by the Parish Council which contains pictorial detail of traffic calming options available at the time. This could be brought up to date and re-issued. Clerk to circulate.

The Clerk explained the Parish Council also has a duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which imposes a duty to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, including "crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment)". Implementation of ANPR system would contribute to this duty.

57/25

Planning Enforcement

Update on outstanding issues

Verbal update by Clerk, there have been no update on any of the outstanding issues however clerk to continue to chase.

Community Activities

58/25

Update on proposed activities over summer holiday period

Internet provision at Free Church: Update by Tim Welch. The working group set up at the May meeting has explored options and have found a solution, for the donated laptop computers, that will allow the current web browsing facility to continue after September 2025 (when support for Window 10 ceases) - using an open source alternative.

Effectiveness to be reviewed in spring 2026. It's also recommended that the 4G mobile Internet access continue as at present. This is a minimal additional cost option.

Update by Cllr Young, various activities being considered, a further update will be given to the July meeting with a list of potential dates. It was confirmed there is a budget allocation of £500 from which spend can be approved either be by Clerk, or if required in consultation with Chair and Vice-Chair, or specific approval by parish council, depending on the amount involved.

59/25

Update on other potential future activities to be led or supported by parish council.

No other updates.

Property

- 60/25** **Burial Ground – update on extension works and considering of initial quotation.**
Verbal update by Cllr Whipp. A quote has been obtained, site meeting to be held to consider detail of proposals, then seek a revised quote initially, then seek other quotes.
- 61/25** **To consider plans for landscaping maintenance (including flailing of grass, hedges and trees) during the summer months before end of bird nesting season.**
Verbal update by Cllr Whipp on current landscaping maintenance due to take place. Banks on Whaddon Road will be partly cut with a wide section left uncut. There is a careful balance between not cutting and ensuring adequate visibility. No hedge flailing will be done until end of September, unless there is a safety issue.

Finance

- 62/25** **To approve the Annual Governance Statement in 2024/2025 Annual Governance & Accountability return.**
Approved.
- 63/25** **To approve the Accounting Statements in 2024/2025 Annual Governance & Accountability return.**
Approved.
- 64/25** **To authorise the Chair to sign Annual Return and Balance Sheet for 2024/2025.**
Approved and chair authorised to sign.
- 65/25** **To consider grant applications**
None.
- 66/25** **To agree payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings.**
Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted.
- 67/25** **Budget v actual v forecast – draft for 2025/26 and additional reports as considered by Finance Working Group**
Update on progress noted.
- 68/25** **Finance Working Group – update report and consider further actions for the Finance Working Group**
Cllr Cookman gave a verbal update on progress.
Working group to assess implications of 'merging' the NLPC general and LH bank accounts, and submit proposal for a decision at the July 2025 meeting. To consider and assess requirements for Finance related policies.
- 69/25** **Exclusion of Press & Public**
Resolved to exclude press and public.
- 70/25** **To consider planning matters**
None.
- 71/25** **To consider personnel matters**
None.
- 72/25** **To consider property matters**
Agreed that the hall manager may book Daniel Budd (Robbie Williams tribute) in March 2026.
A quote has been obtained for maintenance and service of the hall partition doors. Cllr Thornton-Kitchen to contact supplier to discuss and seek other quotations.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:40.

Signed: _____

Date: _____