

**Minutes of meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council  
held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Free Church, Bletchley Road.**

**Present:** Cllrs Chapman (chair), Coeshall (vice-chair), Collinge, Cookman, Hardwick, Hartley and Whipp.

In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council, Linda Fensom, Finance Officer.

13 members of the public in person, 1 online.

Buckinghamshire Council ward councillor Jilly Jordan.

**108/25 Apologies**

Cllr Hunter.

**109/25 Disclosures of interest**

None.

**110/25 Announcements**

Since last meeting two parish councillors have resigned. Cllr Emma Young and Cllr Ness Thornton-Kitchen. Cllr Chapman thanked them both for their service, Emma had been a member for around three years, Ness joined in the elections in May. Ant Franks has died, he had contributed a lot of effort to fighting inappropriate development in the village.

**111/25 Minutes:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July be signed as a correct record, including addition of words to 93/25 to make clear two additional quotes be sought.

**112/25 To elect a vice-chair**

Cllr Coeshall elected as Vice-Chair for remainder of 2025/26 council year and signed declaration of office.

**113/25 Update on actions arising from meeting on 21 July**

**Actions closed:**

Submit comment on Solar farm application 25/01217/APP (BC) and PLN/2025/0864 (MKCC); Salden Place - Whaddon Road, Request details for July/August closure of Whaddon Road from Taylor Wimpey and Buckinghamshire Council, and ascertain whether any further road closures are planned as part of the development; Finance working group, assess requirements for Finance policies; Planning application 25/01620/APP (Drayton Road) leaflet to residents; Resident's awareness of planning applications - NLPC notifications, Establish and implement procedure for display of list of open applications on NLPC noticeboards, on website and on Facebook; Assess priorities for policy development and propose schedule; Review Biodiversity Policy for decision at August 2025 meeting; Submit No Objection comment for 25/01929/APP (10 Berry Way); Arrange Ashton Legal as NLPC representative for Salden Place management body arrangements; Arrange for one changing room toilet to be opened up for public use during the summer period; Procedural changes relating to agreed change for LH account to be only used to receive income; Revision to pay rates.

**114/25 Update on councillor vacancies**

Report by Clerk noted. Awaiting deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> August for electors to request an election, for which costs would be expected to be around £5,000 if contested, otherwise £500 if not contested. If no election called, then looking to co-opt at the October PC meeting.

**Policies**

**115/25 Financial Regulations**

To consider adopting revised policy as recommended by Finance Working Group, based on model from NALC. Following the adoption of the Financial Regulations, the Standing Orders will be reviewed for consistency and any changes will be proposed at a future meeting.

**Resolved** to adopt revised Financial Regulations, proposed Cllr Coeshall, seconded Cllr Whipp.

**116/25**

**Biodiversity Policy**

To consider adoption of Biodiversity Policy, as circulated, subject to correction of two errors.

**Resolved** to adopt Biodiversity Policy, proposed Cllr Cookman, seconded Cllr Whipp.

**117/25**

**To consider proposed policy development list and schedule.**

Update by Cllr Chapman. Agreed with proposal to focus on Data Protection, Code of Conduct and Disciplinary & Grievance. Resolved that Cllrs Chapman, Cookman and Clerk will produce draft policies for adoption at next meeting.

**Update from Buckinghamshire Council ward councillors**

**118/25**

Verbal report from Buckinghamshire Cllr Jordan. Her written report will be made available on PC website.

A supportive point was made about the importance of SEND provision.

It was noted that the closure of Buckinghamshire Archive in Aylesbury and relocation to High Wycombe would mean a much longer journey for residents in the north of the county.

**Public Involvement**

**119/25**

Question asked about parish council office hours. It was explained that given staffing levels there are no fixed hours and anyone wishing to visit is asked to make an appointment.

Over next few weeks PC will look at potential of holding drop-ins for residents to attend.

Question asked about office usage and storage at Longueville Hall. It was agreed to review this.

There is a lack of space in offices and a lack of storage space in the hall.

**Planning, Highways and Environment**

**120/25**

**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

No updates, nothing has changed since last meeting.

Steve Heath gave updates that storage containers have appeared on the site, from SGN, nothing to do with this application but which indicate they are not progressing this site; and on applications elsewhere by the same applications that have been refused or changed to use pipelines.

**121/25**

**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 proposed access is from Bletchley Road, Newton Longville.]

Update on responses to consultation and make any necessary decisions.

No updates, nothing has changed since last meeting.

**122/25**

**Planning Application 25/02200/APP**

For: Householder application for erection of single rear single storey rear and first floor side extensions

At: 78 Whaddon Road, Newton Longville, MK17 0AT

Letters sent to nearby residents on 5<sup>th</sup> August, no comments submitted to date.

Resolved: No objection.

**123/25**

**Salden Place (15/00314/AOP) - Updates**

- (i) Applications
  - (ii) Present work and expected schedule.
  - (iii) Road closures.
  - (iv) Other, including naming.
- Update and make any necessary decisions.

Update by Cllr Chapman. Several applications have recently been approved of no particular significance. A new detailed application has been made for a sub station that had not been included in the original application. First show homes are nearing completion, with 15 sold off plan. Road closure due to cease on 19 August, there have been significant changes to the road alignment, with street lighting installed. Due to ecological issues some of the verge works opposite to the site to create a bridleway cannot be done now due to nesting wrens, this is likely to be done during a further road closure which is likely to be in the October half-term to complete the bridleway and Pegasus crossing.

**124/25**

**Planning Application 25/01620/APP - Updates**

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 as a stable and utility dayroom and associated works (retrospective)

At: Land Off Drayton Road, Newton Longville

[See plan for exact location]

Update and make any necessary decisions.

There are no changes, but it was agreed that a further objection will be submitted given the reasons for refusal of 25/00624/APP and objection submitted by Cllr Jordan.

There has been no sign of any recent activity on the site and the horses that were there are not longer there. There have been 114 public objections and 1 in support.

**125/25**

**Planning Application 25/00634/APP - Updates**

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]

Update and make any necessary decisions.

Application has been refused by Buckinghamshire Council.

**126/25**

**To review process for planning notifications as implemented**

Update by clerk and Cllr Chapman.

It was agreed that rather than issuing weekly update on Facebook, instead a notice will be given when a new application is notified.

**127/25**

**Traffic Calming and Volume Working Group**

Update on progress

- (i) Select replacement lead for the group
- (ii) Proposed Terms of Reference
- (iii) Proposed plan

No cllr volunteered to be lead of the working group. Deferred to next meeting.

Steve Heath will have "Kitty" on display to encourage discussion about traffic calming.

## Community Activities

### 128/25 Consider autumn/winter events

Verbal update by Cllr Chapman.

### 129/25 Events in conjunction with school

Verbal update by Cllr Chapman.

Noted that the Longueville Hall car park will be used as overflow parking for a school event on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### 130/25 Update on other potential future activities to be led or supported by the parish council

Further opportunities for Longueville Hall and Hammond Park to be considered..

## Property

### 131/25 Play Area/Hammond Park

To consider public consultation on potential improvements to current facilities, using S106 funding from Fletton Drive development.

There was agreement that it would be useful to have adult exercise equipment and play equipment that will meet accessibility standards.

There will be consultation in the next edition of the Pump.

### 132/25 Allotment Rents and Discounts – to consider if any changes should be made

It was resolved that rents for a full plot be increased by £2 and a half-plot by £1. No change to discount amounts.

### 133/25 Burial Ground Fees – to consider if any changes should be made

Deferred.

## Finance

### 134/25 To consider grant applications

None.

### 135/25 To agree payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings.

Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted.

### 136/25 Budget v actual v forecast

Update on progress noted.

### 137/25 Update from Finance Working Group

#### (i) Reserve account balances

Cllr Cookman gave a verbal update on progress.

### 138/25 Exclusion of Press & Public

Resolved to exclude press and public.

### 139/25 To consider planning matters

None.

### 140/25 To consider personnel matters

None.

### 141/25 To consider property matters

None.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:55.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_