

**Minutes of meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council
held on 15th September 2025 at Free Church, Bletchley Road.**

Present: Cllrs Chapman (chair), Coeshall (vice-chair), , Cookman, Hartley, Hunter and Whipp.
In attendance: Mike Galloway, Clerk to the Council, Linda Fensom, Finance Officer.
6 members of the public in person.

142/25 Apologies

Cllrs Collinge and Hardwick.
Buckinghamshire Council ward councillor Jilly Jordan.

143/25 Disclosures of interest

None.

144/25 Announcements

Cllr Chapman asked that thanks be recorded to the Village Show & Fete Committee for a splendid event. Cllr Chapman had attended the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils AGM on behalf of the parish council. Two items from this is that the Devolution Bill which is currently being considered in Parliament does not refer to parish councils and so the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is challenging this; there is likely to be a return to virtual meetings being permitted; there is also a proposal to allow proxy voting which NALC are opposing.

145/25 Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 18th August be signed as a correct record.

146/25 Update on actions arising from meeting on 18 August

Actions closed:

Arrange for servicing of the Longueville Hall lounge doors; Resolve glass washer issue; Promulgate ward councillors' report via website; Investigate arrangements for 'drop-in' sessions; Corrections to text for adopted Biodiversity policy; Submit no objection response for application 25/02200/APP; Further objection to 25/01620/APP (Drayton Road equestrian/caravan) application on basis of refusal of 25/000634/APP; Resident's awareness of planning applications - NLPC notifications - Switch Facebook to ad hoc (post when a new application is received and a significant application is determined); Update BCR to include £20k for burial ground extension.

147/25 Update on councillor vacancies

Verbal update by Clerk noted. Vacancies to be filled by co-option which has been promoted in the Pump, on noticeboards, on Facebook and by village email. Applications to be considered at the meeting on 20th October.

148/25 Update on Drop-ins

Cllr Chapman gave a verbal update on the first evening. There were some good questions and the comment was made that asking questions at a drop-in might be easier for some than at a parish council meeting.

Policies

149/25 Updated Standing Orders

Deferred to meeting on 20th October.

150/25 Data Protection Policy

Deferred to next meeting. Clarity being sought from BMKALC as the NALC model policy is no longer on their website.

151/25 Disciplinary and Grievance Policies

Deferred to meeting on 20th October.

152/25 Code of Conduct.

Resolved to adopt updated Code of Conduct, proposed Cllr Cookman, seconded Cllr Whipp.

Update from Buckinghamshire Council ward councillors

- 153/25** Written report Buckinghamshire Cllr Jordan circulated and on PC website.
She has said that she is still waiting for an update on the highway works on Green Way and Berry Way.

Public Involvement

- 154/25** Observation made about the view from the village of the houses being built at Salden Place. Steve Heath has made a report to Planning Enforcement about demolition of buildings without consent at the former First Class Transport depot off Bletchley Road.

Planning, Highways and Environment

- 155/25 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. However, from what is happening elsewhere it is hoped that the applicants will not pursue the development.
- 156/25 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.
- 157/25 Salden Place (15/00314/AOP) - Updates**
(i) Applications
(ii) Present work and expected schedule.
(iii) Road closures.
(iv) Parish council services/Management body responsibilities
(v) Other, including naming.
Update and make any necessary decisions.

Update by Clerk and Cllr Chapman. No new applications, two discharge of conditions have been approved. No significant update on expected schedule. Road closure still due to be in October half-term, but it may be delayed to next half-term due to works on A421 H8 Standing Way (to create left turn in).

We are aware of mis-information about there being a "land grab" to bring Salden Place within the parish boundary, but the site has been within the Newton Longville parish boundary for over a century. The parish council has agreed in principle to be take on various services and facilities as it does within the village. There is funding to cover this.

There are issues with HGVs going through the village, but not all are linked to the Salden Place development. The house building completion dates have slipped. No other updates.

158/25

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. A second objection has been submitted referring to the refusal of 25/00634/APP (2 metre gates on site off Drayton Road) on the basis similar reasons apply to refuse this application. Two residents said that a tipper truck had tipped material onto the site recently. Clerk will make an enforcement report to Buckinghamshire Council.

159/25

Local Plan for Buckinghamshire

Update on outcome of Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet meeting on 9th September to consult on draft plan from 17th September to 29th October and consider what action the parish council wish to circulate details of the consultation and how to produce a response to the consultation.

Update by Clerk. It is due to be published on 17 September. It will run for six weeks to 29 October. It was agreed that once published it would be promoted on Facebook, noticeboards and village email. There be informal discussions to consider the plan and consider how to progress, Then a Special Parish Council would be held in early October.

160/25

Update on Enforcement

Verbal update by Clerk noted.

161/25

Traffic Calming and Volume Working Group

Update on progress

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

Steve Heath gave a verbal update and he was thanked for his work on this. He also gave an update on discussions with Whaddon Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council Deputy Cabinet member Cllr Peter Martin about the A421. The conclusion of the study is that little can be done about the A421. Further discussion deferred to a later meeting.

Community Activities

162/25

Update on Village Show and Fete

Cllr Chapman commented that this had been a wonderful event and it was agreed that thanks would be passed to the organisers and other volunteers.

163/25

Consider autumn/winter events

Cllr Chapman referred to plans being put in place for a series of free monthly talks to be held at Longueville Hall with speakers invited to do presentations which would be of interest to residents.

164/25

Events in conjunction with school

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

165/25

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

- 166/25 Hammond Park – Replacement and additional benches**
To consider and agree a budget provision.
Clerk to investigate options and report to meeting on 20th October.
- 167/25 Burial Ground Fees - to consider if any changes should be made**
Deferred to be considered at a future meeting.
- 168/25 Update on MUGA lights**
Deferred.
- 169/25 Update on Play Area consultation**
Consultation has been included in September/October edition of the Pump, on noticeboards, in village email and on notices around the play area. So far one response has been received.

Finance

- 170/25 To consider grant applications**
None.
- 171/25 To agree payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings.**
Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted.
- 172/25 Budget v actual v forecast**
Update noted.
- 173/25 Update from Finance Working Group**
- **Use of accounts with additional banks etc**
Cllr Cookman gave a verbal update on progress. A Finance Working Group meeting will be called to consider and make recommendations to parish council meeting on 20th October.
- 174/25 Exclusion of Press & Public**
Resolved to exclude press and public.
- 175/25 To consider planning matters**
None.
- 176/25 To consider personnel matters**
Recommendations agreed.
- 177/25 To consider property matters**
None.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:45.

Signed: _____ Date: _____