**NEWLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Newland Parish Council held in the Library of The Beauchamp Community at 8.00pm, Monday 20th May 2013.

Present: Mrs H Jeavons (chair) Mr T Yapp Mrs O Craze Mr T Roome

Mr S Patterson Mr J Jenkins

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Tom Wells.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no changes to the Register of Interests or Gifts and Hospitality.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2013 were proposed by Mr Roome, seconded by Mrs Craze and accepted by all as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER BODIES

There were no reports.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON MATTERS ARISING IN PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. SWDP Consultation

The Chairman requested that this item be combined with item 6. She read out a letter from Beatties, representing Gleesons, requesting an opportunity to meet with the parish council to discuss the planned development. The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that they be invited to speak at the next parish council meeting, on 1st July.

The Chairman agreed to contact Beatties to this effect. She further noted that there is as yet no update following the submission of the SWDP consultation document.

1. Safer Roads Partnership survey of traffic speed & volume on A449

No further update on this matter.

1. Concerns re speeding on Stocks Lane

The Chairman read out a letter she had received from Dr Westbury, a resident of Stocks Lane, expressing deep concern regarding vehicle speeds and suggesting a chicane be installed to slow the traffic. She also read out her reply, outlining the concerns the parish council has already communicated to the Safer Roads Partnership in this regard and the action they have taken in response.

The suggestion of a chicane was discussed. The only potentially possible site was agreed to be unsuitable, as it would result in vehicles coming off the chicane at angles that would leave drivers unsighted. It was also agreed that a chicane would only slow traffic from one direction, would make the road impassable for the large agricultural vehicles and fair vehicles that use the road, and would result in an increase in traffic noise. For these reasons the suggestion of a chicane was rejected.

The possibility of installing a vehicle activated sign and/or signs requesting that motorists slow down through the village was discussed. Mr Patterson suggested the possibility of joining with neighbouring parishes to purchase a shared mobile VAS and the clerk agreed to look into the costs and logistics of such a purchase. The clerk was also asked to contact the Safer Roads Partnership and the highways department, drawing attention to Mr Westbury’s letter and requesting advice on the installation of signs. The Chairman agreed to inform Dr Westbury of the action to be taken.

1. Debris on footway between the Beauchamp Community and roundabout

Mr Patterson agreed to ask the Lengthsman to clear the debris. The ongoing problem of litter from McDonalds was also discussed, though it was noted that some litter picking had taken place along the A449

1. Pothole on road linking A449 and Stocks Lane

The large pothole has been filled but there are a number of smaller ones yet to be attended to.

1. Query re past editions of The Grapevine

Mrs Craze reported that since no one has come forward to claim them, the intention is to return them to Cora Weaver, editor of The Grapevine.

6. To consider a letter from Beattie Communications re development of land to the North East of Malvern

Already discussed under item 5a.

7. To discuss the new seating area outside Greggs, Worcester Road

A fenced off outdoor seating area comprising three tables with chairs is now being provided by Greggs for the use of their customers. The clerk had reported the matter to the planning compliance officer and a response is awaited.

8. To consider any applications for co-option to the parish council

No applications had been received for the post. It was agreed that it should be re-advertised and carried forward to the next meeting.

9. Worcestershire CALC survey

The chairman read out the survey and asked for any comments. She agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the council and return it to CALC.

10. FINANCE

a) Accounts paid

J Barker Clerk – April £191.96

B.G.S Lengthsman – April £192.00

Aon UK Insurance 2013/14 £410.01

b) Accounts passed for payment

Worcestershire CALC Subscription 2013/14 £141.28

P Butts Internal audit £70.00

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Yapp raised the issue of the possibility of producing a neighbourhood plan. The matter was discussed, it being noted that any plan produced would need to include the developments planned under the SWDP. It was agreed that this should be an item on the agenda of the next meeting, to be discussed after any presentation made by Gleesons/Beatties.

12. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm in the Library of The Beauchamp Community.

Signed ............................................... (Chairman) Date ...............................................