

# NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Church  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllr A. Howarth (Chair)  
Cllr N. Roberson  
Cllr D. Hudson  
Cllr L. Brennan  
Cllr G. Edwards

**In attendance:** County & District Cllr L. Robinson

**Public Question Time-** None present

1. **APOLOGIES-** None
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None recorded
3. **TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION-** None requested
4. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021-** Approved as true and correct
6. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **A) County & District Councillor's Report-Linda Robinson**

#### Coronavirus

Our Coronavirus infection rate continues to climb and is above both the England and West Midlands average. Our 7day rate per 100,000 as of yesterday is 475 against 436 in England. The latest NHS figures show a total of 50 people were in hospital in Worcestershire with Covid-19 including three people in intensive care. The NHS data show that there have been five Covid deaths recorded for county hospitals in the past seven days. There have been no newly announced Covid deaths at the Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust with its total remaining at 64. It means in total there have been 927 Covid-related deaths in county hospitals during the pandemic. The Acute Hospitals Trust covers Worcestershire Royal Hospital, as well as the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch and Kidderminster Hospital. The public are encouraged to follow the safety measures set out in the Government's winter response plan. This includes meeting outdoors whenever possible and letting fresh air in when meeting indoors. We should wear face coverings in enclosed settings when mixing with people we would not normally do and getting tested if you have any symptoms plus staying at home if you feel unwell. Local GPs are encouraging residents to get booster jabs and second vaccine if invited to. 12-to-15-year olds are now being urged to 'Grab a Jab' in a new County campaign. Surprisingly latest figures show that 374 staff in Worcestershire hospitals are unvaccinated. Mandatory vaccination for NHS staff is now under consultation.

#### Schools

WCC are re-opening proposals for the Pershore education pyramid to change from the current three tier system to two tier. A full public consultation is now underway until the 26<sup>th</sup> November. The link below can be used to access IT: [https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20921/pershore\\_education\\_planning\\_area\\_review/2490/pershore\\_education\\_planning\\_area\\_review](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20921/pershore_education_planning_area_review/2490/pershore_education_planning_area_review)

West Mercia Police

New Community engagement is now live:

We are committed to engaging with our communities across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to increase trust and confidence and to help us protect people from harm. Our communities are active participants in helping to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour and we know that by working together we can make a real difference.

Public safety, crime prevention and protection of the vulnerable cannot be accomplished by the police alone. It takes effective partnership working and strong community relationships. It is only by the police, our partners and the public working together that we can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime.

Our Local Policing Charter, launched in March 2021, outlines how we will ensure we provide a visible policing presence and how, using local engagement, social media and new digital channels, we will create further opportunities for dialogue so the public can raise concerns, provide feedback, be involved and help shape policing. Neighbourhood Matters will help us to work with the public and build strong community relationships.

If you sign up to Neighbourhood Matters, you decide who you want to hear from and the type of alerts you want to receive. You'll be getting information on exactly what's happening in your area and what is being done about it.

You'll also hear about positive police action, good news stories and be able to play an active part in helping us with our public appeals.

You can sign up to Neighbourhood Matters <https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/#SignUp>

Update on FCC staffing situation

There has been no major change since our last update. The situation remains fragile, but FCC are managing to maintain essential collection services, with the exception of bulky waste, as well as increase the amount of highway litter picking and mechanical sweeping taking place through the use of agency staff.

Redditch Borough Council last week announced it was suspending its garden waste collection service which is a reminder of how difficult the current situation is for all councils.

If residents ask about alternative ways to dispose of bulky waste while our service is suspended, please direct them to our bulky waste page on our website where we have listed some options.

Green Flag success

I am delighted to report that our five parks and Droitwich Community Woods have retained Green Flag Status. This is an incredible achievement and huge thanks and congratulations must go to our parks team and contractors Continental and Smart Cut for all their hard work. People now have the chance to vote for their favourite park for a People's Choice Award, which recognises the most popular parks on the planet.

To find out more and to vote for your favourite park visit [www.wychavon.gov.uk/parks](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/parks)

**B) Footpaths Officer**-Nothing received

**C) Crime Report**-None received

## 7. HIGHWAYS

### A) VAS sign data

Cllr Howarth expressed thanks to Cllr Edwards for accessing the software to enable the VAS data to be analysed. It showed some 18,352 vehicles passing the sign between June and September with 85% of these travelling at an average speed of 32mph and only 7 vehicles exceeded 50mph. It was reassuring to know that the majority are in or around the speed limit for the road.

Cllrs discussed the possibility of 30mph roundels painted on the road at a cost of £300 per pair but asked the clerk to first ask highways if they would re paint the roundel already there and at what cost. Clerk to also ask highways if there could be a please slow down sign at entry of the village.

### B) Hedge cutting

Cllr Howarth reported that the hedge owned by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust upon entering the village had still not been cut back. Clerk has requested this twice since 9<sup>th</sup> September but will chase and request a date for when this will be actioned, otherwise it will be actioned by County Council and invoiced accordingly

## 8. LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk reported that no invoice was received for August, only September for 8 hours. Cllrs agreed to discuss the lengthsmen's contract at the January 2022 meeting.

## 9. PLANNING

The following applications were delegated in between meetings with no objections:

<a href="#">21/02208/HP</a>	Willowtree Seaford Lane Naunton Beauchamp Pershore WR10 2LL	Removal of conservatory and erection of rear extension	Application Approved
<a href="#">21/01981/HP</a>	8 Orchard Lea Naunton Beauchamp Pershore WR10 2LJ	Proposed wooden shed	Pending Decision

## 10. FINANCE

a) The following payments were approved-

Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£379.80	Cheque 100613
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£56.43	Cheque 100614
HMRC	Tax	£94.80	Cheque 100615
Luke Farnsworth	L/man August/ September	£120	Cheque 100616

b) Cllrs asked the Clerk to obtain different quotes and options for a replacement noticeboard in the village to be reviewed at the January 2022 meeting

## 11. TREE PLANTING FOR THE QUEENS JUBILEE

All Cllrs agreed that a tree would be a fitting tribute for the Queens Jubilee, Cllr Howarth is to ask the Church if they would like one in the Churchyard. Cllr Roberson also suggested North Piddle Lane for a row of trees to be planted where often there are highways issues, at least 20 trees could be planted along the roadside by a working party from the village. Clerk to contact highways asking if this location would be possible. There are free trees available but would need to be secured asap.

## 12. BLUE PHONE BOX MAINTENANCE

Cllr Howarth stated that the blue phone box now required maintenance as the paint work is peeling- Clerk to contact the Police who own the phone box for instructions as to how and when this will be actioned and also the defibrillator maintenance costs need to be secured.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk noted correspondence from highways, who had conducted a hedge inspection within the village and was writing to two addresses to ask them to be cut back.

Further emails from Highways regarding algae on the base of the Ford resulted in them stating that the only solution at present was to encourage everyone to use the bridge crossing the ford rather than travelling through the water.

## 14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Future agenda items include setting the budget for 2022/2023, replacement noticeboard options and the tree planting for the Queens Jubilee.

Cllr Brennan stated that a recent accident with a horse rider in the ford could have been a lot worse than the outcome and pushed that Highways need to find a further solution to the slippery surface as the bridge does not have adequate head room or weight limit of users- Clerk to write to highways.

Cllr Hudson stated that the road cracking outside of 'Honeybourne' was continuing to deteriorate- Clerk to chase highways. He also prompted Cllr Howarth that an audit of the marquee was still to be undertaken and replacement poles ordered.

## 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 starting at 7.30pm in the Church.

Signed .....

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