

NEWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newland Parish Council meeting held at The Beauchamp Community at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th November 2023

Present: Cllrs H Jeavons (Chair), S Patterson, T Sabin

12/23 Apologies – Cllr F Victory, Parish Clerk J Barker

- 13/23 a) Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda - None
b) Notification of any changes to the Register of Interests – None
c) To consider any written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – None.

14/23 Public Forum – Not required.

15/23 Reports from representatives of other bodies.

A report was given of the Calc Executive meeting and of the online meeting with the local Police Commander. The latter was very supportive and discussed shoplifting at the retail park and rural burglary issues which are being addressed.

16/23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12th September 2023.
Approved and signed.

17/23 To elect a deputy chair for 2023/24
Councillor Patterson elected, but with his proviso that he may not be able to confirm attendance in some future meetings.

18/23 Planning
a) Applications received.

b) Decisions received.

MHDC Ref	Application details	Location	Decision
M/23/00846/FUL	Erection of new dwelling adjacent to existing property	Poplar Cottage, Worcester Road, Newland, Malvern, WR13 5AY	Approved

c) Updates on ongoing planning matters-
i) Solar Farm

A full discussion took place concerning the intended application to construct a Solar Farm in the parish and stretching from the A4103 at Bransford to the A449 at Powick and Newland.

Considerable concerns were expressed by the Council as to the disruption on the A449 suggested by the promoting company, the length of that disruption, and the safety and security of the batteries.

Concern was also expressed about access to the footpaths and bridle ways and for access for wildlife.

Concern was also expressed about the loss of productive farmland for at least part of the site.

Concern was expressed that an inground cabling (along the A449 leading to Spring Lane) was preferred to a pylon line or alternative inground cabling across farmland from Newland to Madresfield and on to Spring Lane.

Concern was expressed that the promoting company seemed not to be aware of the proposed extensive work on the SWDP Development and that the proposed cable route crossed the proposed redesigned Newland Roundabout.

Councillors would await the formal application and then call a public consultation meeting.

- ii) SWDP 56. No work has started, and it is understood that the overall SWDP plan is still being finalised.

19/23 Finance

- a) To approve the schedule of accounts payable.

MHDC	Election costs	£50.00
Staff costs - Sept	Staff costs inc HMRC Q2 £158.40)	£386.63
Staff costs - Oct	Staff costs	£218.33
Society of Local Council Clerks	Subscription fee	£60.00

All approved.

- b) To approve an additional signatory to the parish council bank account.
Councillor Sabin agreed and approved.
- c) To discuss a draft budget and precept for 2024/25 – to be reviewed and finalised at the meeting scheduled 16th January 2024.
Draft budget approved in principle.

20/23 To discuss the parish council website and consider the use of social media to facilitate community engagement.

Adjourned to January meeting.

21/23 To discuss parish council policies and procedures and agree a schedule of review.
Adjourned to January meeting.

22/23 Other reports and items for future consideration. None

23/23 Date of next meeting – scheduled for 16th January 2024.

Signed Cllr H Jeavons (Chair)

Date 16th January 2024