

NEWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newland Parish Council meeting held at The Beauchamp Community at 7.00pm on Tuesday 16th January 2024

Present: Cllrs H Jeavons (Chair), S Patterson, T Sabin, F Victory (after 7.45pm), C Hegenbarth (after item 28/23)

24/23 Apologies – None

25/23 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.

26/23 Public Forum – Not required.

27/23 Reports from representatives of other bodies. None.

28/23 To consider applications for co-option.

An application from Mr C Hegenbarth was considered and it was agreed unanimously that he should be co-opted. He signed the Declaration of acceptance form and joined the meeting.

29/23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 7th November 2023.
Approved unanimously.

30/23 Planning

a) Applications received.

MHDC Ref	Application details	Location	Recommendation
M/23/01706/PIP	Permission in principle for the proposed erection of up to 5 no. dwellings	Land at (Os 7959 4955), Stocks Lane, Newland	The parish council agreed with the points raised by WCC highways and recommended refusal.

b) Decisions received.

MHDC Ref	Application details	Location	Decision
M/23/01758/AGR	Erection of proposed agricultural building for storage	Monksfield Farm Monksfield Lane Newland, WR13 5BB	Approved

c) Updates on ongoing planning matters

- Councillors have met with representatives from Leigh & Bransford and Powick Parish Councils to discuss the proposed Solar Farm development. Cllr Sabin provided an update. A further meeting is planned for late January.
- Councillors raised concern over the condition of Newland Court and queried the timescale within which work should be carried out under planning consent.

31/23 Finance

a) To approve the schedule of accounts payable.

Staff costs	November (pay plus backpay April-October)	£345.11
Staff costs	December (pay plus HMRC Q3 payment £196 reimbursed)	£424.63

- b) To approve an additional signatory to the parish council bank account.
It was agreed that Cllr Hegenbarth should be made a signatory. Arrangements to add Cllr Sabin are still ongoing.
- c) To agree the budget and precept for 2024/25
The budget for 2024/25 was discussed and a precept request of £5600 was agreed.
- 32/23 To discuss the parish council website and consider the use of social media to facilitate community engagement.
A quote for £600 had been received for the provision of a basic website. It was agreed that work on a new website should be put on hold as the WCC-provided website fulfils current publication requirements.
It was agreed that a parish council Facebook page should be set up to assist with the distribution of information and to facilitate community engagement. The clerk to set up and write a social media policy for approval at the next meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Sabin and Jeavons should act as admins.
- 33/23 To discuss parish council policies and procedures and agree a schedule of review.
It was agreed that the council should update and review all required policies and procedures in line with NALC recommendations, starting with the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- 34/23 To consider making a funding application to West Mercia PCC Safer Roads Grant Round 2.
It was agreed no application is required for this grant round.
- 35/23 To consider the provision of a parish council mobile phone for use by the clerk.
It was agreed that a mobile and a pay-as-you-go SIM should be provided. A budget of £100 was agreed to purchase the phone – the clerk to purchase and be reimbursed.
- 36/23 Other reports and items for future consideration.
- The bus shelter near the Beauchamp Community needs painting. The clerk to obtain a quote from the contractor who carried out the most recent refurbishment work. Cllr Hegenbarth agreed to carry out regular checks of the parish bus shelters.
 - The footway along the A449 (Malvern direction) needs to be cutting back and siding out. The clerk to make arrangements with the Lengthsman.
- 37/23 Date of next meeting – scheduled for 19th March 2024.

Signed Cllr Jeavons (Chair)

Date 19/03/2024