

NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Church

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr A. Howarth (Chair) Cllr G. Edwards
Cllr D. Dickens Cllr D. Hudson
Cllr S. Reeves District & County Cllr L. Robinson

In attendance: Clerk

Public Question Time-

1. **APOLOGIES-** None
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None
3. **TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION-** None requested
4. **THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS TRUE AND CORRECT-** From the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd July 2024, all in favour and were signed by Cllr Howarth.
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**
 - A. **County & District Councillor's Report-Linda Robinson-**

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break. One of my early highlights was meeting up with many of you in the wonderful setting of Naunton Court in July for your garden party.

Things have been fairly quiet whilst officers take their holidays at our District & County councils. However someone has been busy setting up lots of surveys a selection of which can be found below. Please respond to any that might be of interest to yourself or your communities.

Elections Annual Canvass Communication

The annual canvass for the Electoral Register has begun. This is a legal requirement and involves the Council contacting every household in Wychavon to ensure their electoral register details are correct and what to do if not.

We'd appreciate everyone's help in helping or reminding residents to respond.

The messages are sent via post or email urging residents to follow the instructions sent to them. Our website contains more useful information and the Electoral Services team can be contacted on 01386 565437 or elections@wychavon.gov.uk

Rural transport research One of our We Are Wychavon Plan promises is to identify the need for community-led rural transport projects and use this to target our Ticket to Ride fund. The first phase of this is now underway.

We are carrying out some targeted research in a selection of rural wards and parishes to identify what the transport needs are and if there are any groups whose needs are not being met by existing transport provision. The areas we are focusing on through face to face and other engagement with residents are: Dodderhill ward, Honeybourne, Pebworth and Littletons ward, Broadway, Sedgeberrow and Childswickham ward, Pinvin ward, Drakes Broughton parish and Peopleton parish.

In addition to focusing the research in these areas we have created a short online survey which is open to all Wychavon residents. We are particularly interested in hearing from younger residents (under 25), residents over 65 years old and households without access to a car or van or access to only one car or van.

We would really welcome your help to encourage residents to participate in the research by completing the survey. Please share this link and, if appropriate, the attached graphic with groups and individuals in your wards.

Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUG2)

This scheme aims to enhance the comfort and energy efficiency of lower income households, that rely on heating methods other than mains gas central heating and offers free home energy efficiency improvements for eligible people. To apply or for more information visit the Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUG2) on the Worcestershire County Council website.

Road Verge Management Survey

Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Highways want to consult with Parish Councils to ask for their opinion, level of interest and potential level of capacity for taking on the management of some or all of the C and U roads within their parish boundary to manage them in line with best practice for promoting wildflowers, pollinators and other wildlife.

They have asked that you complete the following survey:

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/0b6c586a-30a2-449b-b7f5-ae58c556e7c6>

6. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllrs expressed how they were pleased with the new 'Slow Horses' sign which has been positioned in the village to help slow traffic flow.

Cllr Dickens highlighted a potentially dangerous Ash tree reported from a resident which is hanging over the road and could affect overhead branches also. Cllr Robinson shared the concern with Highways who researched and found the tree is not on highways but private land and so the landowner needs to be notified. Cllrs to try and find out the landowner contact details for the Clerk to contact them.

Clerk to contact local residents where hedges require cutting back as they are affecting drivers visibility in the village

7. LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Howarth requested the lengthsman clean off the white gates upon entering the village.

8. PLANNING

No new planning applications to consider.

9. FINANCE

- a) The following below payments were approved and cheques were signed.
- b) The bank balance at 31st July 2024 was:
Current Account £10,446.11
Savings Account £1,051.03

Carl Brassington	Lengthsman July	£200.00	Cheque 100708
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£58.13	Cheque 100709
HMRC	Tax	£140.60	Cheque 100710
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£562.05	Cheque 100711
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman August	£160.00	Cheque 100712
Church	Meetings hire	£150.00	Cheque 100713
Church	Mowing donation	£200.00	Cheque 100714

Cllr Howarth added in Finance that some Marquee hire income has been received in recent months and this should be saved for marquee repairs in the future- all Cllrs agreed.

A new internal auditor for the end of year accounts had also been agreed- Mr Duncan Turner in the village to be contacted at the end of the financial year.

10. PHONE BOX & DEFIBRILLATOR

Despite efforts from Cllr Dickens the Parish Council are no further forward with discovering who owns and has responsibility for the blue telephone box housing the defibrillator in the village. Upon contacting the Police they recommended moving the defibrillator if the phone box is no longer suitable to house it, however this would not solve the maintenance issues.

The Parish Councillors agreed that they wish to keep the phone box and the defibrillator inside it.

Cllr Dickens and the Clerk are going to ask the Police and BT if they own it and then check if it would be covered within the Parish Council insurance. They are also going to gain quotes for fixing the frame and re-painting the phone box from different sources.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk shared that Vale Landscape Heritage Trust had made contact regarding an Apple Day at the Orchard opposite Naunton Court on 20th October- more details and posters to follow.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA- None to report

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Monday 4th November 2024 starting at 7.30pm in the Church

Signed

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