

# NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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

Held in the Church  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:30pm

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

**In attendance:** Clerk

**Public Question Time-** None present

1. **CO-OPTION-** All Cllrs agreed to co opt Mr Stephen Reeves as a new member onto the Parish Council, acceptance of office form to be signed and declaration of interests form emailed to Mr Reeves.
2. **APOLOGIES-** None
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None
4. **TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION-** None requested
5. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022-**  
Approved as true and correct
6. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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

As this is my first report to you in 2023, I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year

Latest New data released to Wychavon shows that our Covid numbers have stayed the same at 40. Data from the last six weeks show that Worcestershire had 14 deaths related to Covid 19.

However nationally cases of Flu and Covid 19 are still a concern. Vulnerable people are being encouraged to stay safe by wearing masks in public places.

Herefordshire & Worcestershire NHS Trust are urging people to have their flu and Covid 19 boosters after an increase in hospitalisations. A "worrying" number of children and adults have been admitted to hospital with serious respiratory infections across this winter period.

A reminder to share with residents from County is that the deadline for applications to Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle schools for September 2023 close on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Failure to do this could mean that they may not receive an offer for one of their preferred schools.

To apply online visit <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

January is the month when Council tax bills and precepts are discussed by parishes, towns and Wychavon District. Last week County Council’s cabinet met to discuss its draft budget for £400m . A rise has been proposed from April of 4.94% this would add £70 to a band D property for the WCC share but still has to be considered by all Councillors on the 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**Evesham VeloPark now open to the public**

We're incredibly excited to announce that Evesham's new world-class Velo Park is now open to the public.

The £2 million cycling hub officially opened at the end of October but has only been available for club bookings while systems and software were tested.

Anyone can book online to use the park, including: 1km closed road circuit, a pump track with a unique mogul area, a learn-to-ride area with street markings to build confidence on using real roads.

Hourly slots cost between £4.50 for juniors and over 65s and £5.50 for adults. The learn-to-ride track is free when not being used for lessons. The park can also be hired by clubs and for private events.

Evesham United Football Club manage the facilities and money made from the hire of the park will pay for its maintenance and upkeep.

- To book: <https://bit.ly/3hqznWZ>
- Read the full story here: <https://bit.ly/3j3xm3b>
- Watch the video on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3FZnWir>

**7. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Robinson asked if the footbridge by the ford was in need of remedial works as it was on a possible jobs list with others in the district, Cllr Howarth replied that as it was well used by bikes and similar to avoid going through the ford it was important to maintain.

Cllr Edwards shared data from the VAS sign which showed that 85% of cars travelling through the village between 04/11/2022 and 07/01/2023 were going at 31mph or less which is a good result that the sign is working at keeping speeds down.

**8. LENGTHSMAN**

Nothing to report

**9. PLANNING**

No new applications to consider.

**10. FINANCE**

a) The following payments were approved and cheques were signed:

Luke Farnsworth	L/man Oct/Nov	£165.00	Cheque 100647
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£76.36	Cheque 100648
HMRC	Tax	£154.40	Cheque 100649
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£617.44	Cheque 100650
Earth Anchors	New Bench	£1,131.60	Cheque 100651

**b) Budget 2023/24**

A draft budget was presented to all Cllrs by the Clerk for 2023/24 before the meeting to consider and all Cllrs agreed to a 4.95% increase on last year, this is a £2.76 increase on a Band D property mainly driven by increased staffing costs and expenses.

**11. NEW VILLAGE BENCH**

The bench is on order for a March delivery date- Clerk to liaise with company to agree a delivery date onsite on the green and then Cllrs will arrange for parishioners to help locate the bench in situ.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk shared correspondence with the Church of all meeting dates for 2023

**14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Nothing to report

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 starting at 7.30pm in the Church.

Signed .....

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