

NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Church
Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7:30pm

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

In attendance: Clerk

Public Question Time- None present

1. **APOLOGIES-** None
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** Cllr Hudson declared an interest in Item 8 and left the building whilst this was discussed
3. **TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION-** None requested
4. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2023-**
Approved as true and correct
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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

Voter ID – videos and leaflets

Wychavon have produced some explainer videos to help raise awareness of the new photo ID requirement at this year's local elections. The videos can be viewed on our elections web page as well as on our social media channels. There are two Wychavon videos available for you to share:

Following a change in the law you will need to show a photo ID when voting in May's local elections. Watch our guide to everything you need to know about Voter ID. You can find out more on our website www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections. If you don't have an acceptable photo ID then you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. You will need to supply us with some basic details and a picture. Watch our guide to how to take an acceptable photo for your Voter Authority Certificate. <https://youtu.be/0-wn7eBhD00> Find out more about Voter ID at www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections

A list of acceptable ID can be found: https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections#voter_ID

Wychavon Design Code consultation

Consultations for all parts of the district are now open and the deadline for residents to have their say is 31 March 2023. You can find the consultation links and more information at www.wychavon.gov.uk/consultations

Smart Water rollout

Our community Safety Team is starting the rollout of Smart Water in Peopleton, with the aim of making it a Smart Water village. SmartWater is a colourless liquid solution that can be applied to the surfaces of belongings and valuables, leaving a unique code which is almost impossible to remove and can only be viewed under ultraviolet light. Marked items are registered with a national database and if stolen it can conclusively prove the ownership, ensuring they are returned to the rightful owner.

The aim is to get all homes and businesses in Peopleton signed-up to SmartWater. People Charity Lands has agreed to fund seventy-five percent of each kit for every household in the Parish of Peopleton. The other twenty-five percent funding will be coming from the Police Crime Commissioner.

South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership will also be putting up signs informing people it is a Smart Water protected area. Peopleton Parish Council has arranged a public meeting with Inspector Wise to discuss the recent crimes in the village and Smart Water, on Thursday 2 March at 7.30pm from 4pm to 6.30pm at Peopleton Village Hall. If there is a village in your area interested in becoming a SmartWater village then please ask them to email communitysafety@wychavon.gov.uk

Solar Together

Residents are being encouraged to register their interest asap if they have even a slight interest in getting solar panels on their home.

Solar Together Worcestershire is an innovative group-buying scheme offering high-quality solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and battery storage.

Registering interest in this scheme does not require a commitment to buy. Later in the process, there is an opportunity to opt in or out once details and cost have been explained. The more people who register on the scheme, the lower the cost of the solar panels and batteries might be. More details can be found on Worcestershire County Council website: <https://bit.ly/3kSwYpc> . Interest should be registered online by Friday, 10 March 2023.

Solar PV installations are considered a 'permitted development' and will generally not need planning permission. However, in some cases, such as in Conservation Areas and on Listed Buildings, planning permission may be required. For planning advice, visit: <https://bit.ly/3HmdVLF> . If a person already has solar panels, they can also register to have battery storage added to their existing solar panels to maximise the benefits of their system.

Fly Tipping

We're tired of fly-tipping, aren't you? A load of 500 used tyres were dumped on a layby off the A44 between Broadway and Wickhamford on 25 November. This cost £6,000 of public money to clean up.

We are appealing for people to come forward who might have information or have seen something to contact our Community and Environmental Protection Team cepo@wychavon.gov.uk. Residents and businesses can help to stop fly-tipping by following the SCRAP code. Only use properly licensed waste disposal companies, refuse offers from those who aren't, ask how they will dispose of your waste and get paperwork and receipts from them. You can report fly-tipping and find out more at www.wychavon.gov.uk/fly-tipping.

6. HIGHWAYS

Cllrs were delighted with the footpath replacement currently taking place in Orchard Lea and thanked Highways for their work however there was some disappointment that this wasn't continuing throughout other parts required in the village such as between Badgers Orchard and the Church. The Clerk has already highlighted this to the Highways department who have raised a safety inspection for the area and if required will put on a works list.

Cllr Hudson raised the issue of tyre marks on the village green and displaced kerbstones due to vehicles parking outside the phone box which doesn't not leave sufficient space for larger vehicles to drive around. Clerk to re-visit this issue with highways ask the lengthsman if he is able to make good. In the mean time a sign is to be placed in the area to try and make people aware not to park in this area.

7. LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk shared correspondence that the current lengthsman had resigned and was finishing at the end of March, Cllrs expressed their thanks to the Farnsworth's for the works undertaken and the Clerk agreed to advertise the vacancy.

8. PLANNING

Cllr Hudson left the building whilst the following planning application was discussed:

W/23/00119/HP	Old House Farm Naunton Beauchamp Persore WR10 2LQ	Extension to existing garage	Pending Decision
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All Cllrs present agreed to object to the planning application on the grounds of loss of light to the neighbouring property and loss of privacy during which the works will be undertaken.

9. FINANCE

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

Luke Farnsworth	L/man Dec/ Jan	£315.00	Cheque 100651
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£56.77	Cheque 100652
HMRC	Tax	£88.60	Cheque 100653
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£354.60	Cheque 100654
Earth Anchors	New Bench	£1,131.60	Cheque 100655

b) Cllr

Howarth suggested that Mr Peter Holpin be asked if he would be happy to undertake the internal audit on the end of year accounts for the Parish Council and all Cllrs agreed- Clerk to email Mr Holpin.

10. NEW VILLAGE BENCH

The Clerk was reported that the bench was ready for delivery this week but had been postponed due to village access with the highways works being undertaken. Cllr Dickens suggested a working party on Saturday 18th March at 2pm to mark out the area for the bench and dig out the area in readiness and then the bench could be delivered the week afterwards- all agreed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Howarth shared details from the Heart of England forestry meeting which took place in the village and shared a map of where tree planting is to take place from November onwards.

The Clerk stated that Wychavon has offered a £200 contribution towards any plans for the Kings Coronation and all agreed that the Jubilee party was such a lovely event it would be nice to do this again for the village with food, drinks and entertainment on Sunday 7th May in the afternoon.

A possible commemorative gift for the village children was also discussed and to be confirmed what this might be via email.

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Hudson asked when the damage to the village green would be rectified and who would undertake this- Clerk to contact the lengthsman first.

Cllr Reeves asked whether there is any possibility of extending the 30mph speed limit up the village to the Main Rd- Cllrs discussed how this had been raised before with no luck to highways. Cllrs discussed of there were any other options and the possibility of a 'Quiet lane' sign on Seaford Lane- Cllr Robinson to ask with highways.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 16th May 2023 starting at 7.00pm with the Annual parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm in the Church.

Signed

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