

NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Church
Tuesday 7th November 2023 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- None present

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 5th September 2023
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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

After we had barely recovered from Storm Babette. I received alerts from County about our next dose of bad weather named Storm Ciaran. With heavy rain and strong winds forecast we had yet more localised flooding from surface water and smaller ordinary watercourses which was followed by more flooding from the bigger main rivers. Our Civic centre weather station recorded over 53mm of rain overnight and through Friday 20th October on top of 31mm rain on the 18th and prior to that 53mm Wednesday to Friday the week before. This means that we have ended up with the highest total rainfall for the month of October since our records began in 2008 and the second highest monthly total in 16 years for any month.

On the 20th October we experienced surface water run off the likes of which have not been seen since the July 2007 event. As more evidence is raised globally re Climate Change and its effects on our weather. I am pleased to note that WCC reported in October that it has received a 45% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions and reduced 91% of emissions from its buildings, fleet vehicles and street lighting. The data is in line with the council's long-term mission to reduce its own emissions to net zero. WCC have also planted 50,000 new trees with additional plans to plant 150,000 more. More good news from our local EnviroSort at Norton is that since the plant opened over a decade ago it has processed over a million tonnes of recycling.

GWR recent proposals for closing their ticket offices have today been withdrawn. In a recent public consultation to which there were 750,000 responses 99% of which were not in favour including myself and many residents I discussed it with.

6. HIGHWAYS

a) Hedges

The Clerk had emailed residents regarding hedges and will follow this up with postal letters.

b) Road and pavement re-surfacing

Councillors informed Cllr Robinson that they were very pleased with the re-surfacing works carried out in the village although there was some disruption for residents. It was not a good solution to reply on access through the Ford as a diversion as many residents were not happy to drive through it. It was noted that the road markings had not yet been re-painted but this may be due to the final dressings have not been applied to the road- follow up at the January meeting if this still has not been completed.

7. LENGTHSMAN- Nothing to report

8. PLANNING- Cllrs considered planning application W/23/02093/LB for Honeybourne with no comments or objections.

9. FINANCE

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

Community Heartbeat	Replacement defib pads	£130.74	Cheque 10679
Carl Brassington	Lman September	£120.00	Cheque 100680
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£71.55	Cheque 100681
HMRC	Tax	£133.80	Cheque 100682
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£535.80	Cheque 100683
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman October	£180.00	Cheque 100684

b) The bank balance as at 29/09/2023 was £11,616.08 and the savings account was £1,039.59.

c) In considering the budget for 2024/25 it was agreed by all Cllrs to allocate funds for the defibrillator maintenance and maintaining the blue telephone box

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk shared correspondence regarding a local community bus scheme but at present there is little demand for it within the village.

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

Cllr Howarth wished to express thanks to Jen and Chris for the large litter pick that they undertook within the village, it is very appreciated.

Cllr Edwards shared VAS data from August- September 2023 which shows that the majority of traffic is driving at 30mph or less showing the VAS is doing a good job in its current location. Only 852 cars were counted out of 24,138 going above 30mph and 804 were travelling at 40mph.

Cllr Edwards shared that she is now signed up to StreetCheck for crime alerts and data which showed that no crimes were committed in the parish in May/June. In July three were logged, two being theft and one for vehicle crime. Will share weekly updates onto the village facebook page ongoing.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 9th January 2024 starting at 7.30pm in the Church.

Signed

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