

NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Church
Tuesday 9th January 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- 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 7th November 2023, all in favour and were signed by Cllr Howarth.
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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

Please find below my first report for your parish council in 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New year and a productive one for your community.

Flooding and Rainfall

This week has been disruptive to most with travel and homes being affected by the flooding of the rivers.

Only days ago, there were 14 flood alerts in effect in Worcestershire, with multiple road closures including major bridge crossings on the Avon & Severn.

From earlier this week, we discovered that the total rainfall for 2023, recorded on the Civic Centre weather station, is 1036mm – this is the first time it's exceeded the 1 metre mark. Looking back through archive local rainfall totals, this is the highest on record certainly for at least 60 years.

Highlights from our data (since 2008) are record rainfall for October and the second-highest December total.

We will no doubt find out soon enough how 2023 has gone down nationally and while it may not be the wettest on record across the board, it certainly looks that way for our locality.

During the latest flooding County's Highways & Transport Control Centre were working from 8am till 8pm.

For future reference see below for useful contacts:

To report an urgent issue, you can call 01905 845676 and speak to one of their advisors.

Alternatively you can find flooding advice and how to report issues at <https://worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/environment/flooding>

School Placements

A reminder for parents of all children starting school this year to submit their applications. The deadline for a place at a Worcestershire Primary, First or Middle school is January 15th at midnight.

Applying online is recommended on the council's dedicated School Admission's pages.

Call 01905 845900 or visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions for more info.

Call To Action

Does someone in your community want to plant a Community Orchard in Wychavon?

Through the Trees Call To Action Project (TCAP), Wychavon District Council and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund partnered with The Heart of England Forest are offering Wychavon Community Groups & Schools, trees to plant an Orchard.

Orchard planting will be supported by TCAP officers, who offer free advice and guidance throughout the process.

If you are a Community Group or School who may have space for an Orchard and you would like to know more about this offer or if you are considering a community or large-scale tree planting project, please get in touch.

For tree planting advice in your community, please contact our team: TCAP@heartofenglandforest.org

You can find out more about the Trees Call To Action Project here: <https://bit.ly/3QNALQW>

SWEP

The Sever Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) will be in effect again this coming Sunday and Monday due to the expected cold weather.

The public are asked to make sure that if they see homeless people, to share the details with StreetLink.

Residents are reminded that if they come across a rough sleeper, to report the information such as the location to the StreetLink service at <https://bit.ly/3GSCTXf>

StreetLink will then share the details with us and our partners, and together, we will make sure that the person in need receives the support they deserve.

6. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr Howarth asked Cllr Robinson on how to proceed with regards a Slow Horses sign for Seaford Lane, evidence is required from the Stables as to how many horses are kept there and ridden out daily with photos too if possible. Cllr Dickens agreed to follow up on these actions.

No further correspondence regarding overgrown hedges in the Village- defer to March meeting.

Cllr Hudson reported a sunken manhole cover on the Upton Snodsbury Road to Pinvin which is pooling water- Clerk to report to WCC.

Councillors also discussed parking on the pavement on the bend into the village which is proving a hazard with vehicles having to approach on the wrong side of the road on the bend. Clerk to enquire with highways on any possible solutions and check the current laws with regards parking on pavements.

7. LENGTHSMAN

The lengthsmen submitted a report detailing outstanding issues reported to WCC which included:

- 38151 Blocked culvert Honeybourne Cottage
- 40693 Blocked Gully
- 41281 Road damage

8. PLANNING

The following new planning application was discussed with no objections:

W/23/02400/AGR	Whitson Fields Stud Farm Seaford Lane Naunton Beauchamp Pershore WR10 2LN	Prior notification for formation of agricultural access track	Application Approved
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9. FINANCE

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

Carl Brassington	Lengthsman November	£120.00	Cheque 100685
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£57.33	Cheque 100686
HMRC	Tax	£177.40	Cheque 100687
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£709.20	Cheque 100688
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman December	£120.00	Cheque 100689

- b) The bank balance as at 30/11/2023 was £10,904.19 and the savings account was £1,039.59.
- c) The budget was confirmed for 2024/25 as £5,480.00 a 9.46% increase on last year driven by increased staffing costs and repairs and maintenance, this was agreed by Cllr Howarth and seconded by all Cllrs present- Clerk to inform Wychavon.

10. CORRESPONDENCE- None to report

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

Cllr Dickens agreed to oversee the refurbishment of the Phone box in the Spring- with some new timber possibly required and paint.

Cllr Dickens enquired as to whether the Church would like to have the old bench in the Church grounds- Cllr Howarth report that this is in process of agreement.

Cllr Edwards shared details from a parishioner of people knocking on doors acting suspiciously in the area- Clerk reminded all to remain vigilant and will circulate local policing contacts to Cllrs.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 5th March 2024 starting at 7.30pm in the Church.

Signed Dated.....