

# NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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

Held in the Church

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7:30pm

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

**In attendance:** Clerk

### Public Question Time-

1. **APOLOGIES-** Cllr G. Edwards sent her apologies
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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, all in favour and were signed by Cllr Howarth.
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**
  - A. **County & District Councillor's Report-Linda Robinson-**

NHS Covid & Flu vaccine has started to protect against a Winter Tripledemic

Eligible groups for the flu vaccine include pregnant women, children aged two or three years old, primary and secondary school children, and those aged 65 and over. Autumn Covid vaccine is available to care home residents, adults over 65 and front-line health and social care workers.

The flu vaccine can also be booked at pharmacies, and there are walk-in sites for the Covid-19 vaccine.

The NHS has already invited more than 11 million people to come forward for vaccination.

GP practices and other NHS services will also be contacting people to offer both vaccines. However, eligible individuals do not have to wait for an invitation to book. Vaccinations will take place at GP surgeries, pharmacies, and pop-up clinics in the community.

Last year, the NHS vaccinated more than 3.3 million people in the Midlands with the flu vaccine and more than 2.2 million people with the Covid vaccine.

Roz Lindridge, Midlands NHS England director responsible for vaccinations, said: "With new figures showing thousands of deaths associated with Covid and flu in recent years, it is clear the threat of winter viruses is all too real and it is vital that anyone eligible takes up the offer to get vaccinated.

"There are many slots available with GP practices, pharmacies, and other NHS teams offering quick and easy appointments, so please do look at the NHS App, NHS websites, or call 119 to book your appointment.

"It could keep you out of hospital this winter."

**County Planning:**

I have attached this flyer to give a flavour as to what applications County and its Planning Committee of which I am vice Chairman consider. As you can see it is quite different and generally more strategic than the applications that are dealt with at our District Council in Wychavon.

The flyer is titled "Have your say on planning in Worcestershire". It features a central word cloud with terms such as "PLANNING", "Green infrastructure", "Energy from waste", "Roads", "Minerals", "CLAY", "Nature recovery", "Infrastructure", "Brine", "ENFORCEMENT", "PROCEDURES", "Sand", "Gravel", "MONITORING", "Landscape", "Soils", "Waste", "WATER", "Lightbulb icon", "CRUSHED ROCK", "Ecology", "RECYCLING", "POLICY", "INVOLVEMENT", "COMMUNITY", "QUARRY", "Rail", "Bricks", "Aggregates", "POLLINATOR", "WATER", "Landfill", "Building Stone", "Woodland", "HABITAT", "Biodiversity", "SchooLS", "SAND", "GRAVEL", "MONITORING", "PROCEDURES", "ENFORCEMENT". Below the word cloud is a silhouette of a town skyline. Text on the flyer states: "We play a significant planning role across the whole of Worcestershire including policies and strategies about minerals and waste and major infrastructure projects like new railway stations and bridges." At the bottom left is a QR code labeled "SCAN ME". At the bottom right is the Worcestershire County Council logo and website: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/get-involved-planning](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/get-involved-planning).

**Bin lorries helping find mobile black spots in Worcestershire**

MOBILE signal trackers are being fitted in bin lorries to help find Worcestershire’s mobile black spots.

Residents and businesses are also being asked to play their part by letting the council know when and where they experience poor connectivity. Equipment being placed in bin lorries will measure mobile signals across the county over the next few weeks will allow Worcestershire County Council and network mapping company Streetwave to collect detailed street-level data. This will then be used to lobby the government, network operators and telecoms watchdog Ofcom to improve connectivity in the county.

**6. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Cllr L. Robinson shared that a sign that has come down by the Ford has been reported to highways to be fixed. It was also noted that some hedges in the village still needed cutting back, Clerk to contact highways to inspect.

**7. LENGTHSMAN**

Nothing to report all going well.

## 8. PLANNING

No new planning applications to consider.

## 9. FINANCE

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

Carl Brassington	Lengthsman September	£160.00	Cheque 100715
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£70.62	Cheque 100716
HMRC	Tax	£134.40	Cheque 100717
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£538.35	Cheque 100718
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman October	£80.00	Cheque 100719
Lisa Cope	Pay award 2024	£104.58	Cheque 100720

b) The bank balance as at 30/09/2024 was £12,424.33 and the savings account £1,054.96

c) Cllrs agreed that depending on correspondence from Police some funds may need to be ringfenced in the budget for Phone Box renovations (up to £5000).

## 10. PHONE BOX & DEFIBRILLATOR

The Parish Council now has a Police contact and form to complete should the Parish Council wish to take up ownership of the blue telephone box in the village. Cllr Dickens suggested the Clerk write back to the Police first to clarify if the Parish Council do not take ownership of the telephone box will the Police start maintaining it and carry out the refurbishment required to make it safe- all Cllrs agreed and Clerk to action.

After a response the Parish Council will then communicate with residents of the village to see if they would like to take ownership the phone box ongoing.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE-** None to report

## 12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

Cllr Howarth shared concern from a number of residents regarding a stile that needs replacing along the brook on the footpath from the Ford. It has been washed away and it is impossible for animals like dogs to get through and very difficult for walkers to get over also. Cllr Howarth to send the footpath number and a photo to Cllr Robinson to highlight to the Footpaths Officer at Wychavon.

Cllr Howarth also shared that Heart of England Forestry are starting to plant trees in the Orchard and are inviting the community to come along on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 to visit and plant a tree- more details will be shared on the village facebook page.

Lastly Cllr Howarth suggested the Parish Council revisit the Smart water initiative in the village- it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting with Cllr Edwards present who is a Neighbourhood Watch representative. In the meantime Cllr Robinson suggested that a Neighbourhood watch event is planned for this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November on Flyford Flavell Village Green 10am-2pm where smart water marking is taking place and crime advice is being given out to the Public.

## 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 starting at 7.30pm in the Church

Signed .....

Dated.....