

NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Church

Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr A. Howarth (Chair) Cllr G. Edwards
Cllr D. Dickens

In attendance: Clerk

Public Question Time-

1. **APOLOGIES-** Cllrs D Hudson, S Reeves & District & County Cllr L. Robinson sent their 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 Monday 4th November 2024, all in favour and were signed by Cllr Howarth.
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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

Happy New Year to you all.

So here we go for my first report of 2025. I hope you all enjoyed a break over Christmas. I was heartened to see so many of our villagers across my Division embracing the various activities that were held over the festive season and would like to thank all those who worked hard to make them happen.

WCC have released some interesting stats on their Facebook page over Christmas one of which is that 45 kms of tarmac have been laid on footways across the County. I am glad to see that some of yours have benefitted from this achievement.

Pershore Education Planning Area review- forthcoming changes.

(Having just received this from County I thought it might be of interest)

Decisions have been reached to extend the age ranges of all the first schools in the Pershore Education Planning Area to become primary schools. The middle schools in Pershore will no longer have a point of entry into Year 5 for September 2025, and Pershore High School's intake will be expanded to accommodate all Year 7 pupils in the area from September 2027.

More information about these changes is available at <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/pershorereview> but if you have any questions, please email [persshorereview@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:pershorereview@worcestershire.gov.uk)

School	Age range in 2025	Age range in 2026	Age range from 2027
Abbey Park First & Middle	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
Crowle CE First	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Defford-Cum-Besford CE First	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Fladbury CE First	3-10 (Year 5 added)	3-11 (Year 6 added)	3-11
Pinvin CE Academy	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
St Barnabas CofE First and Middle	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
Upton Snodsbury CofE First	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Pershore High	11-18	11-18	11-18 (all Year 7 places for area)

6. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Howarth stated that the 30mph sign that has slipped down has still not been rectified- Clerk to chase. Cllr Edwards to bring a reading from the VAS machine to the next meeting to review now that the VAS direction has been moved.

7. LENGTHSMAN

The lengthsman has sent his intention to retire in March which all Cllrs were saddened to hear as he has been a great lengthsman for the village.

The Clerk to advertise the position with CALC and locally on the noticeboard and village facebook page.

8. PLANNING

No new planning applications to consider.

9. FINANCE

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

Carl Brassington	Lengthsman November	£120.00	Cheque 100721
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£51.33	Cheque 100722
HMRC	Tax	£140.20	Cheque 100723
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£560.90	Cheque 100724
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman December	£200.00	Cheque 100725

b) The bank balance as at 29/11/2024 was £11,226.38 and the savings account £1,054.96

c) The budget was discussed and an increase of 3% on last year was agreed by all Cllrs present, the budget was set at £6,030.00 for 2025/26, Clerk to submit to Wychavon

10. PHONE BOX & DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk shared that no further correspondence has been received from the Police regarding maintenance of the Phonebox if the Parish Council do not take ownership. Clerk to email again for an answer, copying in the Chief Police and Crime Commissioner.

In the meantime the Clerk and Cllr Dickens to try and gain some quotes for the works required.

11. CORRESPONDENCE- None to report

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

Cllr Edwards to look into the Smart Water Initiative and bring details along to the next meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 4th March 2025 starting at 7.30pm in the Church

Signed

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