



NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL

meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024

at 8pm

in the Village Hall

PRESENT: William Harmsworth (Chairman) Phill Crutcher (Vice-Chairman) Bill Kear, Sarah MacDonald, Richard Tyson-Davies.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of public & Cllr Helyn Clack, Cllr Kirstie Havard

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Ameeta Garga, John McKenzie-Sage & Peter Perdue
Also Cllr Jo Farrar-Astrop & Cllr Dineke van den Bogerd

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC – MO/2024/1519/PLAH

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 9th September 2024 were agreed and approved by all members present and signed by the Chairman.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Q1. A resident asked about progress on investigating if an Air Quality Monitor was located or could be located in the village. This is ongoing and PP has been in correspondence with MVDC. Helyn Clack raised the question of costs that may be incurred if one was installed and who would monitor data etc! The clerk will contact Gatcom who have monitoring stations located around the airport and report back any update.

Q2. A resident passed on their thanks to SCC for the good job completed with the replacing of the railings at the cart pond. Also raised the issue of flooding which may be caused by a blocked culvert. Clerk to report and 'Fix My Street' information added to the parish magazine for November.

Q3. An allotment holder showed concern over the new gate being left open so letting deer into allotment plots. PC to purchase 'please shut the gate' sign and fix.

Q. A resident showed concern for a residents hedge at the corner of Kingsland which is encroaching onto the footpath making it difficult for pedestrians. Helyn Clack noted address and will follow up. Clerk will report via 'Fix My Street' website.

6. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

For period 9th September – 14th October 2024

Newdigate	Burnt Oak Lane	Damaged vehicle written off by insurer recovered by unknown persons. Logged as stolen.
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Newdigate	Village Street	Car hit garden wall. Occupant seen to be picked up by second car. Vehicle recovered and taken to pound.
Newdigate	Kingsland	Car and lorry in collision. Drink driving arrest made. Enquiries continue.
Newdigate	Rusper Road	Youths on electric scooter pulled into road caused vehicle to slam on breaks.
Newdigate	Rusper Road	Tree on road. Passed to council highways to deal.
Newdigate	Partridge Lane / Dukes Road	Motorcyclist came off. Single male rider. Taken to hospital.
Newdigate	Blanks Lane	Report of shooting. Believed to be shooting rabbits. Possibly poaching. No further reports.
Newdigate	Blanks Lane	Car and motorcycle in collision on a corner. Owners arranged recovery of vehicles.
Newdigate	Henfold Lane	Report of three vehicle collision. Road not blocked. Vehicles drivable.
Newdigate	Burnt Oak Lane	Damaged vehicle written off by insurer recovered by unknown persons. Logged as stolen.

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7. CLERKS REPORT

- 7.1 Information for residents 'Fix My Street' to be added to parish magazine, also advising of allotments becoming available.
- 7.2 All councillors agreed to the changing of start times for Full Parish Council meetings to 730pm with effect from November 2024. (this information will be added to the magazine and website)
- 7.3 Councillors approved the purchase of the Poppy Wreath and WH will collect from Bobs shop.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

- 8.1 The new allotment gate has kindly been installed by Phil Crutcher and Bill Kear. The Chairman passed on his thanks on behalf of the council.
- 8.2 Ameeta Garga met with some of the allotment holders and they raised the following concerns: tree and hedge trimming responsibility, metal structure removal & deer on land. It could not be confirmed who owned the hedge on the left hand side – tree topping was agreed and would be looked at further. Another meeting will be arranged between AG, allotment holders and the clerk to discuss all areas on the allotments including the borders.
- 8.3 William Harmsworth highlighted the publication of the Inspectors Report to the MVDC Local Plan 2020 -2039 with not much change to Newdigate village apart from changes to some buildings to a Grade II listed status.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1 The NatWest bank balance of £36,097.43 at 14/10/24 was approved and agreed.
- 9.2 The NatWest Brickworks A/c balance of £2260.00 at 14/10/24 was approved and agreed.
- 9.3 The Chairman signed and verified the excel account spreadsheets to both NatWest Bank statements.
- 9.4 The following BACs payments were approved by all councillors:

PAYEE	DETAILS	
HMRC	Clerk Tax October	£160.44 BACS
J Tyrrell	Working from home allowance	£26.00 BACS
Graham Hewitt	Poppy Wreath	£25.00 BACS

10. PLANNING

- 10.1 Planning minutes dated 7th October 2024 were reviewed by all councillors present.
- 10.2 Planning applications to be considered weekending 11th October 2024: See Appendix 1

11. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING

- 11.1 Speed Watch continues to be active in Parkgate Road and Kingsland locations.
- 11.2 Peter Perdue was absent however Helyn Clack reported that she had spoken with Nigel Pond and discussed the installation of a 2nd VAS sign on road coming into Newdigate from Rusper. This was confirmed problematic due to the location of the present 30mph marker – plans to have the 30mph speed restriction extended further towards Rusper (pass garage) would enable the installation of the VAS sign but of course would require public consultation and funded from next year’s budget. Helyn Clack to contact Peter Perdue with this update.

12. GATWICK MATTERS

- 12.1 No update.

13. TRIG STREET

- 13.1 Richard Tyson-Davies had an informal chat with Capel PC – next steps still to be decided.

14. BRICKWORKS

- 14.1 Bill Kear confirmed the summer projects had now been completed – new surface has been laid to the footpath and boardwalk areas. A meeting with Emily Jupe SWT and the parish council will be organised to discuss future project plans.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Q1. Helyn Clack highlighted the important work of Gatwick Greenspace in the local area. Work has been undertaken in Hammonds Copse, Glovers Wood and Edolph Copse to improve and maintain this greenspace. Funding has been withdrawn from MVDC so asked the councillors to consider a possible donation to Greenspace in next years budget. *Councillors advised that this would be considered at the next Finance meeting in November. Gatwick Greenspace would be invited along to meet residents and councillors at a future meeting.*

15. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 4th November at 7.15pm
 Planning Committee Meeting – Monday 4th November at 7.45pm
 Full Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th November at 7.30pm

Meeting ended 8.39pm

Chairman..... Dated.....

APPENDIX 1

PLANNING ADDITIONS received w/e 11th October 2024

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) **MO/2024/1482/PLAH** [Link](#)

Location: Woodcote, Mill Lane, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5AL

Proposal: Erection of 3 bay garage.

Case Officer: Hannah Suchy

Registration Date: 08-Oct-2024

PSH/Area: Newdigate

NPC Comment: Consider the proposed garage to be excessive in size on the proposed plot. (comment emailed to planning at MVDC 15/10/24)

2. DECISIONS:

a) **MO/2024/1188/PLA** [Link](#)

Location: Land south of Copse View, Burnt Oak Lane, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5BJ

Proposal: Erection of 1 No. detached two-storey dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping.

Decision: REFUSED

Decision Date: 07-Oct-2024

Parish: Newdigate

b) **MO/2024/1324/PLAH** [Link](#)

Location: Cudworth Gate, Cudworth Lane, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5BH

Proposal: Demolition of the front porch, lounge bay, Annexe entrance, small rear extension and outbuilding. Construction of a two-storey front porch, two-storey extension, first-floor front and rear extension to the Annexe and two-storey rear extension to the Annexe. Extension to raised rear terrace.

Decision: REFUSED

Decision Date: 07-Oct-2024

Parish: Newdigate

c) **MO/2024/1466/PNHH** [Link](#)

Location: Ashley Lodge, Parkgate Road, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5DZ

Proposal: Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension of 8 metres deep and 3.5 metres high with an eaves height of 3 metres.

Decision: PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED

Decision Date: 04-Oct-2024

Parish: Newdigate

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