



## NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL

For meeting held on

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**PRESENT:** William Harmsworth (Chairman) Ameeta Garga, Bill Kear, John McKenzie-Sage,  
Richard Tyson-Davies

**ALSO PRESENT:** Three members of the public  
District Cllr Kirstie Havard  
Clerk Jackie Tyrrell

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Phill Crutcher, Peter Perdue, Sarah Macdonald

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Cllrs approved the Full Parish Council meeting minutes dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and these were signed by the Chairman William Harmsworth.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

1. Cllr Havard informed the Council that she is currently looking into having the Way Finding Signs in the village replaced with a more traditional wooden sign similar to the ones located in Betchworth and Leigh village. The Council and residents were fully supportive and think that this will improve the appearance for the village and in part may help reduce the speed of vehicles passing through. Cllr Havard is also looking into having all the footpath signs approx. seven around the village replaced as many are damaged or broken.

2. Email received from a resident highlighting their concerns with inconsiderate parking and manoeuvres outside the village shop and vehicles driving on the pavement. *Cllr Havard will speak to Paul the shop owner in the first instance and if necessary speak with Surrey Highways.*

**5. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 (new to oldest)**

NEWDIGATE	Hogspudding Lane	People racing up and down on electric bikes. Doing doughnuts on grass. Asked to call if they return.
NEWDIGATE	Broad Lane	Dog attacked three sheep in field. This has been crimed and is under investigation.
NEWDIGATE	Rusper Road	Broken down vehicle in Live Lane. Dangerous for other road users. Police attended family moved to safer location.

NEWDIGATE	Partridge Lane	Fly-tipping. Rubble dumped in woodland.
NEWDIGATE	Rusper Road	Two men one woman seen to jump over fence into private field. In field for approx.. forty mins. Broke CCTV camera on way back. Crimed as criminal damage. Under investigation.
NEWDIGATE	Parkgate Road	Noisy van speeding through village. Small white van. Verbally abusive when challenged. Traffic offence report for no insurance.
NEWDIGATE	Kingsland	Tree branch down covering half of lane. Surrey Highways contacted to deal.

**6. CLERKS REPORT**

- 6.1 No additional items raised for addition by councillors for the month of March.
- 6.2 Clerk to prepare and present dates of forthcoming meetings with amendments as necessary also noting the later start time for Full Council meetings to 8pm from the month of March.
- 6.3 Bill Kear to follow up details for the first aid/defibrillator session to be held for residents in the Spring.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

- 7.1 All councillors were reminded of the MVDC Planning Training session to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Teams. Clerk to forward link to Richard Tyson-Davies.
- 7.2 William Harmsworth provided feedback from the recent SALC meeting on the proposed devolution of Surrey County to Council. Details of how this would work were still in discussion and how this would affect Parish Councils was unknown.
- 7.3 All councillors present agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 starting at 8pm. This would follow on from the Full Council meeting, which will start at the earlier time of 7pm. Clerk to invite speakers from Surrey Police, Chair of Community Centre and the Rev Andrew Coe from St Peter's Church. Drinks and nibbles will be available for attendees.
- 7.4 All councillors present agreed to a change of date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which will now be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 8pm. This will follow on from the regular Planning Committee meeting which will now start at the earlier time of 7pm.
- 7.5 Transport for the South East District (draft transport consultation). Information circulated to all Cllrs and added to the website.
- 7.6 With effect from March all Full Parish Council meetings will start at 8pm.
- 7.7 Cllrs and residents were reminded of the invitation to St Peter's 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations to be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am.

**8. FINANCE**

- 8.1 Bank balance confirmed and approved by Cllrs as at 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 of £30,617.20.
- 8.2 Bank balance confirmed and approved by Cllrs as 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 of £2.260.00.
- 8.3 Two Cllrs verified and signed both financial spreadsheets to NatWest bank Statements as at 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- 8.4 Cllrs noted 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 being the end of the finance year for the Parish Council.
- 8.5 The following bacs payments were acknowledged and approved by all present:

PAYEE	DETAILS	
HMRC	Clerk Tax for February	£ 194.12 BACS

WFH Allowances	Clerk – February 2025	£26.00 BACS
Community Centre	Village Hall Hire 2/9 – 9/12	£214.00 BACS

9. **PLANNING**

- 9.1 The Planning Committee minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 were noted by Cllrs.  
9.2 Additional planning applications received on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (see appendix 1).

10. **HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING**

- 10.1 Speed Watch Team – No change to report, the team continue subject to weather.  
10.2 Traffic Calming – No update to report.

11. **BRICKWORKS**

- 11.1 Bill Kear, William Harmsworth and District Cllr Kirstie Havard attended a meeting with SWT Emily Jupe and James Herd at their head office on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The meeting was not as successful and productive as the Cllrs would have hoped. A request to allow Bill Kear to work independently at the Brickworks were declined by the SWT representatives. Machinery and labour that Bill Kear has offered at no cost to SWT to make improvements to footpaths or clear vegetation was also refused. Sadly the Parish Council have the impression that neither the local residents or members of the public enjoying this wildlife area is important to SWT. The Parish Council are now considering its next steps and how the relationship with SWT can work to benefit all in the future.

12. **GATWICK**

- 12.1 The Governments decision on the approval of Gatwick to use the emergency runway as a second runway for regular use is due for publication by 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Q1. A resident asked when the remains from the bonfire will be removed from the Brocus. *Bill Kear confirmed that the ground has been too wet but as soon as there is a hard frost or period of dry weather this will be actioned.*
- Q2. A resident asked if the undergrowth by the large tree on the Brocus could be cleared as it is unsightly and collecting litter? *This will be actioned when the bonfire remains are removed.*
- Q3. Ameeta Garga was asked by the allotment holders - who is responsible for the fencing around the allotments? *Response from Cllrs – it is a joint responsibility and if fence posts are removed by holders they need to be secured back correctly. The hedge adjoining the neighbouring house was trimmed by the PC. Ton bags will be provided by Bill Kear and once filled with allotment rubbish will be removed at no cost to individual allotment holders.*

15. **DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

- PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm
- FULL PARISH COUNCIL Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm
- ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 8pm

**PLANNING ADDITIONS received w/e 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

1.1 MO/2025/0074/AC [Link](#)

Location: Oaklands park farm, Partridge lane, Newdigate, Dorking, RH5 5BU  
Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 and 10 of approved planning permission MO/2018/1440 for the erection of replacement dwelling

Case Officer: Donna Bulbeck  
Registration Date: 29-Jan-2025  
PSH/Area: Newdigate  
*NPC – No comment*

1.2 MO/2025/0146/PLA [Link](#)

Location: Coomers Minor, Partridge Lane, Newdigate, Dorking, RH5 5EE  
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural barn 15m x 7m for the storage of hay, agricultural plant and machinery following demolition of existing barn

Case Officer: Katrina Sullivan-Watkins  
Registration Date: 30-Jan-2025  
PSH/Area: Newdigate  
*NPC – No comment*

**2. APPEAL DECISIONS**

2.1 MO/2024/0571/PLA [Link](#)

Location: Horsielands Farm, Church Lane, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5DP  
Proposal: Demolition of the existing buildings and development of 3 No. detached houses with associated parking, access and landscaping.

Appeal Decision: Dismissed  
Decision Date: 03-Feb-2025  
Parish: Newdigate

**ENDED 8.26PM**

Chairman signature..... Dated.....