



NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL

For meeting held on

Monday 13th January 2025

PRESENT: William Harmsworth (Chairman) Phill Crutcher (Vice-Chair) Ameeta Garga Bill Kear
Sarah Macdonald Peter Perdue Richard Tyson-Davies

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, District Cllr Kirstie Havard and 7 members of public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

John McKenzie-Sage

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Cllrs approved the Full Council meeting minutes dated 9th December 2024.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Q. A resident asked if councillors were aware of the solar farm planning application at Flanchford Farm in Leigh? *Councillors confirmed that they were aware of this application but this did not come under Newdigate Parish so have not submitted a comment to MVDC. Cllr Kirstie Havard advised that she had been to many meetings held by the applicant and the residents and had heard the pros and cons of both sides. HGVs on the local roads should not be an ongoing issue if this site was approved by MVDC. She will keep the Council and residents informed of any future updates.*

5. **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT 9th December 2024 – 13th January 2025 (new to oldest)**

Newdigate	Winfield Grove	Assault has been crimed. Under Investigation.
Newdigate	Kingsland	Report of drink driving with children in vehicle. Police have details.
Newdigate	Parkgate Road	Window on door smashed as person left pub. Crimed as criminal damage.
Newdigate	Mill Lane	Group of youths ringing doorbell. Damage to gate. Police attended. Area searched no youths found.

Newdigate	Broad Lane / Other Unnamed Road	Abandoned 999 call. Seems phone fell off car roof. Later found.
Newdigate	Partridge Lane	Car blocking road. Airbags deployed. No person found with car.

6. CLERKS REPORT

6.1 It was agreed that an explanation of how the Precept figure was calculated and agreed for the period of 2025 – 2026 would be included in the February article.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

7.1 This event unfortunately clashed with the date of our Full Council meeting. Policing Your Community Event – Monday 13th January 2025 6pm – 7.30pm.

7.2 Councillors SM AG WH would prefer a planning training session in the evening on Wednesday 12th February at 7pm. This was submitted by the Clerk.
MVDC Planning Development Forum Meetings – 13th March & 11th Sept 2025.
Planning Training for all Cllrs – Monday 10th Feb 12pm or 6.30pm or Wednesday 12th February 1pm or 7pm.

7.3 Councillors noted this funding option but was aware that success was highly unlikely due to the position of the railway to Newdigate Parish. GWR Customer and Community Improvement Fund is now open. Applications will close at 2359 on Friday 31 January.

7.4 A meeting with the allotment holders will be held on Saturday 18th January at 10am.

8. FINANCE

8.1 Bank balance confirmed and approved by Cllrs at 13th January 2025 of £31718.05

8.2 Bank balance confirmed and approved by Cllrs at 13th January 2025 £2,260.00

8.3 Two councillors to verified and signed both financial spreadsheets to NatWest bank statements as at 13th January 2025.

8.4 Cllrs noted and approved the Finance Committee Minutes dated 6th January 2025.

8.5 All councillors present agreed and approved the Finance Budget for period 2025/26.

8.6 All councillors present approved the Precept request figure of £18,606.00 for period 2025/26.

8.7 To approve the following cheque payments:

PAYEE	DETAILS	
Community Centre	Village Hall Hire 2/9 – 9/12	£214.00 BACS
HMRC	Clerk PAYE Tax & NI January 2025	£194.12 BACS
Allowances/Expenses	Clerk – January 2025	£26.00 BACS

9. PLANNING

9.1 Cllrs reviewed the Planning Committee minutes dated 6th January 2025.

9.2 Planning applications considered and discussed weekending 10th January 2025:
MO/2024/2028/PLAH – *No comment*

9.3 Cllrs noted the consultation by MVDC on three draft Supplementary Planning Documents: Draft Affordable Housing SPD / Draft Planning Obligations SPD / Draft Design Guidance for House Extensions SPD

The consultation runs from 13 January 2025 to 28 February 2025 at 5pm.

10. **HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING**

- 10.1 Speed Watch Team –Peter Perdue is still waiting for Road Safety Report from Helyn Clack Surrey Highways regarding entrance to the village from Rusper.
- 10.2 Traffic Calming – Peter Perdue has requested further roadside boxes to monitor speed and number of vehicles at various points in the village. Will keep the council updated.

11. **GATWICK**

- 11.1 Gatwick planning application for use of the emergency runway is nearing its completion. For information – night flights (11pm & 7am) are set to remain at a number of 1000 arriving and 700 departing for the next two years. Easy Jet are recorded as having 287 flights for every day in the month of December.

12. **FOOTPATHS/RIGHTS OF WAY**

- 12.1 Trig Street – Richard Tyson-Davies outlined the funding that was still required to move this project forward amounted to £40-£60,000 and that he would continue working to get Trig Street fully funded and upgraded! Newdigate Parish Council pledged an amount of £1000, which was guided by the limited funds available, and the small scale of the council. Capel Parish Council would also be approached for a grant as well as an application to the Lottery Fund. All councillors agreed to remove Trig Street as a regular item on future agendas but would be included if there were any updates to report. All councillors thanked Richard Tyson-Davies for his sterling work to get this project to this point and acknowledged that many factors could influence its direction with the sale of Ibstock brick works and future input from Surrey County Council.

13. **BRICKWORKS**

- 13.1 Meeting dates with Emily Jupe and James Herd - Would prefer Zoom meeting on 23rd January, 29th January or 6th February – Councillors agreed that an in-person meeting would be more preferential. Clerk to contact SWT and request an in-person meeting either in Newdigate or at their head office. Cllr Kirstie Havard will also be invited to attend, as she has been very involved and is keen that Bill Kear is allowed to continue his work at the brickworks independently.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Q. A resident asked if any progress had been made on trimming back of the hedge at Magnolia Cottage – The homeowner is aware and is arranging to have this work done in the very near future.

15. **DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

- PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday 3rd February 2025 - 7.30pm
- FULL PARISH COUNCIL Monday 10th February 2025 - 7.30pm

END