



NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Monday 10th March 2025

At the Village Hall starting at 7pm

ATTENDING: Cllr William Harmsworth (Chair) Cllr Phill Crutcher (Vice Chair) Cllr Ameeta Garga, Cllr Bill Kear, Cllr John McKenzie-Sage, Cllr Peter Perdue, Cllr Richard Tyson-Davies

ALSO PRESENT: 7 members of the public
District Cllr Kirstie Havard
Clerk Jackie Tyrrell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sarah Macdonald

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

All councillors accepted and approved the Full Parish Council meeting minutes dated 10th February 2025, signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

4.1 A resident raised awareness with the ongoing concern of a man allegedly living in a shed in Glovers Wood. To gain access he crosses the bridleway BW11 and footpath FP314 which are now damaged from a 4x4 vehicle. The planning department at MVDC were first alerted on 21st September 2021. It has been followed up and District Councillors are also aware but still no action has been taken. A Stop Order has been put in place but this will expire on 1st April 2025. Glovers Wood is protected by an Article 4 Directive but has not been adhered to.
NPC – Clerk to follow up with MVDC Enforcement.

5. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT 10th Feb – 10th March (new to oldest)

Newdigate	Parkgate Road	Car in van collided on corner. No injuries.
Newdigate	Darbyshire Road	Report of online fraud under investigation.
Newdigate	Henfold Lane	Online generic invite to party in field which may have caused community impact. No further reports.

Newdigate	Parkgate Road	Report of reckless cycling. No further issues reported.
Newdigate	Winfield Grove	Overgrown garden having impact on neighbours.
Newdigate	Hogspudding Lane	Four by four dumped in woods. Not stolen. Abandoned. Believed to be a Land Rover Discovery. Registered keeper confirmed no longer owns vehicle.
Newdigate	Hogspudding Lane	Drone has been found and handed to Sussex Police who informed Surrey Police.

6. CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 The date of the next litter pick will be on Saturday 26th April, meet at 11am in the village car park. Clerk to add to next magazine edition.
- 6.2 All Councillors present reviewed and agreed the dates of meetings for 2025/2026/
- 6.3 All Councillors acknowledged and approved the Clerk obtaining CiLCA qualification.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

- 7.1 William Harmsworth gave a brief summary on the Devolution taking place in Surrey. Cllr Kirstie Havard has been to numerous meetings on this subject but as yet there are still many questions and information to be clarified. Clerk to invite Helyn Clack along to the April Full Council meeting to talk to residents – hopefully more information may be available.
- 7.2 Cllrs accepted and support MVDC Parish Council Representatives – Deborah Jones (Buckland) and Stuart McLachlan (Capel) to continue for another year.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 Bank balance confirmed and approved by Cllrs as at 10th March 2025 of £29,968.20.
- 8.2 Bank balance confirmed and approved by Cllrs as 10th March 2025 of £2.260.00.
- 8.3 Two Cllrs verified and signed both financial spreadsheets to NatWest bank Statements as at 10th March 2025.
- 8.4 The following bacs payments were acknowledged and approved by all present:

PAYEE	DETAILS	
HMRC	Clerk Tax for March	£ 194.12 BACS
Jane Roberts	Salary Management 6 months Sept – Feb	£ 90.00 BACS

9. PLANNING

- 9.1 The Planning Committee minutes dated 3rd March 2025 were noted by Cllrs.
- 9.2 Additional planning applications received on 7th March 2025:
 - 9.2.2 MO/2025/0270/DEA
Burnt Oak Farm, Burnt Oak Lane, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5BJ
Proposal: Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural barn of 10m x 40m for the storage of hay and cattle feed.
Registration Date: 26-Feb-2025
NPC – No observation to submit
 - 9.2.3 APPEAL DECISIONS
MO/2023/1630/PNK
Woodlands Farm, Burnt Oak Lane, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5BJ

Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of existing agricultural buildings to flexible commercial use (Class B8 Storage or distribution).

Appeal Decision: Dismissed

Decision Date: 03-Mar-2025

9.2.4 APPEALS DECISIONS

MO/2024/0302/PNQ

Location: Woodlands Farm, Burnt Oak Lane, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5BJ

Proposal: Prior notification for the conversion of the existing buildings to provide 5 No. dwellings (Use Class C3). The creation of new openings to provide natural light to all rooms on the dwelling houses.

Appeal Decision: Dismissed

Decision Date: 03-Mar-2025.

10. **HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING**

10.1 Speed Watch Team – Noticeable difference in speed when team are out.

10.2 Traffic Calming – Peter Perdue reported that any requested improvements i.e. reduction of speed and installation of further VAS signs is now with Helyn Clack. Peter has also requested a black box to record vehicles speed.

11. **BRICKWORKS**

11.1 Bill Kear, William Harmsworth and District Cllr Kirstie Havard have a meeting with Sarah Jane (CEO of SWT) on Friday 28th March at 11.30am at the Brickworks. This meeting will hopefully bring a positive approach to any works planned for the future.

12. **GATWICK**

12.1 GACC advised that the government are ‘minded to approve the use of the emergency runaway as a second runway’. Further details/information to follow.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Q1. A resident from Kingsland commented that they disappointed that they have not noticed a reduction of vehicles speed through the village.

Q2. A resident commented on the rubbish collecting around Bob’s shop, down the track at the side and in bushes. Cllr Phill Crutcher to speak with the shop owner to see what can be done to tidy up and improve the surrounding area. Kirstie Havard confirmed that the shop had requested the dropped kerb as cars were being left for a considerable time even though they were not using the shop facilities.

15. **DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

- PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday 7th April 2025 at 7.30pm
- FULL PARISH COUNCIL Monday 14th April 2025 at 8pm

MEETING ENDED AT 7.36pm

Chair’s signature..... Dated.....