

NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL
 Full Parish Council Meeting Minutes
 held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 8pm

PRESENT: Mr William Harmsworth (Chairman) Mr Phill Crutcher (Vice Chair) Mr Bill Kear, Mr John McKenzie-Sage, Mrs Sarah Macdonald, Mr Peter Perdue, Mr Richard Tyson-Davies.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Jackie Tyrrell (Clerk) plus eight members of the public & Local Councillors Jo Farrar-Astrop and Alcia Loach.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Phill Crutcher – MO/2023/0645/PLA & MO/2023/0695/DEA

Sarah Macdonald – MO/2023/0645/PLA & MO/2023/0695/DEA

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 12TH May 2023 were agreed and approved by all present

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Q1. A resident enquired about the availability of an allotment plot. The clerk confirmed that she was on the waiting list. They also advised that cows were seen eating the empty plastic bags which were left at the side of the allotments which runs along the farmers field. She was advised that all allotment holders have been asked to ensure all rubbish is removed from the site and kept tidy.

5. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT: 11 April – 12 June 2023

Parkgate Road	Traffic	Cyclist versus car minor injury
Village Street	Fire	Fire Brigade informing Police of kitchen fire at location and need traffic control.
Partridge Lane	Other Agency	Called for assistance for possible breach of peace. Police not required.
Hogspudding Lane	Suspicious Activity	White van sitting in same location for hours. No reports found of interest to police or any further calls / issues.
Parkgate Road	Anti-Social Behaviour	Drunk male at pub. Left in car. Officers did area search.
Mill Lane	Concern For Safety	Report of elderly lady walking alone in road. Taken home, phone line was down.
Parkgate Road	Traffic	Allegation of dangerous driving. Swerving at varying speeds. No further reports or dashcam footage.

Newdigate Road	Suspicious Activity	Red car reversed into driveway and turned engine off and then a black BMW did the same. Worried they were checking out residents' cars.
Village Street	Altercation	Disturbance at licenced premises.
Broad Lane	Environmental	Abandoned vehicle attracting further damage.
Partridge Lane	Vehicle	Complaint that car left for airport parking sustained damage.

6. CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 All Declarations of Interest Forms have been received from Cllrs and submitted to MVDC.
- 6.2 Cllrs reviewed and approved the Parish Councils Standing Orders & Financial Regulations for the coming year.
- 6.3 The Allotment Tenancy Renewal agreement was sent to all allotment holders with an enclosed letter requesting all rubbish to be removed from the site and that the plots must be used regularly as part of the agreement.
- 6.4 Dates of forthcoming meetings: Planning & Finance – Monday 3 July at 7.15pm & 7.45pm
Full Council Meeting – Monday 10 July at 8pm.
- 6.5 A Village Litter Pick has been arranged for Saturday 16th September at 10.30am. Local Councillor advised that an APP called Litter Lotto promotes picking up litter for payment.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

- 7.1 Peter Perdue has volunteered to lead on Gatwick matters and attend relevant meetings.
- 7.2 Peter Perdue attended the Discover Gatwick meeting and in summary, it is evident that Gatwick continue to invest in various areas of the airport and going ahead with plans for a second runway. Numbers of passengers could rise to 163 million with 42 airlines operating out of both the North and South terminal.
- 7.3 The Chairman will be attending Surrey ALCs meeting on 21st June via zoom.
- 7.4 The Parish Noticeboard will be sited alongside Bob's shop – installation to be arranged.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 The bank balance of £24,386.14 was agreed and approved by all Councillors present.
- 8.2 Councillors reviewed and approved the year end 31st March 2023 Financial Reports.
- 8.3 The Annual Governance Statement was duly signed by the Chairman and approved by all councillors present.
- 8.4 The Exercise of Public Rights for the period of 30 days from 19th June – 29th July were approved by all councillors present.
- 8.5 The following cheque payments were agreed and approved by all present:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
HMRC	Clerk Tax June	£148.20
Viking Stationary Supplies	Printer Ink & Paper Reams	£77.44
J Tyrrell	Postage stamps & envelopes	£7.00
Newdigate Sports & Social Club	Kings Coronation Celebration Event	£200.00

14. PLANNING

- 14.1 Councillors approved the planning meeting minutes dated 5th June and noted declarations of interest for Phill Crutcher and Sarah Macdonald for planning applications: MO/2023/0645/PLA and MO/2023/0695/DEA respectively.
- 14.2 No further planning applications for consideration as on 9th June 2023.

15. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING

- 15.1 Peter Perdue will be meeting with Local Councillor Jo Farrar-Astrop to discuss VAS signs going forward and will be meeting Nigel Pond in July. To date no response has been forthcoming from Rachael Moon so a reminder will be sent.
SpeedWatch – During the last month on four sessions of one hour we registered 58 vehicles with speeds ranging from 36mph to 50mph. The worst offenders are those coming into the village along Parkgate Road. Peter Perdue has put a request in for another speed recorder in that area as is currently on the waiting list.

16. FOOTWAYS/ROW/BRIDLEWAYS

- 16.1 No update to report regarding the Brickworks.
- 16.2 No update to report regarding Trig Street progress.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents were unanimous on their concerns regarding speeding cars and the volume of traffic going through the village. A resident referred to the road safety assessment carried out 5 years ago and read through the concerns and recommendations noted back then. Another resident mentioned the possibility of yellow lines being installed on the road outside the primary school and up to the church, this being a possible invitation for drivers to drive faster as the road will be relatively clear. Local Councillor Jo Farrar-Astrop advised that Bath had brought in new road safety measures and these were proving very successful. Both Local Councillors Jo Farrar-Astrop and Alcia Loach stated that they would be in full support of any improvements that could put in place and have offered to support the Parish Council on future projects.

Meeting ended 8.51pm

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