

NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Full Parish Council Minutes
held on Monday 11th September 2023 at 8pm

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Jackie Tyrrell (Clerk) Cllr Jo Farrar-Astrop, Cllr Helyn Clack plus four members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr John McKenzie-Sage

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MO/2023/1329 – Phill Crutcher

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held on 12th June 2023 were agreed and approved by all present.

11. FOOTWAYS/RoW/BRIDLEWAYS *(Item discussed as RTD attending Capel PC meeting)*

11.1 Footpath 225 – Email and photos sent to Mary Edwards and response confirming the positioning and the surface of the right of way would be addressed. Cllr Helyn Clack confirmed that this would be addressed.

11.2 Trig Street has been in the planning for over 14 years. The tendering process has been completed with total approximate costs of £80,000. Richard Tyson-Davies is leading this initiative and confirmed funds of £15,000 has been pledged so far. Richard to meet with Capel PC to discuss the possibility of further funding. *RTD leaves the meeting at 8.10pm.*

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public asked if the land at Lansdown would be discussed. Confirmed item was on the agenda.

5. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT 10th July 2023

Drugs	Parkgate Road	Believed drink was spiked while in pub.
Traffic	Blanks Lane	Road rage exited car and abused and spat at another motorist.
Criminal Damage	Burnt Oak Lane	Damage to caravan window
Public Order	Mulberry Place	Altercation between neighbours
Criminal Damage	Village Street	Unknown male going through bins made a gesture holding his throat up at cctv camera.
Vehicle Crime	Partridge Lane	Vehicle found used after being left parked to go on holiday.
Criminal Damage	Partridge Lane	Damage to fence and trees.

Burglary	Rusper Road	Garden Shed broken into and terrier cage stolen.
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6. CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 Interim Audit booked with Mulberrys for Thursday 5th October 2023 at 11,30am.
- 6.2 Allotments – 3 residents currently on waiting list. Discussion followed on the option of reducing the size of each allotment and to encourage sharing. Clerk to write to current tenants. It was noted that some of the land has not been used regularly and maintained as per the terms and conditions. Clerk to write to all current tenants. The entrance gate needs replacing, PC to organise quote and PC agreed to cover the costs.
- 6.3 Newdigate PC adopted Social Media & Electronic Communication Policy. WH and AG to be administrators along with the Clerk.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

- 7.1 Cllrs AG and PP attending the Code of Conduct training and found this beneficial.
- 7.2 Following a meeting of residents and local Councillors regarding Berry Farm it was confirmed that enforcement proceedings are moving forward. Cllr Jo Farrar-Astrop confirmed this information during the meeting.
- 7.3. A reminder that Roland Allen will be retiring from managing the PC website/Emails at the end of 2024.
- 7.4 Residents concerned with activity on the land between Lansdown and Little Oaks, Hogspudding Lane. Cllr Jo Farrar-Astrop confirmed that this still under investigation and steps are being made to address the situation.
- 7.5 A verbal request for funding from the PC towards shingles on the Church tower. This will be discussed further at our Finance meeting in November.
- 7.6 SALC clerk forum was held on Tuesday 12th September.
- 7.7 SALC councillor forum was held on Wednesday 13th September. All encouraged to attend.
- 7.8 SALC AGM will be held on Thursday 19th October – WH JMS PP and clerk to attend.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 The bank balance of £21,813.20 was agreed and approved by all Councillors present.
- 8.2 The Finance Committee minutes dated 3rd July 2023 were approved by all present.
- 8.3 St Peter’s Church grant application towards the churchyard maintenance and parish magazine costs were approved by all present (see below).
- 8.3 The following cheque payments were agreed and approved by all present:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
HMRC	Clerk Tax July	£148.20
St Peter’s Church	Churchyard Maintenance Grant	£675.00
St Peter’s Church	Parish Magazine	£575.00
Viking Stationary	Printer Ink, Stationary, Folders	£96.51

9. PLANNING

- 9.1 The Planning Committee minutes dated Monday 4th September were approved by all present.
- 9.2 Additional Planning Applications received Friday 8th September 2023:
MO/2023/1277 – No comment
MO/2023/1326 - No comment

10. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING

10.1 Peter Perdue advised that 35 vehicles had been recorded as speeding. An application had been made to be positioned further along from Kingsland. Cllr Helyn Clack confirmed that funding for a VAS speeding sign would be available for NPC. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of positioning of the speed watch team on Henfold lane as residents concerned with speeding vehicles. This will be discussed further with Surrey Police.

12. BRICKWORKS

12.1 All councillors approved the proposal from Surrey Wildlife Trust and Newdigate Parish Council to form a partnership and manage the Brickwork site for the benefit of residents and visitors. The Agreement was signed by Bill Kear and the clerk will share the document for signed by the SWT representative. Allocation of funds will be discussed at the next Finance meeting.

13. GATWICK MATTERS

13.1 Gatwick have submitted a planning application for a Development Consent Order to use the Emergency runway for all flights. The proposal replaces its standby runway with a full second runway. This will increase Gatwick's capacity to be as busy in the future as Heathrow is today. This will impact local villages with more traffic, aircraft noise, building of car parks and increase in air pollution. Gatwick have not mitigated for road safety, increase in traffic and lack of infrastructure in public transport by rail or buses with no investment being proposed to the local area. Registration is open for people and organisations to have their say on the application. The registration process is open from 5th September to the 29th October. You must include comments with your registration. Your comments must be about what you consider to be the main issues and impacts. You can also include anything that may affect your day-to-day life. You will be able to submit further comments during the Examination of the application once you have registered. You must submit your registration before 23:59 on 29 October 2023.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Chairman.....

Dated.....