

## NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

At the Village Hall at 8pm

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: A SPEAKING TIME OF 3 MINUTES WILL BE PERMITTED PER PERSON IN ORDER THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW ALL TO EXPRESS A VIEW OR ASK A QUESTION RELEVANT TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Jackie Tyrrell (Clerk) Sally Pavey (Chair of CAGNE) and 13 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Jo Farra-Astrop

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Phill Crutcher – MO/2023/1338/ECL & MO/2023/1322/PLAH

Bill Kear – MO/2023/1372/PLA

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were agreed and approved by all present.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**Q.** A resident asked if any statement had been made from MVDC following the pause of the Local Plan concerning development on greenbelt land? *PC response: no announcement from MVDC had yet been received. The Chairman encouraged residents to contact their local district councillors for more information.*

**Q.** A resident asked if Full Parish Council meetings were going to be held at the earlier time of 7.30pm in the winter? *PC response: The Chairman confirmed that if all councillors agreed to the earlier time of 7.30pm start for Full Parish Council meetings, which would commence in November.*

**Q.** A resident asked if any news or progress had been made concerning the land between Lansdown and Little Oaks in Hogspudding Lane? *PC response: The Chairman advised that no news had yet been received but understood that Cllr Jo Farrar-Astrop is dealing with the situation. The clerk would email to check on any progress.*

5. **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

None received. Any incidents to be reported at next month's meeting.

6. **CLERKS REPORT**

6.1 The Interim Audit with Mulberrys was cancelled and will be rebooked for October.

6.2 A letter reminding tenants of the terms and conditions was sent to all allotment holders at the end of September.

- 6.3 The earlier time of 7.30pm start for Full Parish Council meetings and news of our new Facebook page will be added to the Parish Magazine article for November.
- 6.4 Councillors to review all Governance Policies: Statutory Policies, Data Protection Policies, Community Policies and Conduct Policies and approve at the meeting in November.
- 6.5 Councillors to review Risk Assessment and Risk Management Policies and approve at the meeting in November.
- 6.6 Andrew Coe of St Peter’s Church passed on his thanks to the Parish Council for the two grants which were given for the churchyard maintenance and the parish magazine.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Phill Crutcher confirmed that he is progressing with the replacement of the gate at the allotments.
- 7.2 Councillors agreed that the Facebook page is working well but more members needed to be aware that it was live. It will be advertised in the Parish Magazine and website.
- 7.3 SALC AGM Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.30am – William Harmsworth, John Mckenzie-Sage and Peter Perdue (voting representative) will be attending and report back to the council at the next meeting.
- 7.4 The Parish Council received a verbal request for grant monies towards the installation of a Multi-Sports court on the recreation ground. This will be discussed at our next Finance meeting.
- 7.5 The Parish Council received another verbal request for grant monies towards the cost of shingles for the church tower. This will be discussed at our next Finance meeting.
- 7.6 Councillors approved the purchase of a Polly Wreath from Graham Hewitt, Royal British Legion.
- 7.7 The village litter pick in mid-September was a great success. Phill Crutcher advised that there was a tremendous turnout of residents and the collected the many bags of litter from our local roads. In fact, it was the most he had ever seen collected.
- 7.8 The installation and location of the replacement Parish Noticeboard was discussed briefly following the destruction again of a local community board next door to Bob’s shop by the delivery driver. It was agreed that this would be placed next to the bus stop out of harm’s way.
- 7.9 Councillors acknowledged the Polling Station Consultation by MVDC with no further comments.
- 7.10 Councillors and residents were advised of the Gatwick Expansion meeting being held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm by Capel Parish Council.

**8. FINANCE**

- 8.1 The bank balance of £28,372.30 on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was approved by all present.
- 8.2 The councillors acknowledged the receipt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precept 2023/24 being received from MVDC for an amount of £8838.50.
- 8.3 The following cheque payments were approved by all present:

PAYEE	DETAILS	
Jane Roberts Ltd	Clerk Salary & Tax Management	£90.00 BACS
HMRC	Clerk Tax October	£148.20 BACS
Society of Local Council Clerks	SLCC Annual Membership	£146.00 BACS
Surrey Ass of Local Councils	SALC AGM Meeting	£80.00 BACS

## 9. PLANNING

- 9.1 The Planning minutes dated Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 were approved by all present.
- 9.2 Councillors discussed to planning application MO/2023/1338- Little Acorns, Rusper Road, Newdigate. They acknowledged the neighbours' concerns and requested the Clerk write to MVDC planning department to object. *Actioned 11.10.23*
- 9.3 Councillors discussed the following planning applications received on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023:  
MO/2023/1277/PLA – Berry Farm, Blanks Lane, Charlwood, Horley  
*PC Comment – This site is currently under enforcement with an article 4 being placed on the land but has so far been ignored. The Parish Council object to this application.*  
MO/2023/1455 – Land at Little Folly, Ewood Lane, Newdigate  
*PC Comment – This application should be refused as is an encroachment on greenbelt, oversized for the plot, possible future infilling on the site, access will be an issue as residents own and currently entrance only.*  
MO/2023/1456 – Woodcote, Mill Lane, Newdigate  
*PC Comment – Application is for a sizable building which raises the question if this actually is ancillary accommodation. Building would be in front of the building line of current property. Any condition must enforce that at no time must this become a separate dwelling in the future.*

## 10. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING

10.1 Speed Watch Update - In the nine months that we have been operating this programme, over 230 vehicles have been logged exceeding the speed limits on our roads at four different locations. Two new sites for Speed Watch have been requested. We currently have nine volunteers but need more volunteers so they can offer more sessions at the six sites. A short and relatively easy test is completed online to be an approved operative. If you are interested, please contact Peter Perdue on [peterperdue@newdigateparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:peterperdue@newdigateparishcouncil.gov.uk) who can provide more details.

10.2 Peter Perdue advised that we are now 4<sup>th</sup> on the list for the installation of the VAS signs which is organised by Nigel Pond.

## 11. GATWICK

11.1 Sally Pavey Chair of CAGNE gave a presentation to all council members and the resident who were attending on the recent consultation on the use of the emergency runway as a second runway by Gatwick. *This item was heard after Public Questions in order that Sally could leave the meeting.*

## 12. FOOTWAYS/Row/BRIDLEWAYS

12.1 Richard Tyson-Davies advised that funds needed would be in the region of the sum of £80,000 to complete this project. Surrey County Council are not providing funds, Ibstock will provide the hard materials, a resident has pledged a sum of £10,000, Rusper & Newdigate Bridleway Association will donate funds of £2000 and the British Horse Society have pledged £3000 to date. Other sources of funding from grants are still ongoing and at this point Capel Parish Council have yet to pledge financial support. Richard Tyson-Davies will contact Surrey County Council to provide an update.

13. **BRICKWORKS**

13.1 All councillors acknowledged and approved the New Agreement received from Emily Jupe from Surrey Wildlife Trust and Bill Kear signed the agreement. Bill Kear confirmed that he will provide the plant machinery and project manage this initiative. The Clerk will email this latest copy to SWT and request a copy of the location map. *Actioned on 11.10.23.*

14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

15. **DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting @ 7.15pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Finance Committee Meeting @ 7.45pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 7.30pm – Full Parish Council Meeting

The meeting ended at 9.27pm.

Chairman.....

Dated.....