

NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: three members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2023 were agreed and approved by all present.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A resident raised concerns on the very poor delivery service offered by the post office. Many residents are not receiving any post or packages for weeks at a time! Therefore often medical and other important documents are not being received and responded to. The Parish Council will write to MP Paul Beresford and local councillors on behalf of the residents.

5. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

10th December 2023 – 8th January 2024

Newdigate	Kingsland	Road related offence failing to provide specimen, no licence insurance tax mot, and obstructing police.
Newdigate	Partridge Lane	Reports of airport park and ride issues.
Newdigate	Parkgate Road	Front window of restaurant damaged.
Newdigate	Winfield Grove	Report of antisocial behaviour predominantly noise from neighbours.
Newdigate	Cudworth Lane	Residential burglary.
Newdigate	Village Street	Report of man making threats outside pub. All in order police checked he was just waiting for a taxi.
Newdigate	Partridge Lane	Tree fallen across road.

6. CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 No additional items to be included for the parish magazine.
- 6.2 Two current allotment holders have agreed to split their plot, which has now been offered to residents on the waiting list, these being the Eastern plot of 2A, and the Western plot of 2B. Time of change has yet to be agreed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

- 7.1 Tiding up of the village pond was discussed and Phill C confirmed that Mr Kenward has volunteered to remove the dead tree trunk and trim back the over-hanging branches. Consideration will be to leave the wildlife habitats undisturbed so this will be completed prior to the Spring.
- 7.2 The Parish Council passed on their thanks to Bill Kear who has now installed the replacement Parish Noticeboard in its new location next to the bus stop in the centre of the village.
- 7.3 The dates for forthcoming meetings for 2024/25 who reviewed and agreed by councillors.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 The current bank balance of £24,866.88 was approved by all councillors and WH signed the bank reconciliation sheet.
- 8.2 All councillors present agreed and approved the Finance Budget for period 2024/2025.
- 8.3 All councillors present approved the Precept request figure of £17,720.00 for period 2024/2025
- 8.4 The following cheque payments were agreed and approved by all present:

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
HMRC	Clerk Tax December	£177.00 BACS
Viking Limited	Printer Ink Black Cartridge XL	£43.91 BACS
J Tyrrell (PC World)	Printer Ink Black Cartridge XL	£48.99 BACS

9. PLANNING

- 9.1 No additional planning applications to consider this meeting.

10. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING

- 10.1 The Speed Watch team continue to go out subject to weather conditions.
- 10.2 Peter Perdue continues to liaise with Peter from SCC and hopes the installation of the speed warning sign will be completed by March 2024.

11. GATWICK MATTERS

- 11.1 No update.

12. FOOTWAYS/ROW/BRIDLEWAYS

- 12.1 No update.

13. BRICKWORKS

- 13.1 The signed copy of the Agreement between Surrey Wildlife Trust and Newdigate Parish Council has now been received. All councillors approved this and noted that the updated map from Emily Jupe showing the areas of interest will be sent to NPC once finalised.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Q1. A resident raised the issue of the log seat has been damaged but the debris which was on site has now been cleared.
- Q2 Broad Lane – Is it possible for the verge way to be cleared so that it can be safely walked along especially for school children? Land is owned by Surrey County Council. Clerk to contact local councillors.

Meeting ended 9.17pm

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