

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Parish Meeting
Held in St Giles Church on Thursday 8th February 2024**

Attendees	Cllr James Nettleton (JN) Cllr Peter Ablett (PA) Cllr Mike Black (MB) Cllr Duncan Howlett (DH) Cllr David Turner (DT)(SODC) Cllr Robin Bennett (RB)(OCC) Bianca Mays (BM)(Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr Graham Howlett (GH)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
01/24	Introduction	The Chair JN welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.35pm.	
02/24	Apologies	Apologies noted for GH.	
03/24	Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes approved and signed by JN.	
04/24	Declarations of interest	Potential declaration of interest in 13/24 by DH.	
05/24	Open Forum & Village Matters	None.	
06/24	District Councillor Report	DT Summarises monthly report.	
07/24	County Councillor Report	RB summarises monthly report.	
08/24	Councillor and Parish Reports		
08/24a	Community Liaison / Notice Board Control	BM reports notice board up to date.	
08/24b	Planning Applications	Large planning application going in for Warborough, PA motions that NPC contact WBC to find out their thoughts on these plans before responding. DH offers to research/contact Warborough Parish Council.	DH
08/24c	Event Coordination	D-Day to be discussed under point 14/24.	
08/24d	Website	BM reports website up to date.	
08/24e	Highways & Potholes	MB reports damage to crash barrier following SSE chopping a tree down that recently fell onto a high voltage powerline over the A329. MB to report through FixMyStreet. BM to share FixMyStreet details in WhatsApp.	MB / MB
08/24f	Responsible Financial Officer	JN reviews cashbook. Various payments approved.	
08/24g	Footpaths	No issues reported.	
09/24	Millenium Stone Maintenance	A Newington resident recently suggested that a tree surgeon trim trees behind the Millenium Stone. All thank resident for contribution. PA to monitor the situation and ready to undertake pruning as needed.	

10/24	Newington Parish Council Banking Provider	BM proposes that NPC change banking provider, to alternative supplier which allows for online payments. All in favour. JN to take steps to commence the switch.	JN
11/24	Defibrillator Project Update	SOHA recently asked MB for dates that the installation can take place. DH/MB to arrange trench digging in alignment with SOHA team. DH and MB to arrange dates outside of meeting. PA has possession of the box, and defibrillator and case is now awaiting installation following groundworks.	DH / MB
12/24	Speed Activated Sign	MB raises the issue of the SAD still displaying 30mph, despite new speed limit of 20mph through Newington. MH continues to chase Highways, who have chosen a supplier to update the sign and will put us in contact in due course with a view to completing install ASAP.	
13/24	Speed Limit Through Newington	BM reads letter from parishioner regarding speed past The Lighthouse. JN proposes that NPC recommend a reduction of the speed limit past The Lighthouse Nursery to 40mph – all vote in favour – DH abstains due to declaration of interest. RB currently supporting several speed related schemes in the area and asks BM to forward letter to him so that he can help take this matter forwards. Discussion to take place at future meetings with regard to increasing signage outside of the nursery.	BM / RB
14/24	D-Day Commemoration Plans	JN proposes a beacon to commemorate the 80 th anniversary of D-Day, to take place on his land. Residents will be encouraged to attend and details will be agreed at next meeting, with invites distributed closer to the event.	JN
15/24	Participation in Great British Spring Clean	All in favour of participating in Great British Spring Clean – BM to order litter pickers and arrange date.	BM
16/24	OALC Councillor Forum	BM highlights new OALC Councillor Forum, offering networking/training opportunities to cllrs if desired.	
17/24	AOB	Sub-Committees MB suggests that sub-committees could be deployed to support NPC with various projects. Meeting Dates Parishioner suggests that meeting dates are shared with village WhatsApp group in future to boost attendance. May AGM It is agreed that the organisation of the May Annual Parish Meeting be added to the agenda for the next meeting.	
	Date of Next Meeting	7.00pm Thursday 11th April.	

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....