

NEWBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th January 2024

05-01-01 Present

Cllr MW Gibson (Chair), JR Orde, KE Bell, and HA Walton and, Clerk, R Macfarlane and County Cllr Nick Morphet.

05-01-02 Apologies

Cllrs Mrs J Annan, AR Smith and MD Newson.

05-01-03 Declaration of Interest

05-01-04 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Newbrough PC, which was held on 1st November 2023, were approved by the Council, then signed by the Chairman.

05-01-05 Matters Arising None

05-01-06 Public First Focus

No members of the public present.

05-01-07 Communications

CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news, NCC Elections, RVI Children's Trust, SLCC Magazine, Tynedale Hospice newsletter. Letters of thanks were received from Community Action Northumberland, Great North Air Ambulance Association, Tynedale Hospice at Home, RBL Poppy Appeal, RVI Sick Children's Trust

05-01-08 Planning

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 Proposal Listed Building Consent for replacement of glazed section of roof following recent failure, reduction in extent of glazed area. External landscaping and new garden walls. Newbrough Farmhouse NE47 5AR Applicant Mr & Mrs S Esland Northumberland County Council GRANTED permission.
Northumberland Open Space Assessment Town and Parish Council Survey
Cllr Newson (in liaison with CANF) will advise on behalf of Newbrough Parish.

05-01-09 Reports

Sportsfield Association – verbal report, Cllr Walton.

Climate Change and Green Issues – verbal reports Cllr Newson, Cllr Morphet

Newbrough Primary School – verbal report Cllr CE Bell

NCC – Licence from Railtrack for parish seat, Church Lane re-surfacing not imminent, Community Speedwatch, new climate change website.

05-01-10 **Roads**

Highways – concerns over sweeping North Road and Lover’s Lane

Pot-holes - Numerous pot-holes in the parish. Residents and public are advised to report pot-holes on the NCC website using FixMyStreet

05-01-11 **Remembrance Sunday – 12th November 2023**

The annual Remembrance Service took place at the Town Hall conducted by Revd Michael Holland of Fourstones Methodist Church. Cllr Bell laid a wreath on behalf of the Council.

05-01-12 **Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments survey on digitalising the Annual Governance and Accountability Return**

As part of its future strategy, the new board of SAAA is running a project to consider the possible digitalisation of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) process and what benefits or challenges this would bring to customers and suppliers.

Precept

Government grants no tax referendum principles in 2024/25 for local councils
In response to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), the government has excluded local (town and parish) councils from council tax referendum principles in 2024/2025. Local councils having the freedom to set their precept without holding a referendum is one of the key asks in NALC's manifesto.

02-09-13 **Footpath to St Peter’s**

NCC is not in favour of a gravel path (wouldn’t represent good value for money and maintenance issues). Grant sources, SITA, Green Rigg, Ray Wind Farm, & RAMP.

02-09-14 **Finances**

Bank Accounts 3rd January 2024 Deposit £20,713.28 and Current £5,187.52

Income Precept £11,500, vat £32.41, Coronation Mugs £364 and Bank Interest £248.37

Payments by S/O Clerk’s Salary, HMRC and Meeting Room Rent

Payments Approved a) Council Expenses £65.60, Warden & Newbrough PCC £1,600 ,
b) SLCC £112.00, IONIS Website (Inv 1775) £9.88

Assets Council Assets total £15,301

02-09-15 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Newbrough Parish Council will be held at 7.00 pm, provisionally on Wednesday 6th March 2024. (1st May 2024 depending on elections)

The Meeting was closed at 8pm.