

NEWBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5th July 2023

This meeting was held in the Town Hall, Cllr MW Gibson opened the meeting at 7.00 pm

01-05-01 **Present** Cllrs MW Gibson (Chair), J Annan, KE Bell and HA Walton, Also Present: Clerk, R Macfarlane County Councillor NJ Morphet and one member of the public.

01-05-02 **Apologies** Cllr AR Smith and MD Newson

01-05-03 **Declaration of Interest** All councillors were reminded that the “Members’ and Co-opted Members’ Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests” forms should be regularly reviewed.

01-05-04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Newbrough PC which was held on 3rd May 2023 were approved by the Council then signed by the Chairman.

01-05-05 **Matters Arising**

All of the planters have been replenished.

01-05-06 **Public First Focus**

No issues.

01-05-07 **Vacancy** Cllr J Annan proposed **Mr JR Orde** seconded by HA Walton and all agreed. At this point in the Meeting **Cllr JR Orde** signed the declaration of acceptance of office (LGA 1972 s83). Cllr Orde was then given the “Members’ and Co-opted Members’ Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests” forms. The Chairman welcomed him to the Council, presented him with a copy of the “Good Councillor’s Guide” (published by The National Training Strategy for Town & Parish Councils), and wished him a happy and successful time as a Newbrough Parish Councillor.

01-05-08 **Communications**

Various e-mails and other correspondence including; CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news, NCC Roadworks Information, Tynedale Hospice newsletter, GNAAS

01-05-09 **Planning**

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

23/00978/LBC Proposal Listed Building Consent for timber garden sheds, greenhouse and former agricultural land brought into domestic garden use Location Morningside Newbrough NE47 5AR Applicant Mr I Donkin Granted 16th June 2023.

01-05-10 **Roads and Footpaths**

Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2024-2025

The Council is requested to identify top three priorities to include in the Northumberland County Council draft programme and the following were submitted -

1. Footpath to St Peter's running parallel along the north side of Stanegate. A gravel/ash path from Newbrough Bridge to St Pater's Church, to replace the original. The Council could contribute to this project and also attract other funding.
2. Strengthening and drainage of Church Lane.
3. Pedestrian Safety - The extension of the footpath on the south side of the Stanegate C227 road, from the "T" Junction with B6319 Butt Bank, to Newbrough CofE Primary School.

Warden Parish Council LTPCP

The Council will also support Warden PC with their LTPCP 2024-2025 request, "Mossy strengthening and drainage; and Mossy road resurfacing"

Footpaths

The path from the cricket club to the primary school was seriously overgrown with weeds, especially thistles at pavement height and nettles from the wall at head height. This is already a narrow path, but with the spiky and stingy overgrowth there is even less space for walking children safely to school. Because of the dangerous nature of this problem, S Davies was instructed to clear the hazard.

01-05-11 **Reports**

Northumberland County Council

A full report was given by County Councillor Morphet (footpaths, flooding, & meetings) The new Locality Coordinator is Delia Faran and the Council would be very happy for her attend the next Newbrough PC meeting on Wednesday 6th September.

The Council have agreed to pay for the installing of a bench between Allerwash Mill and the river on Network Rail property, adjacent to the public footpath, 533/007.

This is dependent on the landowners permission, and with that permission the Council will be able to insure the bench and provide maintenance.

Network Rail Customer Services will take this to the Community Rail Panel team and produce a licence for the bench.

Sportsfield Association

Newbrough Cricket Club is playing in the West Tyne League in Division 2. They have also reached the final of Division Two Knock-out competition, beating Haltwhistle and Stocksfield to be rewarded with Allendale in the final on 16th July.

Climate Change and Green Issues

Meeting of CANF on 9th May. Laura Waugh has become a director of The Nurture Project CIC and is running Forest School with them now and they are opening a Community Garden- Environmental Education Hub in Haydon Bridge.

02-09-12 **The Pensions Regulator**

Automatic Enrolment. The re-declaration of compliance has been completed to inform the Pensions Regulator that the Council has no-one to put back into a pension scheme.

01-05-13 **Finances**

Bank Accounts 1st July 2023 BMM £5344.99 Community £20529.49

Payments by S/O Part Salary £306, HMRC £76.50, Meeting Room Rental £30, ICO £35

Income Precept £5,750, vat £247.42, Coronation Mugs (WPC) £364

Payments Approved S Davies Grass Cutting cheque Inv 16 & 19 £105 and £115,

Council Expenses £30.05, Mrs Sandra Gibson (Planting) £61.82, IONIS Website Inv 7279 £48, IONIS Website Inv 5995 £8.44, AR Smith planting £250.

Other Payments Approved Mr ML Smith, Bus shelter repairs,

01-05-14 **Review of Documents.**

Scheme of Delegation

The scheme of delegation to be amended in the light of a Councillor resigning and a new Councillor co-opted.

01-05-15 **Date and Time of Next Meeting** - 7.00 pm, Wednesday 6th September.

The Meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.