

NEWBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st March 2023

The Chairman Cllr MW Gibson opened the meeting at 7.00 pm.

06-03-01 Present

Cllr MW Gibson (Chair), Mrs J Annan, and KE Bell. C.Cllr Nick J Morphet also Clerk, R Macfarlane. Four members of the public.

06-03-02 Apologies

Cllrs IS Hunter, HA Walton, MD Newson, and AR Smith

06-03-03 Declaration of Interest

None

06-03-04 Announcement

It was with sadness, that the Chairman announced the deaths of; Brian Bell, Julia Waugh and Ella White BEM. Our thoughts are with their family and friends at this difficult time.

06-03-05 Presentation

Angela Watt, Locality Coordinator for West Northumberland

Angela introduced herself to the Council and outlined the work she is engaged in with Northumberland Communities Together. This is a new initiative set up during the COVID pandemic. The organisation aims to provide help and advice to those who require support, by connecting residents to their community, volunteers, and local organisations. She works with those whose financial circumstances have changed, people worried about winter bills, or financial pressures and people feeling lonely, overwhelmed or struggling with mental health.

Contact number 01670536400 – open 24/7, 365 days a year.

06-03-06 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Newbrough PC, which was held on 2nd November 2022, were approved by the Council, then signed by the Chairman.

06-03-07 Matters Arising

Some concern with trees affecting the light on pavement near the Cricket Club and the remains of the tree at the junction of Church Lane and the Stanegate.

06-03-08 Public First Focus

Issued raised –

Speeding at the west end and over Newbrough Bridge.

Newbrough School MUGA is in need of repair.

06-03-09 **Communications**

HRH Charles III Coronation will be held on the Saturday 6th May and there will be three bank holidays in May, CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news, NCC Elections New ID initiative, SLCC Magazine, Tynedale Hospice newsletter, ADAPT news, Green Wind Community farm benefit, NCC - Coronation Community Fund, NALC - King's Garden Party, West Northumberland Primary Care Network and Government Funded EV Chargepoints.

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.

06-03-10 **Primary Care Network (PCN).**

The West Northumberland Primary Care Network Patient Group;

Cllr Newson is a member of this group and will be able to provide a patient perspective of services provided within the PCN.

06-03-11 **Elections**

From May 2023 voters in England will need to show photo ID when they vote in person at elections in England. This is a change being introduced by the UK Government and will apply to all future local elections: referendums, recall petitions and Police and Crime Commissioner elections from May 2023 and all UK Parliamentary General Elections from October 2023. These new requirements will not affect electors who vote by post.

Electors who currently do not have an accepted form of photo ID can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate free of charge. The full list of accepted IDs is available on the Electoral Commission website, along with more information about the new requirements and details of how to apply for a free voter ID, at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID.

There are no scheduled elections planned for 2023 in Northumberland, and the County Council are taking every step to ensure voters are aware of the new requirements. For unscheduled by-elections taking place prior to May 2023 voter ID will not be required.

06-03-12 **Electric Vehicle Charging Services- EV Chargepoints**

FREE Government Funded EV Chargepoints for Newbrough Parish. The UK Government has a clear commitment to achieving net zero emissions across the whole country. To achieve this, we need a reliable comprehensive public charging network across the UK. The UK Government has selected the Northumberland District for grant funding of EV chargepoints in the local town and parish councils. More information can be found at <https://char.gy/> which has been selected by the Government to deliver the above commitment via several schemes.

06-03-13 **Planning**

Current Planning Applications.

Planning Ref: **22/03399/LBC** GRANTED permission 1st February 2023

Planning Consultation; **23/00685/FUL** Lane House U8138 Newbrough Junction To B6318 Military Road Newbrough Northumberland NE47 5EA

06-03-14 **Roads**

Some issues with leaves cluttering and decaying on roads. Clerk to contact Neighbourhood Services to report roads that need sweeping.

06-03-15 **Royal Garden Party**

The King will give two Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace this year on Wednesday 3rd May and Tuesday 9th May to celebrate the Coronation. This year, the themes the palace wishes to promote are youth (young adults), community, diversity and sustainability. Congratulations to the Council Chairmen who has been selected to receive an invitation.

06-03-16 **Reports**

Sportsfield Association – verbal report.

Climate Change and Green Issues -

Climate Action Newbrough and Fourstones activities

06-03-17 **Remembrance Sunday – 13th November 2022**

The Remembrance Service was led by Rev'd Canon Jeremy Thompson, Rector of St. John Lee and Vicar of Warden & Newbrough, it began in the Town Hall at 10.30 am with the laying of wreaths and the two minutes silence at the war memorial outside the Town Hall at 11.00 am. Cllr Bell laid a wreath on behalf of Newbrough Parish Council.

06-03-18 **Finances**

Bank Accounts 3rd March 2023 Deposit £18,464.23 and Current £5,477.23

Income Precept £11,000 and vat £32.41, Jubilee Grant £500, Insurance claim £523.47

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

Payments Approved

SLCC £90, Council Expenses £37.54, McDonald hedge cutting £182.40 (vat £30.40), Website repair TDWA £950, IONIS Website £64.85.

06-03-19 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Newbrough Parish Council will be held at 7.00 pm, provisionally on Wednesday 3rd May 2023).

The Meeting was closed at 7.40 pm.