

**NEWTOWN PARISH COUNCIL****Hampshire**

Minutes of a meeting of Newtown Parish Council held on  
Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7pm, Newtown Village Hall

**Present:** Meeting Chair: Tom Reseigh  
Councillors: Sean Curry, Jo Exelby,

**In attendance:** Clerk: Rebecca Cloke  
Cllr John Izett

**ACTION****64. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Webb and Cllr Ward

**65. Declarations of Interest**

None

**OPEN FORUM – none****66. Approval and signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2022.**

The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair. Nominated by Cllr Curry and seconded by Cllr Exelby

**67. Report for “News from the Villages”**

Cllr Reseigh to prepare article for upcoming edition.

**68. Report from the Borough and/or County Councillor**

Cllr Thacker - absent

Cllr Izett updated the councillors that Basingstoke and Deane were close to finalising their budget for 2023/24 and would be freezing the borough council element of the council tax.

He further stated that there were Councillor grants available for suitable projects with an application deadline for 28<sup>th</sup> February. Projects would need to have community benefit.

Cllr Izett briefed the councillors on the recent government announcements regarding planning and the implication of Basingstoke and Deane not having a current Local Plan. Cllr Izett advised all Parish Councils implemented a Neighbourhood Plan before the legislation changes as otherwise it will need to conform to the new legal framework. Cllr Izett stated that there were now thirteen parishes within the borough that had successfully implemented a Neighbourhood Plan and so there were “blueprints” that could be used.

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Cllr Reseigh queried how the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan had been allowed to become out of date and Cllr Izett stated that the methodology for calculating housing need had caused issues as it used historic demographic data.

Cllr Reseigh committed to communicating with Burghclere Parish Council regarding their Neighbourhood Plan. It was suggested that volunteers could be sought at the Parish Assembly, to assist with the Neighbourhood Plan.

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**69. Report from the PCSO**

The clerk briefed the parish council that she had received a response that the PCSO was no longer in post. The clerk stated she had emailed the Basingstoke Rural Police generic email to find out if there was a replacement in post.

**70. Highways and Traffic issues**

a) Cllr Resigh stated that the ice signs had been removed from the C45 and poles could now be used to deploy the SLR machine on the C45 in the opposite direction. Cllr Reseigh had produced some data samples from the SLR deployment on the C45 in August and September. The data showed that over 70% of all traffic on the C45 during this time was travelling over the speed limit of 30mph including one vehicle travelling at over 85mph.

b) SLR deployment B4640 – Cllr Reseigh stated he had sent all information about deployment on the B4640 to Cllr Webb to campaign for consideration to deploy the SLR on the B\$640. Clerk to gain update from Cllr Webb re progress. Clerk to contact the Basingstoke and Deane Engineer who deployed the previous SLR to see if the old device or the new device could be deployed by their team on the B4640.

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**71. a)**

<b>16/02230/FUL Hill Farm</b>	Erection of 8 no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping and parking	No further update from B&D regarding this application and it is now listed as "Withdrawn Returned" on the B&D planning site
<b>22/01781/LBC The Swan Inn</b>	Replacement of weathered and worn roof tiles	PC – no comment Awaiting decision
<b>22/03066/HSE Millets Hill</b>	Erection of a single storey side/rear extension, first floor extension, front porch and internal alterations	PC – no comment

**72. Newtown Common**

- a) Cllr Curry briefed the councillors on the flailing and clearing work due to be carried out in February. He stated that there had yet to be any payment from the RPA under the new agreement. Cllr Curry further briefed that the working parties had not been very well attended but had been productive.

**73. Lengthsman**

Cllr Curry briefed the councillor on the proposed work for the Lengthsman on the 6<sup>th</sup> February fixing the track at Sheepwash.

**74. Jubilee / Elizabeth trail**

Cllr Ward was absent. Cllr Ward to establish route and bring details to the Parish Council meeting in March for consideration.

BW

**75. Coronation event**

The councillors discussed the recent announcements regarding the coronation weekend and considered how the Parish could hold "Big Lunch" and "Big Help Out" events. It was agreed that Cllr Curry would liaise with the CMC to see if an event could be held to carry out maintenance work on the common. Cllr Exelby volunteered to co-ordinate a social event at the Village Hall similar to that for the Jubilee. Clerk to book the Village Hall.

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**76. Village Hall**

Cllr Reseigh (Chair of Village Hall committee) briefed the committee on recent work carried out at the Village Hall.

77. The Clerk briefed the councillors that she had compiled a list of requirements for the new website and sent it to three website providers including the current provider. She stated she would compile the responses and a recommendation for the March meeting.

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**78. Finance reports****a) To receive the report on the budget for 2022/23**

The clerk summarised the main variances to budget, year to date, in the income and expenditure and summarised the reserves held. The Chair checked the bank balances to bank statements. Received and approved.

**b) Asset verification**

The assets were accounted for and agreed to be in working order.

**ACTION****79. Approval of payments**

To ratify the following payments:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Gross</b>
30 Nov	B047	BACS	Rebecca Cloke	Backdate salary	84.00
30 Nov	B048	BACS	HMRC	Backdate PAYE	21.00
31 Dec	B049	BACS	Rebecca Cloke	Salary Sep-Dec	658.28
31 Dec	B050	BACS	HMRC	PAYE Sep-Dec	164.40
22 Dec	B051	BACS	Tony Webb	Volunteer gift	58.50

**80. Correspondence**

None.

**81. Parish Assembly date**

Parish Assembly date, in April or May, to be established once plans for the coronation events decided.

**82. Date of next meetings**

Dates for the next meeting was set for:  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

The meeting closed at 8:33pm

Signed .....

Date.....

Chair .....