

NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting virtually via Zoom.us on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.15 p.m. at which your attendance is required.

Meeting ID: 835 1767 9452
Password: 492725

Signed by the Clerk *Hannah Shaw*

1. **Record of attendance.**
2. **Apologies for absence.**
3. **Confirm and sign minutes of the January Meeting.**
4. **Declaration of Parish Councillors' personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items.**
5. **Police Matters and NHW Update**
January Crime Statistics:

x 1 Theft - Personal belongings taken from a household. No suspects.
6. **Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.**
7. **Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt.**
8. **Village Governance and Residents**
 - Councillors to consider quotation received for 2021 Hanging Baskets and Flower Tower from Plantscape - £637.60 plus VAT.
9. **Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues - report by Tree Warden if in attendance.**
 - **Decisions**
 - a) P/20/1743/2 - Bradgate Park, Conservatory Tearoom - Retention of vinyl banner advertisement on a wooden frame fronting Bradgate Road (retrospective application) - Refused 15/01/21.
 - b) P/20/2166/2 - 472 Bradgate Road - Extension and conversion of existing garage to form residential annex - Grant Conditionally 22/01/21.
 - c) P/20/2169/2 - 28 Warren Hill - Single storey extension to front and roof extensions to detached dwelling to facilitate loft conversion including new dormer windows - Grant Conditionally 22/01/21.
 - **Comments submitted through Planning Explorer**

- a) P/20/2164/2 - 42 Roecliffe Road - Erection of two-storey side and single storey rear extension. Installation of external render to existing house - No Objection 04/02/21.
- b) P/21/0025/2 - 476A Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Proposed single storey extension to rear of dwelling together with material and fenestration alterations. - No Objection 05/02/21.
- c) P/20/1660/2 - High Leys Farm, 388 Bradgate Road - Application for retrospective consent of a Manege to be used personally and commercially, with restricted use including associated development and land bunding - No Objection 09/02/21.

- **Discuss**

- d) P/21/0127/2 - Land adjacent to Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford - Change of use of agricultural land to outdoor equestrian use with construction of manege, retaining walls, and associated stables/store building and formation of access road to Ulverscroft Lane.. (Revised scheme P/20/1267/2 refers).

- **Trees**

- e) P/20/2282/2 - White Cottage, 520 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Ash - fell
- f) P/20/2320/2 - Greystones, 2 Main Street - Willow - crown reduce and crown thin.
- g) P/20/2406/2 - 4 Main Street - Apple - Crown reduce by 2m.
- h) P/21/0046/2 - 98 Main Street - Western Red Cedar - fell; Silver Birch - cut back by 1m to clear roof.

- **Appeals**

- i) P/20/0712/2 - Browns Hay, Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Proposed retention of residential property 'Browns Hay' and use of dwelling as overnight (self-catering) accommodation.

- **Other**

- j) Notification received from HBBC 11/01/21 of Groby Parish Council's proposed area designation for their Neighbourhood Development Plan. Consultation will end on 22nd February 2021. Details sent to Parish Councillors 11/01/21.
- k) Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Submission Consultation received 09/02/21 (see **Schedule One**).

10. Bob Bown Memorial Field

11. Village Magazine.

12. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page.

- Facebook group has increased to 331 members.

13. Village Hall.

- Application for Charnwood Discretionary Grant Fund for Businesses was unsuccessful on the basis that there is no severe financial hardship this year and additional grants received currently exceed expected loss of income 09/02/21.

14. Highways, footpaths, street furniture, traffic, transport.

- Update on Traffic Management Scheme Consultations for Newtown Linford and areas surrounding the three Bradgate Park entrances.
- Street Lighting Column 12 on Bradgate Road, failed structural test and has been cut and capped due to safety concerns. Clerk awaiting costings for replacement 08/02/21.

15. Churchyard and cemetery.

- Application for tree works within a conservation area, submitted to CBC 15/01/21. Proposed fell of 3 x Sycamore trees to enable Churchyard stone wall rebuild. If no response within 6 weeks (26/02/21), it can be assumed works can go ahead.

16. Correspondence.

- NALC Policy Consultation - Right to Regenerate received via LRALC Round Robin 29/01/21 (see **Schedule Two**).
- LCC Cycling and Walking Strategy (CaWS) development received via LCC Parish and Community Environment and Transport Update 31/01/21 (see **Schedule Three**).

17. Scheme of Delegation

- Councillors are asked to review the motion to provide for delegation to the Clerk, any decision that must be made if the council is incapacitated and unable to hold a meeting.

18. Reports on Meetings and Trainings by Clerk and Councillors.

- Clerk attended NWLDC Parish Census Presentation 12/01/21
- Clerk hosted Parish Biodiversity Meeting for Volunteers 26/01/21 and 09/02/21
- Chairman attended Village Hall AGM and Committee Meeting 27/01/21
- Chairman and Clerk attended Charnwood Local Plan Virtual Update 01/02/21
- Clerk to attend LCC Parish Clerks' Liaison Meeting 12/02/21
- Clerk to attend free Parish Online Training - Digital Mapping for Local Councils 10/03/21

19. Items of interest or for future meetings.

- Councillors to consider Chairman's proposal to cancel the March or April Parish Council Meeting.

20. Finance.

- Quotations received for Payroll Services to include pension re-enrolment and RTI (Real Time Information) report to HMRC:

- a) £30 per month plus VAT – DCK Accounting Solutions
- b) £14 per month plus VAT or can be paid annually – Central Business Services, Sileby
- c) £150 annual fee – Jane Hancox, Early Years Bookkeeping, Castle Donington

Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

12.01.21	PWLB	Loan Repayment	£2468.06
13.01.21	2Commune	Website Hosting, Email, Licence and Support 2021/2022	£552.00
13.01.21	Wicksteed Leisure	Bob Bown Inspection	£72.00
15.01.21	A Rocha UK	Eco Bronze Award Plaque for All Saints' Churchyard	£85.00
18.01.21	Village Magazine	2021 Donation towards production costs	£650.00
25.01.21	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator Electrodes	£46.80
25.01.21	Cooks Farm Shop	Netting for Memorial Trees (recharged to family)	£16.95
28.01.21	HS	January Salary	£936.50
28.01.21	PAMc	January Salary	£185.15
28.01.21	HS	January Broadband	£49.10
28.01.21	PAMc	January Broadband	£8.47

Bank Balances:

Business Current Account @ 10/02/21	£1991.78
Business Reserve Account @ 10/02/21	£55000.45
Total	£56992.23

22. Dates of next two Parish Council Meetings.

- Monday 15th March 7.15pm
- Tuesday 13th April 7.15pm



Schedule One

Dear Sir/Madam

We write to inform you, as a person or body previously consulted during the Pre-submission Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, or as a person or body on the Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan Database, that the council is now in receipt of the final submission of the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan. Representations are invited on the final plan between Wednesday 10 February 2021, and 5pm Wednesday 24 March 2021.

Downloadable copies of the plan and the supporting documents mentioned above can be found at: www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/markfieldplan and <https://npsg.markfieldpc.org.uk/our-neighbourhood-plan/>

Attached is a letter setting out further details and how you can respond.
Yours faithfully,

Planning Policy,
Development Services,
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Schedule Two

NALC POLICY CONSULTATION PC1-21 | RIGHT TO REGENERATE

Summary

The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have recently launched a consultation seeking views on proposals to reform of Strand 2 (land owned by a local authority or certain other public bodies) of the Right to Contest under the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 operated by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The main consultation document can be downloaded [here](#).

Context

Currently longstanding vacant, derelict or underutilised public sector land can have a significant impact on the attractiveness of a local area, sometimes acting as a focus for anti-social behaviour. Since 1980, the public has been able to request that the government considers whether certain publicly owned land is unused or underused, and if so direct that it be sold (under strand 2 of the right to contest). NALC has been liaising closely with MHCLG since last Autumn on this right and currently local councils have the power to invoke the right to challenge other defined public sector landowners' use of land, and refer such cases for consideration to MHCLG.

The government wants to empower people to challenge the inefficient use of public sector land in their communities, and to bring it into better economic use, including to provide new homes. The government is consulting on the effectiveness of these requests as it considers reforms to make the process more efficient and more transparent.

The government believes that reforming the Right to Contest and relaunching it as a new 'Right to Regenerate' could provide a quicker and easier route for individuals, businesses and organisations to identify, purchase and redevelop underused or empty land in their area. In turn (the government believes), a strengthened right would support greater regeneration of brownfield land, boost housing supply and empower people to turn blights and empty spaces in their areas into more beautiful developments.

Currently local councils are not in the list of public landowning bodies which can be challenged under this right – but this consultation seeks views on whether local councils who own underused or derelict land should indeed be challengeable under this right in the future.

NALC Concern

NALC is concerned that developers will be tempted to approach local people and remunerate them for putting their names on the challenges being made. Whether local councils are subsequently subjected to the 'Right to Contest' or the 'Right to Regenerate', there needs to be a requirement about how the land or buildings are subsequently dealt with after they are passed on to ensure that developers are not tempted to use a front to acquire land or buildings, perhaps at below market value.

In addition NALC has some other minor concerns regarding the new right to regenerate as below:

- That semi-natural wildlife areas become deemed to be 'under-used'.

- Given the government's pro-developer stance, will any land that is transferred in this way be given some kind of 'prior permission' status, thereby by-passing the normal planning system?
- What mechanism will be available to adjudicate between competing claims for the same piece of land?
- What are the implications for council-owned land that is subject to certain statutes, such as allotments or village green?
- Assuming local councils were to be added to the Schedule 16 list, would all of them have to produce regular reports, or just those where requests have been made under the 'right'?

Consultation Questions

The main consultation questions NALC will be responding to in this consultation are as below and NALC seeks the views of county associations and member councils in response to these questions to help inform its own submission to MHCLG:

Increasing the usefulness and effectiveness of the right

Q1: Do you consider the Right to Contest useful?

Q2: Do you think there are any current barriers to using the right effectively, and if so, how would you suggest they be overcome?

Making it clearer when land is unused or underused

Q3: Would a definition of unused or underused land be useful, and, if so, what should such a definition include?

Extending the scope of the right

Q4: Should the right be extended to include unused and underused land owned by town and parish councils?

[NALC Supplemental Question: Do you think that this proposal could lead to a back way in for developers to acquire redundant council-owned land and buildings?]

Land where a public body has an intended use

Q5: Should the government incentivise temporary use of unused land which has plans for longer term future use?

A greater role for local authorities

Q6: Should the government introduce a requirement for local authorities to be contacted before a request is made?

Presumption in favour of disposal

Q7: Should the government introduce a presumption in favour of disposal of land or empty homes/garages where requests are made under the right?

Publicity and reporting

Q8: Do you agree that the government should require these publicity measures where requests are made under the right?

Right of first refusal

Q9: Should government offer a 'right of first refusal' to the applicant as a condition of disposal?

Conditions attached to disposals

Q10: Should the government impose conditions on the disposal of land? And if so, what conditions would be appropriate?

Q11: Do you have any additional suggestions regarding reforms that could improve the effectiveness of the Right to Contest process?

Your evidence

Please email your responses to this consultation to chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on Friday 26 February 2021. County associations are asked to forward this briefing onto all member councils in their area.

Schedule Three

Cycling & Walking Strategy (CaWS) development

Work is now in progress to develop a Cycling and Walking Strategy (CaWS) which aims to help more people to make more sustainable travel choices, including increasing the number of journeys by cycling and walking. This will bring benefits in terms of creating healthier communities, improving air quality and reducing congestion and carbon emissions.

To inform development of the CaWS, an online survey has been launched (www.leicestershire.gov.uk/cycling-and-walking-survey) asking for people's views on how they currently travel, what deters them from cycling and walking, and what improvements could be made which would encourage them to make more journeys by cycling or walking in the future.

As many people as possible are encouraged to complete the online survey and Parish/Town Councils and communities are asked to promote this important engagement opportunity for people to help shape the strategy from an early stage. The survey runs for 6 weeks (Wednesday 27th January to Wednesday 10th March).

The CaWS is currently planned to be presented to the County Council's Cabinet for consideration and approval in Summer 2021. Once in place, it will provide the framework to guide the development of projects and for seeking funding for projects, including via Government bidding opportunities and from developers.