

NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting was preceded by a talk by Simon Lawrence, Major Programmes Manager from LCC who spoke on the proposals by LCC to become a Unitary Council.

1 Members present: Councillors Sue Pritchard, Sue Colbeck, Holly Cross, Tara Pickles, Stuart Eyre

In attendance: County Councillor Deborah Taylor, Tree Warden Brian Anderson, Director of Bradgate Trust Peter Tyldesley. Clerk Pam McMorrان, 2 residents

2. Apologies for absence: Borough Councillor David Snart, Councillors Rob Haylock, Vicky Lightfoot. Police Beat Team.

3 Confirm and sign minutes of the January meeting. These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

4 Declaration of Parish Councillor's personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items:

The Chairman represents the Gardening Club on the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Tara Pickles represents the Council on the Magazine Committee.

5 Police and NHW reports: - In the absence of a member of the team, the Police reported that there have been 2 burglaries and 3 shed break ins since the last update. Mrs. McMorrان in her capacity as NHW Co-ordinator reported that she had not heard anything about these matters and that she had delivered one new Welcome Pack this month. The recipient has joined our group.

6. Report by the County Councillor - see schedule 1

7. Report by the Borough Councillor - see schedule 2

8. Village Governance and Residents: -

a. Snow warden - All Councillors present elected to register their interest with LCC

b. Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership stakeholders - see schedule 3. All Councillors present elected to register the Parish Council's interest.

c. Sign for the Stag. The Clerk reported that three companies who had been recommended by other clerks were currently supplying quotations.

9. Planning issues: the following have been dealt with this month

P/18/2603/	16 Grey Crescent
P/18/3502/2	Tanglewood
P/18/2551/2	63 Main Street - Granted conditionally
P/19/0001/2	Watson Cottage - Granted conditionally
P/18/2483/2	High Tor revised
P/18/2430/	garage off Grey Crescent - Granted conditionally

Tree matters: - Tree Warden Brian Anderson had nothing to report

10. Bob Bown Memorial Field: - Damaged Junior Swing. After considering three quotations the Councillors elected to order a complete new swing from Fenland. The clerk was instructed to place the order. Councillor Sue Colebeck reported finding blue rope on the Witches Hat and had asked a local workman to cut it down for her. The Chair to draft a letter for approval of the Councillors to place in the Village magazine and social media. The Quarterly operational inspection report for February 2019 had been received and circulated.

11. Village Magazine: - The Clerk reported that the Editor had been ill and the March magazine was delayed.

12. Parish Council Website: - The Site Administrator had nothing to report

13. Village Hall: - The Chair and Clerk reported that they had attended the AGM.

14. Highways, footpaths and traffic: -

a. The clerk reported that Maintenance and Energy bill paid to LCC will go up by £127.58 in 2019.

b. The clerk reported that VAS Insurance cover for damage and theft would be an additional £18.37 per annum making it £933.22 per annum. The Policy already covers the signs for public liability.

c. All Councillors present agreed the suggested ten dates for booking the Enforcements Officers in 2019 to be paid for equally by the Parish Council and the Bradgate Trust. See schedule 4. Clerk to instigate.

d. 50 mph speed limit at Hallgates – All Councillors present agreed to Councillor Cross's request to contact the clerk to Thurmaston and Cropston regarding the lowering of the speed limit at Hallgates. The Clerk was also requested to write to Anstey Parish Council to ask whether they were experiencing any nuisance parking caused by Bradgate Park. Councillor Deborah Taylor was asked to obtain details under the Freedom of Information for all accidents on Roecliffe Road. The Chair reported that good information could be downloaded from the VAS signs.

e. The Clerk reported that the faded yellow lines at Hallgates had been reported to LCC and they are considering whether they should be repainted.

f. Plantscape holsters. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council currently has three lampposts with current certificates of safety and therefore 6 holsters can be ordered. All Councillors present agreed to erect a two-tier circular planter outside the village hall in the position the Christmas tree stands. Everards have preliminarily given their approval and a plan has been submitted showing the approximate position. It is not known whether they will charge for this.

g. In reply to a question raised by a resident present the Chair outlined the up to date position regarding the parking issues in Grey Crescent following the consultation last year. Basically, that no more can be done at present. The Consultation has closed and some residents presently have 4 weeks to say whether they wish to have elongated H's free of charge. When this has been carried out the village working party will reconvene and consider the next stage such as whether a smaller consultation is appropriate for the few houses that have not had their perceived problems solved.

15. Cemetery: - The Registrar for Burials said there was nothing to report

Churchyard - The Clerk said she had nothing to report

16. Bradgate Park Trust: Peter Tyldesley reported that the application from the Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership to the Lottery Fund had reached the second round. (see schedule 3) He also reported that Planning Permission had been granted for the refreshment building at Hunts Hill and they were looking into putting in electricity since there was no power even for the toilets. It was hoped that the aforementioned Tourism Initiative (grant application) would succeed and in part be used for this work. A general discussion took place regarding the siting of large signs by the Trust on highways land around the village. The necessity for them and the length of time they were erected being an issue.

17. Reports by Councillors/Clerk: - none

18. Correspondence: none

19. Items of Interest or for future meetings: - none

20. Finance: Invoices paid this month

TT	LCC Street lighting	3671.82
TT	Elan City - 2 solar powered units (already paid)	4293.32
TT	Clerk's salary February	1024.40
TT	Clerk's salary March	1024.40
TT	Broadband February	47.00
TT	Broadband March	47.51
TT	Community Heartbeat emergency telephone system	100.00
TT	S.C. Garden Maintenance 6 of 6	1236.66
TT	HAGS quarterly inspection	72.00

Bank Balances	Current @ 1st March	7,668.48
	Reserve @ 1st March	45,909.80
		53,578.28
	Bal includes 2018 VAT reclaim	4180.85

A copy of the bank transactions for the month are attached to the filed hard copy of the minutes.

Copy of any letters referred to are filed with the hard copy.

a. May elections- All Councillors wishing to stand will be required to complete a new set of forms which will be distributed by the Clerk as soon as received. These will be required to be returned to the Clerk by the 1st April. The Chair reported that Councillor Holly Cross would not be standing for another term and a male on Roecliffe Road had expressed an interest in becoming the Councillor for that area.

b. The Clerk confirmed that Peter Rose had accepted the invitation to be Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2019.

21. Dates of next three Parish Council Meetings - Tuesday 2nd April, Tuesday 14th May, (Annual Meeting of the Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting) Monday 17th June

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Schedule 1 – clause 6. County Councillor report

County Council Budget

The full council met on Wednesday 20th February to approve the budget for the 2019/20 financial year. It was approved to raise the council tax by 3.99% which includes a 1% increase for adult social care. This will set a revenue budget of £377 million for 2019/20. It is assumed that the council tax will increase by 1.99% in 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23. Also approved at the full council was the MTFs (Medium Term Financial Strategy), this is the council's key financial plan and sets out the proposed spending over the next four years. The budget is balanced for the next two years but further savings are needed for the following two years to balance the books. The government is due to conduct the Comprehensive Spending Review sometime this year to look at how funding is split between public services. This review is likely to be announced in the autumn of 2019 and after that point the local authority will be able to plan for the next four years. Leicestershire is also waiting for the outcome of the Fair Funding Review. This will look at the way local government funding is calculated. Leicestershire is one of the lowest funded county areas in the country. If Leicestershire was funded at the same level as the London Borough of Camden, the county would receive an additional £330m of funding per year. It is hoped the outcome of the Fair Funding Review will also be announced later on this year with the new funding system in place by 2020/21.

Children and Families Wellbeing Service

Leicestershire County Council will launch its new Children and Families Wellbeing Service in April and work has been ongoing to ensure it is ready to go live. The new-style service will focus on supporting the most vulnerable families in Leicestershire and will bring together four existing services into one.

The new integrated service will be delivered from 21 family wellbeing centres across the county, based at existing children's centre sites. Some existing children's centres will close, and in these cases the council is working to ensure as many of the buildings as possible will be used to deliver services to families and the community. Four of the centres will remain open for longer, due to the expiry dates of the leases.

Last summer the council's cabinet earmarked an extra £2m for supporting vulnerable people, meaning six more centres would be able to remain open than originally proposed. The updated proposals have been published following a three-month consultation which attracted nearly 800 responses.

The new 0-19 service will be delivered through drop-in clinics, group work and individual casework.

The new service will:

- Support vulnerable children aged 0-19 and their families
- Operate from 21 buildings across the county – an increase of six centres from the original proposals
- Reduce costs by £1.5m
- Deliver support in people's homes and other community venues

The four existing services that will form the new service are the Children's Centre programme, Supporting Leicestershire Families (SLF), Youth Offending Service (YOS) and Information, Support and Assessment teams.

Britain Exiting the EU

As we are nearing the date of the expected withdrawal from the EU I thought you would be interested to know how local councils are preparing to support their communities throughout these changing and challenging times.

The Resilience and Business Continuity Team, which is jointly funded by key local authorities and blue-light partners across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) and is hosted by Leicestershire County Council, has been actively involved in planning for Britain's exit from the EU. As guidance and intelligence is released by Central Government this is informing local partners with their preparations. Across the LLR Prepared Partnership a number of things have been done. These include:

- Preparation of an assessment of risks relating to a no-deal exit
- Service specific planning to address risks - in relation to Council services this has focussed on transport, trading standards and communications issues
- Strengthening of the emergency on-call senior management arrangements
- The holding of multi-agency exercises and workshops to strengthen preparedness
- Attendance at national and regional briefings

The risk assessment has identified that the highest risks in the area relate to:

- Possible disruption of freight at East Midlands Airport, which is a major UK cargo airport
- Associated disruption on the transport network within 5 miles of the airport
- Impacts on health services (for instance the availability of medicines). With regard to this risk there are potential knock-on effects for social care services
- LLR Prepared Strategic Co-ordinating Group will meet weekly from the middle of February
- The partnership is also reporting weekly to Central Government on local preparations and issues arising

The Government has recently announced additional funding for Councils and Local Resilience Forums to help them prepare for the EU Exit. Across the two financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20 the County Council will receive £175,000, all district councils will receive £35,000 and Leicester City Council will be provided with £210,000.

Newtown Linford Mobile Library

Leicestershire Libraries have reviewed the current pattern of mobile library stops in order to ensure that they remain efficient and effective. Following this review, they looked to delete any stop with three or less customers where there is an alternative stop within the community. The stop at Newtown Linford village hall will now be deleted. The nearest remaining stop is Groby Lane, Newtown Linford. This change will take effect from 1st April 2019.

Grey Crescent

Just to advise that the letters have been delivered to all the residents who are able to have an elongated H across their driveways. The letters were dated 20th February and the residents have 4 weeks to respond. I have asked to see the plan before the white lining is carried out.

Rocliffe Road, Hallgates

I have asked Highways to look into reducing the speed limit on this road due to the parking that occurs and restricts the highway. I will report back once I receive a response.

Schedule 2 – clause 7 Borough Councillor report

Suzanne Hooper.

It was with great sadness I attended a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Suzanne Hooper at Rothley Church on Thursday 24th January. Suzanne was the wife of our past Rector at Newtown Linford, Peter Hooper who was also a Governor with me at the local Primary School.

I understand Sue had a great passion as an environmental activist, she disliked waste and anything that did not reflect the careful stewardship of our planet. Sue was a keen gardener, with our service sheets there was a small strip of paper containing a selection of wild flowers. I will plant these seeds in the Spring in her memory. She will be missed by so many people whose lives were touched by this remarkable lady.

Planning Update.

The planning application which proposed the demolition of the existing dwelling at no. 440 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford and the erection of 3 detached dwellings and alterations to vehicular access has been refused permission by Charnwood Borough Council. Due to this decision I agreed with officers that this application could be decided by officer delegated powers and not go to a Planning Committee.

The reasons for refusal included: The proposed rear dwellings would be accessed by a narrow driveway and parking and turning areas, the location of the dwellings would lead to an unacceptable loss of amenity, by reason of noise and disturbance to the occupiers of existing properties Nos. 434,438 and 422.

In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority that the development of dwellings on plots 2&3 on garden land to the rear of existing ribbon development fronting Bradgate Road would represent an unsatisfactory extension to the built form of Newtown Linford. The full reasons can be viewed on the Council website under planning application number P/18/2140/2.

I also recorded my views that this location was in an unsustainable location where the car would be the main mode of transport.

Five Year Housing Land Supply.

I asked a question at Charnwood Borough Council meeting about this crucial part of the planning process. In my view, this has become a most important measure, to maintain a five year housing land supply within the Borough. This could also be helpful as it may be part of the decision making process when the Inspector is deciding the appeal for the Maplewell Road site.

Included in the answer to my question it was stated: The current housing land supply is set out in the in the Annual Housing Land Supply Statement which identifies a 5.9 year supply. From 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018 there have been 700 completions and 528 houses provided for by new planning permissions. Overall in terms of direction of travel, the numbers above suggest broad compatibility with a housing requirement of 820 homes a year and a five year supply.

I understand the next annual figure will be calculated at the end of March 2019. The statement within the answer to my question gives me some confidence that the five year land supply will be maintained around the level as the current year.

Council Tax.

Charnwood Borough Council is proposing to raise its share of Council Tax by 9p a week for a band D property. The proposed increase would see the annual charge for a band D property rise £5 to £122.09p from April 2019. This would mean the Council having one of the lowest Council Tax rates in the country. The Council's financial position will remain strong which will allow the Council to continue to offer excellent services for residents.

Tackling Fly Tipping.

Fixed penalty notices have been introduced to take action against people who fail to dispose of their waste correctly and end up being fly-tipped. Charnwood Borough Council can now issue £400 fixed penalty notices to people who do not ensure their waste is disposed of by a licenced waste carrier.

Anyone who produces waste has a legal duty of care to take reasonable steps to ensure their waste is disposed of in the correct way. If any fly-tipped waste is traced back to the household it came from, the householder can be fined or prosecuted.

Residents are reminded to only use a registered waste carrier to dispose of their waste. This can be confirmed by checking their paperwork. If you spot any fly-tipped waste, please call the Council on 01509 634563 or use the online reporting form www.charnwood.gov.uk/fly_tipping.

Schedule 3 Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership stakeholders -

The Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership is currently working on an application to Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant towards a series of interlinked projects which will help those who live in or near Charnwood to understand, enjoy and protect the unique area that is Charnwood Forest. The grant being applied for is just under £3 million and, if successful, a number of other partners will also be making financial contributions as well as working together to make the projects happen.

The projects aim to improve wildlife habitats; make it easier for walkers, cyclists and riders to get around the Forest; protect, enhance and interpret the natural and heritage environment; run events and activities where the Forest supports wellbeing, community and the arts; provide a warm welcome for locals and visitors; and benefit the local economy.

During the development phase of this project we have engaged with many stakeholders - you may have been one of them - but you are not currently on our stakeholder database. If you would like to hear more about how the projects are developing and what the final application will include then please can I encourage you to sign up by following the link to a Mail Chimp form. I have also attached a link to our privacy policy and assure you that the development team will not pass your details to any third party.

Please complete the following form to sign up for our Stakeholder list

<http://eepurl.com/dAa0Hr>

Schedule 4. Enforcement Officers for 2019

Day and Date	Start	Finish	comments
Easter Sunday 21 st April	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Easter Monday 22 nd April	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Sunday 5 th May	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	
May Day Mon 6 th	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Sunday May 19 th Emergency Services Day	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Event held in Bradgate Park,
Spring Bank holiday 26 th May	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Spring Bank Monday 27 th May	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Late summer Sunday 27 th Aug	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Late summer Mon 28 th Aug	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	
Boxing Day 26 th December	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

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