

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

**1.Members present:** Mr. Waterfall - Chairman  
Mrs. Neaverson – Vice Chairman  
Mr. Baker, Mrs. Costello, Dr. Lowe, Mrs. McMorrان, Mrs. Pritchard  
In attendance: Mrs. Knott – Clerk of the Council  
Also present: Mr. Peter Tyldesley, Land Agent for Bradgate Park Trust  
PCSO Steve Quinn,  
Mr. David Snartt Borough and County Councillor

**2.Apologies:** None

**3.Minutes** of the meeting held on 17.03.2014 were confirmed and signed.

**4.Declaration of interest and dispensations:** The Chairman is a committee member of the Village Hall. The Vice-Chairman represents the Flower Club at the Village Hall. Mrs. Pritchard represents the Garden Club at the Village Hall.

**5.Police and Neighbourhood Watch:** The Chairman welcomed PCSO Quinn to the meeting. His report was received. Police presence will decrease even more, but he assured the meeting that he would visit the village during the week. Although there is no Police presence over the weekend, he will do his best to monitor the expected increase in traffic on the Bank holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May, when a number of gardens on Main Street will be open to the public in support of the National Garden Scheme. Mrs. McMorrان in her capacity of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator made her report, which will be included in the next Newtown Linford Magazine. The Chairman thanked Mrs. McMorrان and PCSO Quinn.

**13.brought forward by leave of the Chairman: Bradgate Park Trust**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Tyldesley to the meeting. The first Bradgate Park Lecture held at the Village Hall had been a great success. He explained the Guided Walks and Events for the rest of the year. The Leaflet including all details is available at Marion's Cottage and the Visitors' Centre. Mr. Tyldesley reported that the graffiti on one rock had been completely removed. He enumerated some plans which will commence in the course of this year: The next Lecture will most likely be on the Archaeology of the Park; numbering of trees and starting a photographic record; a project with snakes; and ornithological projects. The Trust had acquired 2 woods adjacent to Swithland Woods.

The new toilets are almost completed, with good facilities provided for disabled visitors. The sale of Venison has been very successful, particularly at Cook's Farm Shop and Venison has been incorporated in the Menu of the Tea Rooms. Mr. Tyldesley said that the Park would participate in the Scarecrow competition. Apart from the leaflet there also excellent maps of Charnwood available at Marion's Cottage. The Chairman thanked Mr. Tyldesley for attending our meeting and for actively liaising with the Village.

**6.Planning issues:** A letter of **Objection** had been sent to the Planning Authority regarding the revised proposal off Bradgate Road, Anstey. It appears that the developer had taken down a number of trees expecting permission for the previous proposal. The Parish Council will insist that replacement trees are planted. An **Objection** had also been raised by the Parish Council against the development of up to 160 dwellings off Cropston Road, Anstey.

The Councillors had **No Objection** to the revised scheme for a replacement dwelling at Greenhill Cottage, Priory Lane; **No objection** to replacement windows at listed cottage at 31 Main Street. Serious concerns were expressed re the design for extensions at 24 Grey Crescent. The majority of the Councillors **objected** to the proposed extensions at 472 Bradgate Road on the grounds of 'over-development of the site'. **Permission** had been granted by the Planning Authority for extensions at 56 Groby Lane, to various alterations to pool building and terrace at Roecliffe Manor, and to dwelling adjacent to Town Head Farm on Leicester Road (site partially in Hinckley&Bosworth B.C.

**7.Bob Bown Memorial Field:** The Chairman's report was received. Action will be taken where required. State of the approach road to the playing field and the parking area in front of the garages will be reported to Charnwood's housing department requesting urgent repairs. Areas around some of the playing equipment need attention. Nets on the goals should be repaired. Mees or Mr. Haddon to be asked. The surface of the pitch requires work, but this will be dealt with in the Autumn. The School is to be kept informed if and when the pitch is out of commission,.

**8.Newtown Linford Magazine:** In good order.

**9.Parish Council Website:** In perfect order, thanks to Mrs. McMorran. The Clerk in her capacity of Registrar of Burials will bring burials in graves and ashes plots up to date. This data is part of information available on our website.

**10.Village Hall:** The Clerk read out the letter of appreciation to Mr. Upstone, retired Chairman of the Village Hall, which she had sent on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr. Upstone has agreed to make the Village Hall report at the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May.

**11.Highways, footpaths, traffic:** Mr. Snartt, Borough and County Councillor, confirmed that he was pursuing the issues regarding double yellow line replacement, parking, and enforcement of traffic regulations with appropriate officers of the Borough and County Councils. The Chairman thanked Mr. Snartt. A new gritbin has been installed on Groby Lane. Due to broken drains, more excavations have had to be done by STW on Main Street. Potholes on Markfield Lane have been reported by the Chairman.

**12.Churchyard and cemetery:** The Clerk in her capacity of Registrar of Burials alerted the meeting to the fast diminishing availability of graves and ashes plots. The extension to the cemetery has been planned for some years and will now go ahead. Preliminary work has already been done by the Clerk and the Chairman and will proceed. The necessity of extending the cemetery and the cost involved has been taken into account at the setting of the Precept for many years and a grant will also be applied for in time.

**13.Bradgate Park Trust:** Brought forward by leave of the Chairman and dealt with.

**14.Reports by Councillors:** Dr. Lowe had attended a meeting organised by the National Forest. His report was received. The Chairman thanked Dr. Lowe.











