



## ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm

**Held:** Newbold Verdon Parish Council, The Pavilion, Alans Way,  
Newbold Verdon, Leicester, LE9 9LB

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr C Harris

Councillors: Cllr R Bell, Cllr A Tessier, Cllr J Crooks, Cllr W Crooks  
Cllr M Parker, Cllr M Bools

Clerk: Cllr R Bell (In the absence of the clerk)

Public: 10 Members of the Public

MINUTES	
<b>24/86</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
Cllr M Statham Cllr J Dowell	
<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>	
<b>24/87</b>	Cllr J Crooks declared an interest in item 24/107 Planning
<b>24/88</b>	There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.
<b>24/89</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
Resolve to approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024. - Unanimous	
<b>24/90</b>	<b>PUBLIC OPEN SESSION</b>
<p>a) A concern was raised over the planning application 24/107c as to the extent that the Yew tree would be reduced. Representatives from the Community Club explained that the grant request item 24/103 was for a storage shed and they had brought along the relevant documentation. Concern was raised regarding planning application 24/107a change of use of premises whereby a sign has been installed prior to any permission being granted.</p> <p>b) County Councillors Report – This has been sent our electronically. No questions were asked</p> <p>c) Borough Councillors Report – None received</p>	

<b>General Matters</b>		
<b>24/91</b>	<u>Heritage Walk Swings</u>	All

	<p>Playdale had already been confirmed as the contractor of choice and their estimate for the work was £7691.66. HBBC to be contacted prior to any work commencing regarding S106 options.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr J Crooks Seconded Cllr M Parker – Resolved unanimous</p> <p>It was also suggested that a complaint had been received regarding a wasps nest on heritage Walk. Cllr Harris would investigate.</p> <p>The Picnic table also still required repair. Cllr Parker would contact the handyman.</p>	
<b>24/92</b>	<p><u>To discuss Policy on Green Energy</u></p> <p>Burnt Oak had been contacted regarding any suggestions on where a wild flower meadow could be sited on Dragon Lane. Still awaiting feedback.</p>	All
<b>24/93</b>	<p><u>Alans Way Pavilion Solar Panels</u></p> <p>Due to the grant date being missed this item to be left on the agenda subject further grants being made available in the next financial year.</p>	All
<b>24/94</b>	<p><u>Christmas Lights Committee updates</u></p> <p>The council were awaiting feedback from the scouts however a road closure did not seem to be required with activities taking place around the scout hall area. Volunteers would be required to installed the Christmas tree a week prior to the event. List to be prepared at October meeting.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr M Parker Seconded Cllr C Harris that the local MP and the Mayor be invited along to the event – Resolved Unanimous.</p> <p>Cllr J Crooks would also contact a local resident who possessed a steam roller to see if it would be possible to have that at the event.</p>	All
<b>24/95</b>	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Committee updates</u></p> <p>A joint meeting with HBBC planning department, the NP committee and our consultants had been held. A further grant of £2500 had been obtained but most of this was already been accounted for and the PC may have to look at releasing some further funds to complete the project.</p> <p>An update was to be published in this month’s graphic.</p> <p>May 2025 was the target date to hold the referendum on the plan.</p>	All
<b>24/96</b>	<p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>A request had been received to fill in a sunken grave. On investigation there were several that needed attention along with the outstanding headstone safety checks.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr A Tessier Seconded Cllr J Crooks that W Aris be approached to see if he could do the repairs. Resolved - unanimous</p>	All
<b>24/97</b>	<p><u>All Weather and Storage Ares</u></p> <p>Problems were still being experienced with people climbing the fence when the gates were locked so that they could use the all weather area. Investigations were needed to see what could be legally done to prevent this as the council did not want to see anyone injured. Anti climbing paint and bird spikes had not worked.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr M Parker Seconded Cllr W Crooks – Resolved – unanimous</p> <p>Moving forward a decision was needed on how the area could maybe be used at reduced rate for children but in a properly supervised manor. An urgent Sports sub-Committee meeting was suggested where relevant parties could meet to come up with a plan.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr M Bools Seconded Cllr A Tessier. Resolved - unanimous</p>	All

<b>20/98</b>	<u>Cleaning of the Toddler Playground</u> Ongoing contractor to be contacted	All
<b>20/99</b>	<u>Damage to Dragon Lane Park and Storage Shed</u> Ongoing asbestos licensed contractor required	All
<b>24/100</b>	<u>Casual Vacancy</u> There had been one application received from a Mr Andrew McGregor. Proposed Cllr R Bell Seconded Cllr J Crooks that he be co-opted to the council Resolved – unanimous.	All
<b>24/101</b>	<u>Cobbled Area at Rear of Baptist Church</u> There had been no response from the Baptist Church regarding contacts from the Locum Clerk. A quote would be obtained to get the area cleaned up.	All
<b>24/102</b>	<u>Brascote Lane VAS Power Requirements</u> LCC were not willing to extend the period for accessing the grant. The council would send a formal letter of complaint regarding the way this had been handled overall.	All
<b>24/103</b>	<u>Grant Application for Community Club</u> A grant request for £500 had been received for a new storage shed Proposed Cllr R Bell Seconded Cllr M Parker that this be granted. Resolved – unanimous.	All
<b>24/104</b>	<u>Dragon Lane Recreation Ground</u> A request for an entrance gate on Dragon Lane had been received from a resident. The council agreed that the current situation with a safety fence outside the entrance to prevent children running out onto the road met all current ROSPA regulations.	All
<b>24/105</b>	<u>Alans Way Drainage Issues</u> This was deferred to the next sports committee meeting.	All
<b>24/106</b>	<u>Parish Clerk/RFO</u> A new clerk had been appointed and was due to commence on 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024. Proposed Cllr J Crooks Seconded Cllr W crooks that the contract of employment sent out electronically be accepted. Resolved – unanimous	All

<b>Planning</b>	
<b>24/107</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 24/00503/FUL – Change of use from sandwich shop to hot food takeaway- 4 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon – This had already been passed however Cllr M Bools would check on the signage</li> <li>b) 2024/EIA/0081/LCC – Consultation Request – Land at Desford Brickworks</li> <li>c) 24/00700/TCA – Yew Tree reduce spread – 4 Main Street Newbold Verdon – Cllr W Crooks would investigate the extent of the reduced spread that was intended.</li> <li>d) 24/00733/FUL – Replacement of residential dwelling – Cottage Farm Kirkby Lane Newbold Verdon – No Comments</li> </ul>

<b>24/108</b>	<b>ACCOUNTS</b>
<u>Accounts for payment.</u>	
Resolve to approve payments of all items in the Table below via BACS, Direct Debit or Standing Order.	

Ref.	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	M Parker	Anti Climbing Spike Warning Notices	£7.18
BACS	M Parker	New Wall Safe	£111.99
BACS	J Crooks	Extra Christmas Lights	£33.59
BACS	Croner HR	HR Services	£193.15
BACS	AUTELLA	Payroll Services	£101.19
BACS	Mrs G Parker	July Salary	£601
BACS	J Flavell	Locum Clerk Services	£1156.77
BACS	Chubb Fire	Annual Fees for Fire Extinguishers	£454.67
BACS	W Aris	Handyman Work	£75
BACS	Hallmaster	Annual License Fee	£252
BACS	Burnt Oak	July Groundcare Fees	£1959.60
BACS	Croner	HR Services	£193.15
BACS	SLCC	2 x training courses	£66
BACS	Hallmaster	Annual License Fee Underpayment	£13
BACS	Water Plus	Cemetery Water Charges	£388.23
BACS	Mrs G Parker	August Salary	£600.80
BACS	James Best Ltd	Repair to outlook on PC Laptop	£45
BACS	John Freeman	Mole Control	£120
BACS	M Parker	Glue for all weather repair	£15.78
BACS	W Aris	Pavilion Fence Repair	£50
BACS	Scribe	Account renewal	£792
BACS	Burnt Oak	June Groundcare Services	£1959.60
BACS	Burnt Oak	August Groundcare Services	£1959.60
BACS	J Flavell	Locum Clerk Services	£1125
DD		Various Direct Debits as per monthly schedule	
Resolved			

24/109	<p><b><u>Balance of Accounts</u></b> <b><u>(as at 27.08.2024)</u></b></p> <p>To NOTE the balances and reconciliations for April and End of Financial Year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Current Account Balance</b> £7,827.89</li> <li>▪ <b>Deposit Account Balance</b> £82,517.17</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Reserves</u></b></p> <p>To NOTE all reserves.</p> <p>Heritage Walk Newbold Heath (Green Energy) Heritage Fund Sports Pavilion Improvements Cemetery Memorial Garden Neighbourhood Plan All Weather Pitch Brushing (10yr) General Reserves</p>	

	<b>TOTAL £90,345.06</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	To Be Confirmed																																																
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<b>24/111</b>	<b>ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) AS sign update from the Heath</li> <li>b) Refuge Bins on the Recreation Ground</li> <li>c) Use of Refuge Bins at Alans Way &amp; Pavilion</li> <li>d) Monthly Meeting for Planning Committee</li> <li>e) Cemetery Hedgerow</li> </ul>

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 20:46pm

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date:

