



ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7th October 2024 at 7.00pm

at Newbold Verdon Parish Council, The Pavilion, Alans Way,
Newbold Verdon, Leicester, LE9 9LB

Present:

Acting Chairman: Cllr C Harris
 Councillors: Cllr R Bell, Cllr A Tessier, Cllr J Crooks, Cllr W Crooks, Cllr M Parker,
 Cllr M Bools, Cllr A MacGregor
 Clerk: A Stretton
 Public: 4 members of the Public

MINUTES

The meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Chairman John Dowell.

24/112	APOLOGIES
No apologies received	
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
24/113	Cllr J Crooks declared an interest in item 24/124 Planning
24/114	There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.
24/115	MINUTES
Council resolved to approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 2 nd September with a change to item 24/90 (b) and (c) which were the wrong way around – County report not received Borough report circulated.	
24/116	PUBLIC OPEN SESSION
<p>a) A parishioner updated council on work he has carried out on open areas including mowing grassed areas and clearing the cobbles to the rear of the Baptist Chapel. The council thanked him for his help.</p> <p>b) County Councillors Report – None received.</p> <p>c) Borough Councillors Report – Cllr Bools read out the update which will be circulated electronically.</p> <p>d) A representative of East Midlands First Responders thanked the council for previous support and notified them that they are recruiting new First Responders. They offer training in use of defibrillators and CPR and also can offer a discount and help with purchasing defibrillators and supplies. Whilst they have sufficient funds for their day to day operations, they welcome donation towards the cost of training kits.</p>	

General Matters	
24/117.1	<p><u>Heritage Walk Swings</u></p> <p>Council noted that the Playdale quotation has been accepted and works are planned for late October. Council RESOLVED to approve the payment of a deposit to Playdale if an invoice is received before the next meeting of Council.</p> <p>The Picnic table has been repaired.</p>
24/117.2	<p><u>To discuss Policy on Green Energy</u></p> <p>Discussions are ongoing about the location for a wildflower area.</p>
24/117.3	<p><u>Alans Way Pavilion Solar Panels</u></p> <p>Clerk to contact HBBC to find out about potential grants towards this project.</p>
24/117.4	<p><u>Christmas Lights Committee updates</u></p> <p>Council noted that the event will take place on XX/XX/XX. The Mayor has accepted his invitation to the event, Clerk to invite local MP.</p>
24/117.5	<p><u>Cemetery Headstone safety checks and sunken grave repairs</u></p> <p>Council noted that topsoil and grass seed have been applied to 43 sunken graves and that headstones have been checked. One stone has sunk but is secure and Clerk/Cllrs will look into contacting the grave owner.</p>
24/117.6	<p><u>Cleaning of Toddler Playground</u></p> <p>Council noted that this has been inspected and will be cleaned once the leaves have fallen this autumn.</p>
24/117.7	<p><u>Transfer of Land to Baptist Church</u></p> <p>Council noted that this project has stalled and asked the Clerk to contact solicitors and the Baptist Church to restart it.</p>
24/118	<p><u>Sports Sub-Committee – to receive an update and consider the following items</u></p>
24/118.1	<p>To consider a request to allow the <u>All Weather Pitch</u> to be made available for public open sessions with volunteer adults responsible.</p> <p>Council RESOLVED to allow this for a nominal charge, used at own risk with parents taking charge and responsibility. It was noted that parent volunteers will set up a rota and an agreement is being drawn up.</p>
24/118.2	<p><u>Football Ground Maintenance</u> - to consider entering into an agreement with the Football Club to enable them to obtain grant funding for a 6 year maintenance programme, match funding a total of £20,000 (payable after 2 years) (note mistake on agenda which noted this as Cricket related)</p> <p>Council RESOLVED to agree to this and add a suitable sum to the budget for the next 4 years to cover this. Sports Committee to liaise with the Football Club and Clerk to draw up an agreement.</p>
24/118.3	<p>To consider contributing towards the annual renovation of the cricket square</p> <p>Council RESOLVED to make a contribution of £800 towards these works and to add a regular annual sum to the budget for this. Clerk to liaise with the Cricket Club.</p>
24/119	<p><u>Vehicle Activated Sign Newbold Heath</u> – to receive an update.</p> <p>Cllr Bools reported issues with downloading the data, possibly due to the need for a software update. He will investigate further.</p>
24/120	<p><u>Refuse Bins for Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>Council RESOLVED to replace one litter bin with a multiuse bin to encourage recycling. Clerk to obtain costs.</p>

24/121	<u>Use of refuse bins at Alans Way and Pavilion</u> Council noted that since the request for this as an agenda item, the recycling bin is now being used properly.
24/122	<u>Planning Committee – to set meeting dates</u> Council noted that the membership of the Planning Committee is out of date and RESOLVED to have an agenda item for the November meeting to appoint new Committee members and set dates.
24/123	<u>Cemetery Hedgerow and Gates – to receive an update</u> Council noted that repairs are needed to one gate and another requires a new gate post. Clerk to arrange the repairs asap as the post is rotten. Council noted an offer of a generous donation towards works at the Cemetery and accepted it with thanks. Council RESOLVED to look into the options available for creating a hedgerow along the boundary to make the cemetery more private.

Planning	
24/124	a) To note and consider an offer from the developer to meet regarding the proposed development on land to the South of Desford Road. Council noted the offer and RESOLVED to allow the developer a slot of up to 20 minutes at the start of the next meeting.

24/125	ACCOUNTS	
24/125.1 <u>Accounts for payment.</u>		
Council noted the payment list and RESOLVED to approve payment of all items listed below via BACS, Direct Debit or Standing Order.		
W Aris Builders	Drain pipe repairs, Alans Way	£35.00
W Aris Builders	For works at St James Churchyard	£250.00
G Parker	Purchase of supplies for Pavilion	£12.18
J Flavell	Locum Clerk Fees	£1,737.00
Croner HR	HR Services (Sept and October payments)	£386.30
Your locale	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy	£3,000.00
Moore	External Audit fee for overdue report	£48.00
Scribe	Reconciliation (2023/24 accounts)	£240.00
Anmic	Repairs to picnic bench	£83.00
Burnt Oak	Grounds Maintenance	£1,959.60
Staff Salaries	October Salary	£1,482.54
Various Direct Debits and Standing Orders as per monthly schedule.		
24/125.2 <u>Receipts and Transfers</u>		
Council noted the following list of payments and transfers.		
HBBC	Precept (second instalment 2024/2025)	£43,388.00
	Income - hire of pitches (September)	£180.00
	Income - hire of Pavilion (September)	£30.00
	Income - cemetery fees	£250.00
	Grant towards Neighbourhood Plan	£2,500.00

	Interest	434.09
Total Receipts		£46,782.09
Transfer	Internal transfer from deposit account	£5,000.00
Transfer	Internal transfer from deposit account	£10,000.00

24/125.3 Bank Reconciliation

Council noted the Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statements for period ending 30th September.

Opening Bank Balance - Current Account	£7,227.09
Opening Bank Balance - Deposit Account	£82,517.17
Income 1st to 30th September	£46,782.09
Expenditure 1st to 30th September	£12,359.62
Closing Balances	£124,166.73
Reconciles to bank? YES	

24/125.6 Annual Internal and External Audits – to receive an update.

Council noted that the year end accounts for 2023/24 are now complete and the Clerk will now pull together the pack needed by the Internal Auditor and complete the AGAR forms. Clerk to meet with Internal Auditor on the 16th October. External Auditor has granted an extension to end of November.

24/126	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To look into moving from BT to Virgin Media for Pavilion Broadband b) Quotations for drainage of lower pitches c) Cleaning of road signs

24/127	CLERK'S REPORT
	<p>Council noted the Clerk's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr J Crooks will meet to look at the area of ground behind Peter's Avenue. • It was agreed that Cllrs J and B Crooks will collect the remembrance wreath. • It was agreed that Cllr Parker should purchase a new Union Flag.

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 20:29pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: