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| **ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****On Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.00pm****Held:** Newbold Verdon Parish Council, The Pavilion, Alans Way, Newbold Verdon, Leicester, LE9 9LB |

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr John Dowell

Councillors: Cllr R Bell, Cllr A Tessier, Cllr C Harris,

 Cllr J Crooks, Cllr B Crooks, Cllr M Bools, Cllr M Parker

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

Public: 3 Members of the Public

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| **MINUTES** |
| **24/1022** | **APOLOGIES** |
| The following apology were received and accepted:* Cllr Clem Petcher
* Cllr R Statham
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| **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** |
| **24/1023** | Cllr M Bools as School Governor declared an interest in item 24/1036 |
| **24/1024** | There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider. |
| **24/1025** | **MINUTES** |
| * Resolved for the Chairman to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 4th March 2024 These were duly signed.
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| **24/1026** | **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION** |
| 1. To receive statements and views of the public against agenda items.

A parishioner expressed concerns over the cutting down of the hedge bordering the cemetery. Although this was not council property the area had been left in a very untidy state and was an eyesore. The hedge is not council property and Cllr Bools agreed to speak to the relevant people at HBBC regarding the state it had been left in so that the responsible people could be contacted.1. The Borough Councillor’s report was received and forwarded to all the councillors.
2. The County Councillor report – No report received from County Councillor.
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| **PLANNING** |
| **24/1027** | No planning applications to review |

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| **GENERAL MATTERS** |
| **24/1028** | Update on Play Equipment InspectorMr Woodward had been approached and had agreed to do the inspections on a monthly basis. There would be an initial fee of £35 for the first inspection and then charges raised ad hoc. There were a couple of outstanding high priority actions and Cllr Parker agree to speak to Mr Woodward to see if they could be resolved ASAP.Prop Cllr J Crooks Sec Cllr C Harris that this be acceptedResolved unanimously. | All |
| **24/1029** | Cemetery Memorial NAMM safety inspectionsIt had been identified on a visit to the cemetery that a memorial was loose on its plinth. Cllr M Parker and Cllr R Bell agreed to do some basic inspections of all cemetery memorials and report back to the next meeting. It was agreed any faulty ones should be laid flat. | All |
| **24/1030** | Update on Heritage Walk Play Equipment – SwingAs the clerk was absent it was not known if any estimates had been obtained. This was therefore carried over until the next meeting. | All |
| **24/1031** | To discuss Policy on Green EnergyIt was agreed that a policy was needed and as the council was a member of the RCC to seek their advice to see if they had a generic one that could be adapted. Parishioners and councillors should be encouraged to come forward with any environmentally friendly initiatives. Carried over until next meeting. | All |
| **24/1032** | To discuss Solar Panels QuotationsQuotations had already been discussed and agreed at the last meeting. An application to HBBC for funding had not been completed. In the absence of the clerk Cllr R Bell had written to officers at HBBC to see if it was still possible to apply for a grant. We were still awaiting their response. Carried over until next meeting. | All |
| **24/1033** | To discuss Hedge at the War MemorialAlthough the Laurel had been cut back by the contractor as instructed the hedge had still not been completed. The council instructed not to pay the Laurel invoice until all work had been completed. | All |
| **24/1034** | Christmas Lights Committee updatesDue to other commitments of sub committee members no meeting had yet been held. Date to be set. Carried over until next meeting. | All |
| **24/1035** | Neighbourhood Plan Committee updatesCllr A Tessier reported that a public consultation was being held at the Pavilion on 20th May. This had been advertised in the Graphic and need to be kept up via social media to encourage attendance. Parishioner should be encouraged to give responses to add weight to the plan. | All |
| **24/1036** | Lord Crewe Account UpdatesIt was reported that the people within the school who were familiar with this trust account had left. The present staff were therefore not aware or familiar with its existence. Information on this had now been passed over to school representatives and a report would be provided once they had access. | All |
| **24/1037** | Montague Charity Updates2 x further trustees are required of which one should be the Vicar and the other a Parish Councillor.Prop Cllr J Crooks Sec Cllr M Bools that Cllr C Harris be elected.Resolved unanimous. | All |
| **24/1038** | New Cemetery Map for the use of the Church and PCIt was agreed that investigations should be made into whether the existing parchment maps could be digitalised. It was also agreed to have the Cemetery as a permanent agenda item regarding its limited capacity and future needs. | All |
| **24/1039** | Bosworth AFC Request for 25 year leaseSubject to a legal document being drawn up it was agreed that this request be granted. In the short term an email be sent to AFC Market Bosworth advising of the council decision.Prop A Tessier Sec J CrooksResolved unanimous. | All |

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| **CIRCULATIONS TO NOTE** |
| **24/1040** | Council NOTED all circulations. |

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| **24/1041** | **RECORDS OF ACCOUNTS** |
| * Due to temporary absence of the clerk no accounts will be presented this month

One outstanding invoice for the installation of the new Money Wall Climbing Frame which had now been completed was overdue to Finding Fitness.Prop Cllr J Crooks Sec Cllr M Parker that payment be made Resolved unanimous. |

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| **24/1042** | **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA** |
|  | Village and Planning Update as a regular agenda item.Meeting Agendas to be posted on facebook to try to raise awareness. |

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed in full at 20:00pm

**Signed: ………………………………………**  **Date:** 04 March 2024

 John Dowell - Chairman