



Newton by the Sea Parish Council

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 16th October 2024 at 6pm St Mary's Church, Low Newton

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Parish Council may, by resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; S1, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.

1. Public Questions.

2. Declaration of Member's Interests. Members are invited to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other personal interests they may have in any of the items of business on the agenda in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

3. Apologies for absence:

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 31st July 2024:

5. Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting 31st July 2024:

- a. 60/24a Faulty solar bollard on the path to High Newton car park – Update on cost of replacement.
- b. 60/24b – Footpath across Common Land, and White Cottage/Joiners Den – Update on meeting with NCC Legal..
- c. Waste bin store built on Common land at Doray, High Newton – For update, discussion and decision on way forward.
- d. 60/24c – Clarification on responsibilities for Kareith Drive culvert – Response received from NCC Flooding.
- e. 60/24d - Sharp bends signs at Allansford Bridge near Fallodon (One sign still missing) – Update.
- f. 60/24g – Cllrs Liability re EJBC – Update.
- g. 60/24i – Obtaining trees from NCC via Treescape Fund – Update.
- h. 60/24j– Hedge outside Newton Hall obscuring 30mph sign – Update.
- i. Covenants to 1 and 2 Town Close - Update on NCC action relating to covenants.

6. 2024/25 Financial Matters

a) Financial update Account Balance as at 23.7.24

£3831.09

b) Spent and received since 31st July 2024

Mrs JM Anderson

£404.30

HMRC PAYE

£97.20

NCC Insurance premium 2024/25	£254.45
Stableyard Landscapes - August reduced cut and Full cut	£224.00
Stableyard Landscapes – July 2 full cuts, reduced cut and road end cut	£383.50

c) Payments received:

NCC PC precept (2 nd Half)	£2,700.00
Credit from The National Trust (towards defibrillator)	£100.00
Donation in lieu of Council Tax	£15.00
3 rd Compensation payment from Northern Powergrid	£100.00

Account Balance as at 9.10.24 **£5382.64**

d) Cheques and other payments required:

Payment to Clerk SCP 9 – 11 weeks 15.5.,24-31.7.24 (inc £15.30 expenses)	£404.30
HMRC PAYE Cheque	£97.20
Stableyard Landscapes Sept Reduced cut, Full cut and road end.	£257.50
Royal British Legion (Wreath for Remembrance Sunday)	£30.00
Purchase of new defibrillator pads	£71.94 inc VAT

7. Procedural Matters

- Underpayment of Clerk – Minimum wage is now £11.44 per hour (clerk currently receiving £11.05/hr). In addition the Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 23/24 pay award has been agreed which is £13.06 per hour for SCP 9. Item for discussion and decision on way forward.
- Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2024 – Arrangements for laying of wreath to be agreed.

8. County Councillor Report by Wendy Pattison

Reports for August, September and October previously circulated.

9. Planning

22/02619/FUL – Retrospective Change of Use of White Cottage to serviced accommodation in Association with the Joiners Arms. White Cottage, The Inn Road, Newton by the Sea, Northumberland, NE66 3EA. The Parish Council objected to this application for several reasons including concerns about the lack of on site parking. Application REFUSED 23.11.23. Planning Appeal submitted 5.2.24 to the Planning Inspectorate.ref APP/P2935/W/24/3338004. As at 9th October 2024, case not yet decided.

23/00519/ENDEVT – New ‘Glasshouse’ at Newton Hall. Matter being looked into by NCC Planning Enforcement.

23/03039/FUL - Relocation of 5No camping pods and 1 toilet pod from Doxford Barns to Doxford Farm Camping. Land North West Of Doxford Newhouses Doxford. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of concerns about insufficient water pressure and current discussion with residents and Northumbrian Water. As at 9.10.24 decision still awaited.

23/03704/FUL - Construction of 4no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping and parking. Land south of Kareith Drive , Newton by the Sea. The Parish Council objected to this application for a number of reasons including its concern about the need for affordable homes in the Parish, the risk of flooding on the site, development of open land, and impact on the settlement boundary. As at 9.10.24 decision still awaited.

24/04459/FUL - Proposed New Headquarters, Directors House, Workers Accommodation, Staff Amenities and Estate Support. Land South East Of Doxford Barns Doxford Northumberland. The Parish Council objected to this application for several reasons including the excessive size of the development. As at 9th October 2024 decision still awaited.

24/00411/LBC – Listed Building Consent for replacement of 2no stone chimney stacks above ridge line. Newton Hall, Newton by the Sea, NE66 3DZ. Application REFUSED 17th June 2024..

24/01542/FUL – Removal of raised private path, along with partial relocation of boundary wall and fence, to facilitate the provision of 2No new residential parking spaces and domestic bin store. Doray, Newton by the Sea. The Parish Council objected to this application. As at 9.10.24 decision still awaited.

24/02126/LBC – Listed building consent for full replacement of slate roof coverings 4no rooflights and 2no skylights. 1A The Square, Newton by the Sea, NE66 3EW. The Parish Council had no objections. APPROVED 29.8.24.

24/02228/FUL – Construction of 1no Self Build dwelling. Land South West of 3 Croft Place, Croft Place, Newton by the Sea. The Parish Council did not object to this application but pointed that Local Plan condition HOU10 would apply (dwelling to be kept as main dwelling). As at 9.10.24 decision still awaited.

24/03244/FUL – WC and utility to ground floor, first floor new staircase, Velux windows, demolish existing garage and rebuild. 5 Boatmans Place Newton-by-the-sea Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3EJ. Comments invited until 22.10.24.

24/03273/FUL – Residential annex to be used ancillary to main dwelling. Linkhouse Farm, Newton by the Sea, Alnwick, NE66 3ED. Comments invited until 24th October 2024.

10. Highways

a. Damaged Salt/Grit bin near top of hill at Low Newton – Yellow bin can be replaced by NCC at no charge. If PC wants a green bin it will need to provide this (cost approx. £175.68 exc VAT for 350litre) and would only get three free grit refills from NCC. After this, grit refills would be the PC's responsibility to purchase and refill (cost approx. £120 exc VAT for 10x 25Kg bags).

11. General

- a. Missing Crabapple Tree on Bickerton Field – For discussion and decision on replacement.
- b. New Mole Infestation on Bickerton Field – Decision on treatment.
- c. Replacement more rotten/missing posts on High Newton Common land – For discussion and decision.
- d. Update on National Landscapes (former AONB) matters including possible replacement of stile with kissing gate near Football Hole.
- e. National Trust update.

12. Embleton Joint Burial Committee (EJBC)

- a. Update.

13. Correspondence/Meetings/Urgent Business

NCC – Eglington Neighbourhood Plan formally agreed.

Northern Powergrid Public Meeting

CRSG campaign – Chathill station and Rail link bus services.

NCC Highways Programme - acknowledgement of PC's three LTP priorities.

14. Items for next agenda

- a. Update from Iain Robson - Northumberland Coast National Landscape Manager (previously AONB)

15. Date of next meeting:- 6pm Wednesday 4th December 2024.