

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13th July, Newnham Clubroom, 7pm

Parish Councillors Paul Gaskell (Chairman for meeting) Chris Alliston, John Ashworth,
Pauline Hedges; Guest – Nick Walker; Clerk Susan Turner

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES – Apologies June James, County Cllr Elaine Still.

2 PUBLIC SESSION AND REPORTS TO MEETING

No members of the public present.

Nature Recovery Networks County Cllr Elaine Still supplied an emailed update on the National Scheme for Nature Recovery Networks which indicates at the moment no progress can be made:

‘As you know, the County Council, along with all the other “Provisional Responsible Authorities (RAs)” named to take forward the LNRS for their area, is still awaiting further guidance from Government about the process, the programme, including the passage of secondary legislation, and the funding support’ **APPENDIX I.**

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 11th May AGM, proposed Pauline Hedges, seconded Chris Alliston, agreed and signed by meeting Chairman.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda – None

5 REVIEW OF PARISH ASSEMBLY

Attended by 25 members of the public, three Parish Councillors and Clerk; PCSO Andy Jones; Ward Councillors Onnalee Cubitt and Kate Tuck.

TO RECORD – Thanks to PCSO Andy Jones for attending as outside his area.

Reports and discussions were recapped in the June *Villager*.

- Ward Councillors discussed the Local Plan update which gave rise to some questioning.

Question – Is the objection to ‘what’ building or ‘where’ building?

A – the recent past level of housebuilding has meant that further large scale house building is now environmentally unsustainable. The objection is to the numbers. The biggest issue for the whole borough is getting the projected numbers down. As a collective, parishes and all the electors have a strong voice.

- The mood was of a ‘meeting’ rather than a social event.

- A comment that the meeting was marred by discussion on individual (live) planning applications – which was curtailed as inappropriate for a Parish Assembly. Noted for future Assemblies to make this clear at the outset should the need arise.

- The Greening Campaign was discussed and agreed to, further support will be needed to progress with this.

6 PLATINUM JUBILEE REVIEW

The Thursday’s Bonfire Beacon Celebration on the Green – with street-party supper supplied by the Old House at Home – was hailed a great success, helped by the good weather. The Parish Council’s thanks to all who organised, contributed and attended.

Water End’s own Celebration was a ‘truly wonderful and unique event with nostalgia and good feeling’ – and being on the Saturday, the weather held until the evening.

The Iron Bull was obliged cancel its planned event due to staff shortages.

7 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – Notice of Vacancy **APPENDIX II**

TO RECORD the resignation of Gareth Wilson from the Parish Council due to pressure of work. The Parish Council expressed its appreciation for Gareth’s contribution to the Parish Council for the past seven years and for attending meetings despite many other commitments. A Vacancy notice will be sent to BDBC, and advertised, including in the August *Villager*.

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8 NEWNHAM GREEN**.1 Maintenance**

Mowing – With thanks to Manor Farm who have made three cuts to the Green so far this year – all areas except Pond triangle wildlife area.

In addition, Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance has twice mown the main Green (with the cut and collect mower), and cut sections of the verges, prior to the Jubilee – on 12th May and 1st June.

Parish Council mower Thanks to Gareth Wilson for storing and part repairing the mower. To arrange for collection, and reimbursement for work done.

.2 Projects

Bench – to confirm location and put in concrete footings.

S106 funding available for planting and to improve access (£1,328.48)

- 1 Potential access points for improvement **APPENDIX III**:
 - i from Newnham Lane at the pinch point – towards Church Path
 - ii a crossing point on FP 3 opposite Tithe Barn
- 2 New planting around the pond has support from HIWARG.

Autumn / Winter projects

- 1 to scarify main Green
- 2 potential for a further volunteer day via BVA.

.3 Pond

Maintenance

1. Some hand weeding done and still to do, around the pond.
2. Two Pyramidal Orchid growing at the pond margins, these likely been dormant and now emerged as the margins haven't been mown. (The margins were hand cleared last year, in part by Schreder volunteers in December.)
3. HIWARG working party scheduled for Saturday 23rd July 9am-12.30 to remove more *Crassula* where the pond is dry; plus a section of Bur-reed (pub-side of the pond back towards the Willows).

Newts

1. As per survey of 23rd March, this is an 'exceptional' population of Great Crested Newts.
2. GCN District Level Licensing Scheme (DLL) – DLL across the country is aimed at speeding up development and removing some of the legal responsibilities for developers – with schemes varying county by county. Naturespace is setting up the GCN DLL Scheme for Hampshire. HIWARG in discussion with Naturespace to have Newnham and Lyde Green listed as Black Zones, ie exempt from the scheme and normal planning rules apply.

9 JUBILEE TREES & HEDGING**.1 Jubilee tree**

Suggestions so far

- 1 A small tree on the triangle by Kingsbridge.
- 2 A tree on Newnham Green near the crossroads
- 3 The Green already has enough trees and a large tree at the crossroad will detract from the open nature of the Green and block views across it.

The July *Villager* requested further suggestions / feedback for Jubilee trees, a notice to go again into August *Villager*.

4. Alternative suggestion for a commemorative plaque next to pond.

.2 Jubilee hedging – Woodland Trust are offering a selection of free tree and hedge packs

- 1 Agreed a second attempt to establish a hedge on the Barracks Track by Kingsbridge End. (To replace original native hedge removed as a result of the development.)
- 2 HIWARG has suggested a short section of native hedging (maintained at around five feet high) around the compost corner on the Green.

10 PLANNING**.1 Parish Planning applications** – See Planning Update **APPENDIX IV****.2 Out of Parish applications** Again see Planning Update.

- 1 Appeal for new house at Fairfields in Hook-Newnham Gap.
- 2 EIA screening application for Warehousing development at Lodge Farm, North Warnborough. Indicative site boundary at **APPENDIX V**.

.3 Local Plan Update

i. To record Newnham's removal from the Settlement Study Cabinet member Jay Ganesh's report to EPH (Economic Planning & Housing Committee) 9th June says:

'Following discussion at this Committee in January 2022, an SPB [Settlement Policy Boundary] has not been taken forward for Newnham given the settlement's small size and the difficulties identifying a suitable area given heritage concerns about including the open space around the Green.'

Thanks due to former Ward Councillor Mark Ruffell who advised the Parish Council to speak at the January EPH meeting.

To note the Draft Reg 18 LPU document has not yet been agreed for consultation, but further discussion relates to overall numbers, not to proposals for SS5.

i. Reg 18 The Economic Planning & Housing Committee (EPH) of 9th June unanimously declined to accept the LPU Draft Reg 18 Consultation Document, and the recently published Water Cycle Study (WCS).

ii. Housing Numbers Cabinet of 5th July considered a referral from Full Council of 24 March 2022: '7. Local Plan Update Housing Figure: The Council resolves to request that Cabinet explores the Chelmer Housing Projection Model, informed by legal advice, to ensure that the emerging local plan meets the legal tests of compliance and soundness when these tests are applied independently at the Examination in Public in 2024 and subsequently by the Secretary of State.'

iii. Published Local Development Schedule now shows Reg 18 Consultation Autumn/Winter.

.4 Water Cycle Study – Presentations on the Water Cycle Study and a preliminary Transport Impacts Review, from consultants AECOM and Jacobs respectively, are to be heard by Economic Planning Housing Committee (EPH) of Monday 18th July.

Paul Gaskell to speak at EPH with questions on the Water Cycle Study.

11 FINANCE**.1 Income since last meeting** – Grants received

- 1 BDBC Jubilee – £500
- 2 BDBC Ward Cllr (Sven) grant 2021/22 – £1,000 towards the Water End defibrillator.

.2 Payments since last meeting

5	JV Hire services – Bouncy castle – Jubilee	£160.00
6	Cove Brass – Brass band – Jubilee	£100.00
7	Roy Wood – Moles contract May	£50.00
8	Clerk Salary – May	£360.00
9	PGGM – Mowing Green & grass collection x 2	£570.00
10	JJ for 'Party Delights' – table covers/bunting – Jubilee	£113.80
11	ST for Al's Ices – Ice Cream Van – Jubilee	£287.50
12	Old House – Pimms – Jubilee	£70.00
13	ST for Silent Disco – Jubilee	£180.00
14	Villager – Print & Editor contribution 2021-22	£659.50
15a	CP for Jaiv Ltd – Jubilee paper cups	£16.98
15b	CP for Lilag Ltd – Jubilee plate x 4 - prizes	£39.96
15c	CP for Lilag Ltd – Jubilee plate x 1 - prizes	£9.99
15d	Carolyn Peck for soft drinks & sound system – Jubilee	£33.07
16	Roy Wood – Mole contract June	£50.00
17	Clerk – Salary June	£360.00
18	ST for Go Daddy – PC Domain name renewal	£26.54

.3 Accounts to date – as circulated – bank reconciliation figure of £13,827.48**APPENDIX VI**

12 WATER END

- .1 Water End bus shelter** To record – The bus shelter perspex window broken 25th May (looks like a hole punched through). Pauline Hedges reported to police online. Awaiting a date from Parish Lengthsman to repair.
- .2 Iron Bull** – Noted that the Iron Bull engages with the Park Community, offers discounts, eg breakfasts and lunches. Has invested a lot of time and money into the pub. Like many, has recently struggled to find sufficient staff.

13 A30 Scures Hill

i. Bikers night

Discussion

- A charity event was held on Saturday morning
- The bikers generally respectful – though sometimes with noisy old bikes
- Differing opinions re level of noise on A30, likely to vary uphill and downhill
- One or two from the Park complain about the motorbikes
- Not comparable with bikers night that used to be held at the Lord Derby
- If there is speeding, up to people to report to police.

ii. Village Gateways and traffic calming

Discussion

- Noted that County Councillor Elaine Still has been supportive of the principle of Village Gateways, advised to leave some time after the installation of the new speed limit and – at the time – that it was ‘a project for after COVID’.
- New signage will need to take into account a pavement extension for new house at Land West of Nately Towers.
- There is interest among Nately Scures residents to revisit traffic calming.

AGREED To further consider / engage with residents re Village Gateways / traffic calming.

14 FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES

- .1 Local Policing** The Parish has little evident policing coverage. PCSO Andy Jones attended the Parish Assembly, his report included that:
 ‘PCSO Andy Jones is a Rural South Officer, he recognises the policing issues of our parish align with Rural South and will cover when he can. But Newnham is part of the Basing Area and so should be policed by Basingstoke Town. Andy has discussed with the Basingstoke Sergeant. Our assigned officers should be:
 - PC Ren PARMAR renu.parmar@hampshire.police.uk
 - PCSO Lucy OLLERENSHAW lucy.ollerenshaw@hampshire.police.uk’

ACTION To discuss with Ward Councillors and make contact with Basingstoke East.

.2 Rights of Way

Footpath 3 – Church Path With thanks to Footpaths Warden Chris Alliston, the two sections on FP3 reported with drainage problems have been attended to. By the boardwalk, and half way across the field as the deer fence ends, Countryside Services in mid-May put down scalpings.

- .3 The Greening Campaign** was discussed and agreed to at the Parish Assembly; to seek support to progress this.
- .4 Bonfires** Further bonfires at Priory Farm have been reported to BDBC Environmental Health. Noted that regular burning (toxic materials) continuing on Scures Hill; difficulty in preventing this that Environmental Health officers need to be there when the burning takes place.

15 NEXT MEETINGS (Second Wednesday of alternate months)
 14th September, 9th November

Meeting closed at 9.30pm with thanks to all

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APPENDIX I

ELAINE STILL HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – JULY 2022

Subject: RE: Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire

Dear Councillor Still,

I'm pleased to hear that there is real interest from local people about this work, what it might achieve, and how they can be engaged in the process going forward. I can confirm that the preparation of the Hampshire LNRS will be a genuinely collaborative endeavour and we will be involving a wide range of partners and stakeholders across the whole of Hampshire. I really look forward to this, however, we're not at that stage quite yet.

'As you know, the County Council, along with all the other "Provisional Responsible Authorities (RAs)" named to take forward the LNRS for their area, is still awaiting further guidance from Government about the process, the programme, including the passage of secondary legislation, and the funding support for this important task. We are then still at a very early stage in terms of the overall planning, including how people and organisations will be able to be involved in the preparation of the LNRS.

However, I would like to reassure everyone that is keen to contribute that we are absolutely committed to a collaborative approach, and we will be reaching out to partners, stakeholders and interested parties as soon as we are able with more information about the process and opportunities to be involved.'

APPENDIX II**VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR**

PARISH COUNCIL OF:

NEWNHAM

VACANCY FOR A

PARISH COUNCILLOR

1. THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE ABOVE COUNCIL DUE TO:

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

2. A BYE-ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY WILL BE HELD IF, WITHIN 14 DAYS (NOT COUNTING A SATURDAY OR SUNDAY) FROM THE DATE BELOW, 10 ELECTORS FOR THE PARISH GIVE NOTICE IN WRITING CLAIMING SUCH AN ELECTION TO THE RETURNING OFFICER.

3. THE ADDRESS FOR THE RETURNING OFFICER IS:

**ELECTORAL SERVICES, BASINGSTOKE & DEANE
BOROUGH COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES
LONDON ROAD, BASINGSTOKE RG21 4AH**

4. IF NO SUCH NOTICE IS GIVEN, THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL FILL THE VACANCY BY CO-OPTION.

DATED **1ST AUGUST 2022**

NOTICE GIVEN BY Susan Turner
Clerk to the Parish Council

APPENDIX III



Potential new crossing points

APPENDIX IV PLANNING APPLICATIONS UPDATE – 11 July 2022

New applications since last meeting

- 22/01891/HSE (Validated 05 Jul 2022) Grove Villa, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Proposed new single storey rear extension with a mono-pitch roof. *Parish Council no objection.*
- 22/01880/HSE (Validated 04 Jul 2022) 2 Kingsbridge Copse. Single storey rear extension.
- 22/01883/HSE (Validated 04 Jul 2022) Oakfield House. Scures Hill. Demolition of existing garage and construction of new double garage with home office above. *Parish Council no objection.*
- 21/02750/FUL ([Hook application](#)) (refused Hart 7th Jan 2022 APP/N1730/W/22/[3298102 – Appeal](#) validated 11th June 2022) Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook. Erection of a detached four bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing outbuildings. *Parish Council response submitted to Hart for original application will be forwarded to the Inspector.*
- 22/01794/HSE (Validated 27 Jun 2022) New House, Church Path, Newnham. Convert existing garage into a study and add a new detached carport to the front of the house. *Parish Council – no objection.*
- 22/01752/OOBC (Validated 22 June 2022) Land At Lodge Farm, Hook Road, North Warnborough. Request for Scoping Opinion in relation to redevelopment proposals of approximately 32 hectares (ha). [Hart ref 22/01347/EIA](#)
- 22/01675/FUL (Validated 15 Jun 2022) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of 1no. dwelling with associated garage and landscaping. (Second replacement application for one of two houses (the southern one of the two) allowed at Appeal – Increase in size, incorporates garage with room over, further change design to mimic houses on Scures Hill.) *Parish Council objection – Proposed dwelling overbearing and urbanising in terms of scale and design, detrimental to its setting and contrary to EM1 Landscape, EM10 Good Design. To question validity of an argument – in design or landscape terms – to model a new dwelling in a rural setting in a narrow country lane, on houses approved on nearby Scures Hill which traditionally has seen developments of large houses in large plots set back from a busy dual carriageway.*
- T/00207/22/DDD ([Five-day notice](#)) 1 Manor Farm Cottages, Blackstocks Lane. Dead Oak tree to be felled.

Applications pending or recently decided.

- 22/01240/LDPO ([Refused](#) 28 June – Planning application is required) Grove Villa, Blackstocks Lane Nately Scures. Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension. *Parish Council no objection.*
- 22/01190/FUL ([Pending](#) 05 May 2022) Land On West Side Of Nately Towers, Scures Hill. Erection of a detached five-bedroomed dwelling and detached garage, repositioning of entrance onto London Road (A30) and extension to footpath. *NOTED: PIP already approved. No neighbour objections. Habitat requirement to keep surrounding vegetation – potential for Hazel Dormice & Reptiles. Design & Access statement says ground sourced heat pump. No Tree objections subject to condition – tree report requirements. Parish Council no objection.*
- 22/00981/FUL ([Granted](#) 26 May) Land At Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated landscape and parking. (Replacement application for one of two houses (the southern one of the two) allowed at Appeal. *Modifies design, increases plot size.*
- 22/00754/HSE ([Granted](#) 25th May) Snipes Wood House, Scures Hill. Erection of first floor extension to existing garage to create home office with shower room and sauna.
- 22/00132/FUL ([Pending](#) 19 Jan 2022) Land off Ridge Lane. Siting of farm workers' dwelling for temporary period. Creation of earth bunds (2.5 metre max wide by 1.5 metre max height). Permeable surfaced farm access tracks. (Part retrospective.) *NOTED: Ecology supporting docs on website 4th July.*
- 21/03830/FUL ([Pending](#) 19 Jan 2022) Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Erection of one dwellinghouse partly on the site of a tennis court with access driveway and new access on to Ridge Lane. (Replacement application for 20/01798/FUL approved Dec 2020.) *New docs 4th July. Parish Council further response supporting Landscape comment that native hedge to rear shown in original drawings should be reinstated to screen Church Path.*
- 21/02135/RES ([Granted](#) 30 May, Validated: Fri 25 Jun 2021) Land Adjacent Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. The application is for the consideration of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale only pursuant to the outstanding matters reserved by condition 1 of the approved outline permission 16/00097/OUT allowed at appeal.
- 16/03282/RET ([Pending](#) 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. 'Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days for no more than 100 days in a year with ancillary tea room and associated car parking.' Consultation on new description only. To be decided by Development Control Committee, date tba. (*Most recent comment submitted June 2019.*)

APPENDIX V

Figure 1.2: Indicative Site Boundary Plan



