



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th July 2020, 6pm, Remote meeting via Zoom

Present: Councillors June James (Chairman), Paul Gaskell, Gareth Wilson, Pauline Hedges, Chris Alliston; Clerk Susan Turner. Guest PC Andy Reid

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES – Apologies John Ashworth, Nick Walker.

Thanks to Paul Gaskell for hosting.

2 PUBLIC SESSION – No members of the public present.

3 POLICE REPORT PC Reid joined the meeting and reported increase in crime in the Parish, 29 this year compared to nine last year.

Including since last meeting – in Newnham, non-dwelling burglaries from Manor Farm and Hale Farm. On 4th July a stump grinder was stolen from Hale Farm in the early hours and seen by CCTV going down Ridge Lane and then the Street in Rotherwick, onwards to the Leather Bottle, then lost trace. PC Reid noted that a lot of stolen equipment goes abroad, urging all owners to mark, identify and photograph tools and equipment of value.

Theft of tools from a van in Ridge Lane. Two thefts of motor vehicles from Fosters Business Park. Crime at the business park recently calmed down. Ongoing dispute between tenants.

Nately Scures seen damage road accident on the A30, a non-dwelling burglary in Blackstocks Lane, and the theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle parked outside building site on the edge of the A30. The exhaust system was sawn off with a hacksaw. Ongoing problem with 'cats' which are worth a lot of money. Also reported deliberate damage to the light in the bus shelter at Water End.

PC Reid left the meeting with thanks of all present.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 17th May AGM agreed and to be signed.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda – none.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Payments

Regular payments since last meeting

Clerk	Salary May 2020	SO	£309.25 (old rate)
PGGM	PGGM LM May 2020	SO	£1,300.00 (old rate)
Clerk	Salary June 2020	SO	£309.25 (old rate)
PGGM	PGGM LM June 2020	SO	£1,300.00 (old rate)

Cheques signed between meetings

ST for BHIB	Parish Council Insurance	775	£375.86
PGGM	Green mowing May (replacement cheque)	776	£156.00
Caroline Hardman	SSEN Covid-19 Community Grant	777	£2,000.00
PGGM.	Green mowing July+dispose of bulk bag green waste	778	£140.50
Roy Wood	Moles – June-July 2020	779	£100.00.

6.2 Accounts to date 2020/21 APPENDIX I

6.3 2019/20 Audit - AGAR – Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

AGAR Part 3 & Accounts forms to agreed and to be signed APPENDIX II

1. Section 1 Annual Governance statements
2. Section 2 Accounting statements
3. Page from accounts - Bank reconciliation
4. Page from accounts - Significant variances

Internal audit tba with Peter Brown. All forms to be posted on website and submitted to PKF Littlejohn, external auditors.

For signature

6.4 Insurance

- i Parish Council insurance** Provision transferred to BHIB Local Councils Insurance – Aviva policy. Reduced premium compared to that offered by Came & Co who now also add a £50 admin fee. BHIB £375.86 compared to Came & Co's £531.83 (Ecclesiastical policy) – both prices for three-year tie-in. BHIB also provides Parish Online subscription FOC.
- ii Mower insurance** The NFU tractor policy for the mower due 17th June hasn't been renewed. The mower is covered by the Parish Council insurance for theft, damage etc, but not now covered for on the road.

7 OLD HOUSE AT HOME

Reopened 4th July - as opening hours as when started two years ago. Prior to Covid had extended opening hours and gone free-of-tie. Now arranged with Red Oak to return to original contract.

8 NEWNHAM GREEN

- 8.1 Mowing** PGGM (Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance – Parish Lengthsman) cut early April & May, Richard Wilson's flail mower used for June, PGGM continued with July.

Thanks to Manor Farm for confirming they are happy to help with the Green mowing, as can fit in around their own grounds maintenance. Envisage being able to fit in a monthly cut with the flail mower. If areas of the Green are regularly cut close, it should be possible to also use the twin cylinder Parish Council mower.

8.2 Management plan

- i** Draft plan as agreed published in the July *Villager*.

'The draft Plan outlined is based on the Management Proposal drawn up by Marion Stainton in 2005 in association with Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC). While a scaled-back version of HBIC's best-practice but labour-intensive proposal, this Plan is hopefully a step in the right direction and can be monitored and modified accordingly. New wildlife areas can be introduced a section at a time if this is found to be working successfully. It should result in less diesel and man/machine hours being needed for mowing and strimming.'

Councillor Comments: 'To seek feedback from residents'; 'this plan commits to regular mowing and maintenance'; 'if done right the wild flower areas look good and are also great for the bees – reducing the maintenance overhead at the same time is also a bonus'.

- ii** Manor Farm expressed their support for a 'management plan everyone can work to'.

- iii** Lord Malmesbury emailed his support for the draft plan (6th July 2020) 'I think that a bit of wildlife management is enlightened.' (Unfortunately unable to include the Green within the Greywell Estate Stewardship scheme as not within the same holding.)

AGREED To implement and monitor the proposed plan. **APPENDIX III**

- 8.3 Verges** Complaints received after the ditches were dug last winter, and the spoil removed to the verges, that the verges were unsightly.

The verge on the pond side of Tylney Lane has been levelled and seeded with a 'nectar' mix hoping some will survive dry weather – sainfoin, clover, vetch, birds foot trefoil (clover, vetch and trefoil in the verges already). The other verges have been strimmed once and weed-pulled twice. Sections to be levelled and seeded with Yellow Rattle mix in autumn.

8.4 Wildlife management

AGREED Clerk to seek advice from Hampshire Wildlife trust for a wildlife management plan for the Green including pond. (To seek to extend this to verges bordering the A30.)

- 8.5 Pond** The water level is dropping now, *Crassula* more evident.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG) – Pete West from HIWARG has been surveying the pond – as published in the *Villager* – and today (Wed 8th July) laying 'refugia' for newts. His comment: 'it is a great little pond and probably just needs regular small scale management of the *Crassula* itself to keep on top of it'.

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9 PLANNING & TREES

9.1 Hook Local Gap

20/00199/PREAPP (29 Jan 2020) Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Retirement village comprising 160 units and ancillary buildings.

Response by case officer Miguel Martinez largely dismisses the proposals.

20/01486/FUL Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook. Demolition of outbuildings and erection of two detached dwellings with integral garages and new access to the public highway

Residents of Hook and Newnham are actively opposing the application as a threat to the integrity of the Gap. Newnham Parish Council response at **APPENDIX IV**.

9.2 Parish planning applications for discussion

20/01597/FUL Land At Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 2 no. dwellings and associated parking. Part of site submitted to current SHELAA. As such should be considered via the Local Plan Update process. The site is in the open countryside, adjacent to ancient woodland, and part of a wildlife corridor linking ancient woodland including SINC's and the river Lyde. The majority of Blackstocks Lane residents are opposed. Clerk to draft response for circulation.

20/01213/HSE Naishes Barn garden, Newnham Road. Construction of a domestic swimming pool and associated landscaping. *PC Response: no objection*

20/01230/HSE Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of a single storey rear extension with roof terrace above and external stairs to garden. Alterations to fenestration to include two new external doors. *PC Response: no objection*

9.3 Parish planning applications pending

16/03282/RET (Pending, Validated 15 Sep 2016) **Manor Farm** '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. This application will be decided by DC, date tba.

Paul Gaskel has recently discussed with the case officer citing concerns that the 'temporary' car park is used permanently with detrimental impact on neighbouring residents. 'I want to see the business do well, but not at the expense of neighbouring residents, or loss of our fields.' Response from Case Officer that: 'This matter does need concluding and it is my aim to finalise a report for planning committee in the near future.'

9.4 Parish tree applications

T/00272/20/TCA Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane. Acacia: crown reduce to suitable growth points approx 4-5m. *No objection*

T/00232/20/TPO 11 The Baredown, Nately Scures RG27 9JT. Area G2: 1 Spruce: fell. From photo the tree looks in very bad condition. 'Parish Council will be guided by case officer but request suitable replacement. Concern that a number of the Baredown TPO trees are being much reduced or felled.'

9.5 MSA J6 M3 - Moto (Old Basing)

17/03487/FUL Construction of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA)

Response to recent further consultation 'No objection with conditions' from both HCC Highways and Highways England. Traffic planning consultant engaged by Winslade has challenged this. Strong objection submitted by Basingstoke Transition Network on environmental sustainability – air quality/climate change – grounds.

Noted that one of main issues has been surface water runoff affecting the Loddon. This is being addressed by diverting runoff via a trench leading south westwards. Noted that there will be a solution to all construction / engineering issues but potential to cost itself out of being economically viable. Potential also noted to incorporate into the envisaged 'rapid mass transport system' for Basingstoke.

9.6 See **APPENDIX V** for all current applications relating to the Parish.

10 HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC

10.1 Footpath Warden's Report

Newnham FP4: Barracks to A30 Discussed with Andy Aitken (Senior Access Ranger, HCC Countryside Services), he's keen for this FP issue to be resolved. Suggested that Hook FP warden will clear in August.

FP7 (Nately Scures) Blackstocks Lane down Manor Farm / St Swithuns access track, then north beside the car park to A30. Access through the trees to the A30 blocked with overgrowth. Reported on HCC website.

FP 717 Blackstocks Lane eastwards along by Motorway – completely overgrown.

FP 2 Westwards from Long Barn Lane (off Newnham Lane) to Lyde. Signpost missing and path very flooded. Reported on website.

NOTED Fantastic network of footpaths across the Lyde Valley, very difficult to park locally to access.

10.2 Newnham FP3 – Strings Boardwalk HCC Countryside Services confirmed no objection to dedication and plaque to Nigel Downes.

10.3 Lengthsman tasks – since last meeting

Thurs 4th June: Strim verges Green, Old School Road triangle and bridge; remove branches & debris from Lyde at Andwell Lane / A30 culvert;

Sat 4th July: Weed pull Green verges & ditches (bag of weeds removed including docks and hogweed); fix Green noticeboard where detached from post.

10.4 A30 – Gateways Nick Walker to submit initial proposal.

10.5 Newnham Road Order submitted to HCC for rationalising signage at Clubroom.

11 BARRACKS

Noted new gate installed at Fosters Business Park improves security.

12 WATER END

Resurfacing works to Water End Lane, road closure scheduled for 28-29 July 8am-6pm. Detours for Water End residents with both the Lane and A30 eastbound closed to traffic.

13 FURTHER REPORTS

13.1 Clubroom report

1. The Covid-related use during lockdown – teacher producing exercise videos and PPE assembly hub – both left by 4th July. (Some stats for the PPE hub: they dispatched 6,015 face shields to 45 different organisations using 2.6 km elastic enabling 85,000 antibody tests. Largest single for 550 masks, smallest for two.)

2. In the meantime the Clubroom was redecorated and cleaned ready for use

3. Clubroom Committee meeting will discuss strategy for reopening on 25th July in line with Government guidelines. There will be a procedure – all one way traffic, sanitisers, signage etc – and risk assessment for the Clubroom and each group using the Clubroom. will produce its own specific risk assessment

4. Quotes have been received for supplying Solar to the Clubroom.

5. Chris Alliston will prepare a Clubroom article for the August *Villager*.

13.2 Villager Continues to be circulated digitally insofar as have contact details. Few responses received but most of those saying would like to keep paper copies. Additional help offered for delivery in Newnham.

14 NEXT MEETINGS Provisional dates – Wednesdays 2nd September, 4th November

Meeting closed 7.30pm with thanks to all present

For signature date

APPENDIX I ACCOUNTS TO DATE

Date	Supplier	Description	Cheque No	Fin / Admin	Salary	Expenses	Training	Villager	GREEN	Maintenance	Projects	VAT	Total	
28/04/20	Clerk	Salary April 2020	SO		£309.25								£309.25	
28/05/20	Clerk	Salary May 2020	SO		£309.25								£309.25	
28/05/20	The Villager	Villager 2019-20	769					£659.50					£659.50	
28/05/20	Assert Property Serv	Bus shelter - new shingles	770							£70.00		£14.00	£84.00	
28/05/20	St for HALC/NACL	HALC (incl NALC) subs	771	£272.03									£272.03	
28/05/20	Roy Wood	Moles Dec2019-May2020	772						£300.00				£300.00	
28/05/20	PGGM	Green May & June cuts	774	CANCELLED										
28/05/20	ST forBHIM	Insurance plus P Online	775	£375.86									£375.86	
03/06/20	PGGM	Green May cut	776						£130.00			£26.00	£156.00	
08/06/20	C Herdman	SSEN grant for PPE	777								£2,000.00		£2,000.00	
28/06/20	Clerk	Salary June 2020	SO		£309.25								£309.25	
07/07/20	PGGM	July cut - dispose green waste	778						£117.08			£23.42	£140.50	
07/07/20	Roy Wood	Moles June-July2020	779						£100.00				£100.00	
28/07/20	Clerk	Salary July 2020	SO		£309.25								£309.25	
28/08/20	Clerk	Salary August 2020	SO		£309.25								£309.25	
Totals:					£647.89	£1,546.25	£0.00	£0.00	£659.50	£647.08	£70.00	£2,000.00	£63.42	£5,634.14

NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL INCOME 2020/21 - AUG								
Date	Item	Paid by	Precept	Other grants	Covid grant	VAT	Interest	Total Receipts
Balance brought forward 1st April 2019								£5,779.37
24/04/20	LM contribution to VAT	BACS		£200.00				£200.00
27/04/20	Parish Precept 6 months	BACS	£5,422.50					£5,422.50
27/04/20	Grass Cutting Grant	BACS		£342.00				£342.00
03/06/29	SSEN				£2,000.00			£2,000.00
2020/21							£2.74	£2.74
Total			£5,422.50	£542.00	£2,000.00		£2.74	£7,967.24
				Interest	April	0.12		
					May	0.51		
					Jun	0.71		
					Jul	0.82		
					Aug	0.58		
					Sept			
					Oct			
					Nov			
					Dec			
					Jan			
					Feb			
					Mar			
						£2.74		

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY			
Bal brought forward 1st April 2018	£5,779.37		
Plus income	£7,967.24		
Minus expenditure	£5,634.14		
Balance	£8,112.47		

BANK RECONCILIATION			
bus instant access	£9,886.72		
Treasurers	£6,909.75		
minus LM funding remaining	£9,583.35		
plus LM VAT 2020	£1,083.35		
minus cheques not cleared	£184.00		
Balance	£8,112.47		

TREASURERS ACCOUNT 30-90-53 00320598
PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWNHAM

£ 6,909.75 Current balance

£6,909.75 Available funds ?

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PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWNHAM

£ 9,886.72 Balance

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APPENDIX II.I AGAR PART 3 SECTION 1

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

We acknowledge as the members of:

EN NEWNHAM AUTHORITY

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			✓

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

08/07/2020

and recorded as minute reference:

6.3.1

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement)

Authority web address

www.newnham-pc.info

APPENDIX II.II AGAR PART 3 SECTION 2

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 for

ENT NEWNHAM AUTHORITY

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2019 £	31 March 2020 £	
			<i>Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.</i>
1. Balances brought forward	6,945	2,078	<i>Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.</i>
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	8,965	9,862	<i>Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.</i>
3. (+) Total other receipts	21,452	22,698	<i>Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.</i>
4. (-) Staff costs	3,711	3,711	<i>Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.</i>
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	<i>Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any)</i>
6. (-) All other payments	31,573	25,147	<i>Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).</i>
7. (=) Balances carried forward	2,078	5,779	<i>Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).</i>
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	2,078	5,779	<i>The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.</i>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	13,188	13,188	<i>The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.</i>
10. Total borrowings	0	0	<i>The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).</i>
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	<i>The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2020 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

08/07/2020

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE
6.3.2

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

APPENDIX II.III ACCOUNTS SHEET FOR AUDIT

Newnham Parish Council - AUDIT SHEET

2019/2020 Bank Reconciliation

Receipts and payments summary

1	Balance brought forward from 1st April 2019	£2,077.96	
2	Plus Income	£15,659.81	
3	Plus Lengthsman income	£14,300.00	
4	Less Expenditure	£11,958.40	
5	Less L/M Expenditure	£14,300.00	
6	Balance to take over to 2020/21	£5,779.37	

Reconciliation

7	Bus Inst Access / Savings Account	£5,619.48	
8	Current / Treasurers Account	£791.68	
9	TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	£6,411.16	
10	Plus Income outstanding	£0.00	
11	Less cheques to clear	£631.79	
12	Balance to take over to 2020/21	£5,779.37	

Notes

13	Cheques to clear at Box 11 =	
	769: PGGM Diger hire and Green mowing	£415.79
	770: Clerk's allowable expense	£216.00
	Total	£631.79

June James, Chairman Date

Susan Turner, RFO Date

APPENDIX II.IV ACCOUNTS SHEET FOR AUDIT

Newnham Parish Council

2019 - 2020 Significant Variations: AUDIT SHEET

Difference between current and previous year greater than both 10% and £100 in Section 1, boxes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10

	Item	Previous YR Parish C 2018/2019	Previous Yr Lenghman (HCC) 18/19	Previous Year 2018/19 Total	Current Yr Parish C 2019/2020	Current Yr Lenghman (HCC) 19/20	Current Year 2019/20 Total	Difference	Diff %
1	Balance Brought Forward	£6,945.46		£6,945.46	£2,077.96		£2,077.96	£4,867.50	-70.08%
2	Annual Precept	£8,965.00		£8,965.00	£9,862.00		£9,862.00	£897.00	10.01%
3	Total Other Receipts	£4,651.96	£16,800.00	£21,451.96	£5,797.81	£16,900.00	£22,697.81	£1,245.85	5.81%
4	Staff Costs	£3,711.00		£3,711.00	£3,711.00		£3,711.00	£0.00	0.00%
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	NA
6	Total other payments (excl salaries)	£14,773.46	£16,800.00	£31,573.46	£8,247.40	£16,900.00	£25,147.40	£6,426.06	-20.35%
7	Balance carried forward	£2,077.96		£2,077.96	£5,779.37		£5,779.37	£3,701.41	178.13%
8	Cash & short term investments	£2,077.96		£2,077.96	£5,779.37		£5,779.37	£3,701.41	178.13%
9	Fixed assets & long term assets	£13,188.00		£13,188.00	£13,188.00		£13,188.00	£0.00	0.00%
10	Total borrowings	0		0	0		£0.00	£0.00	0
11	Trust funds	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA	NA

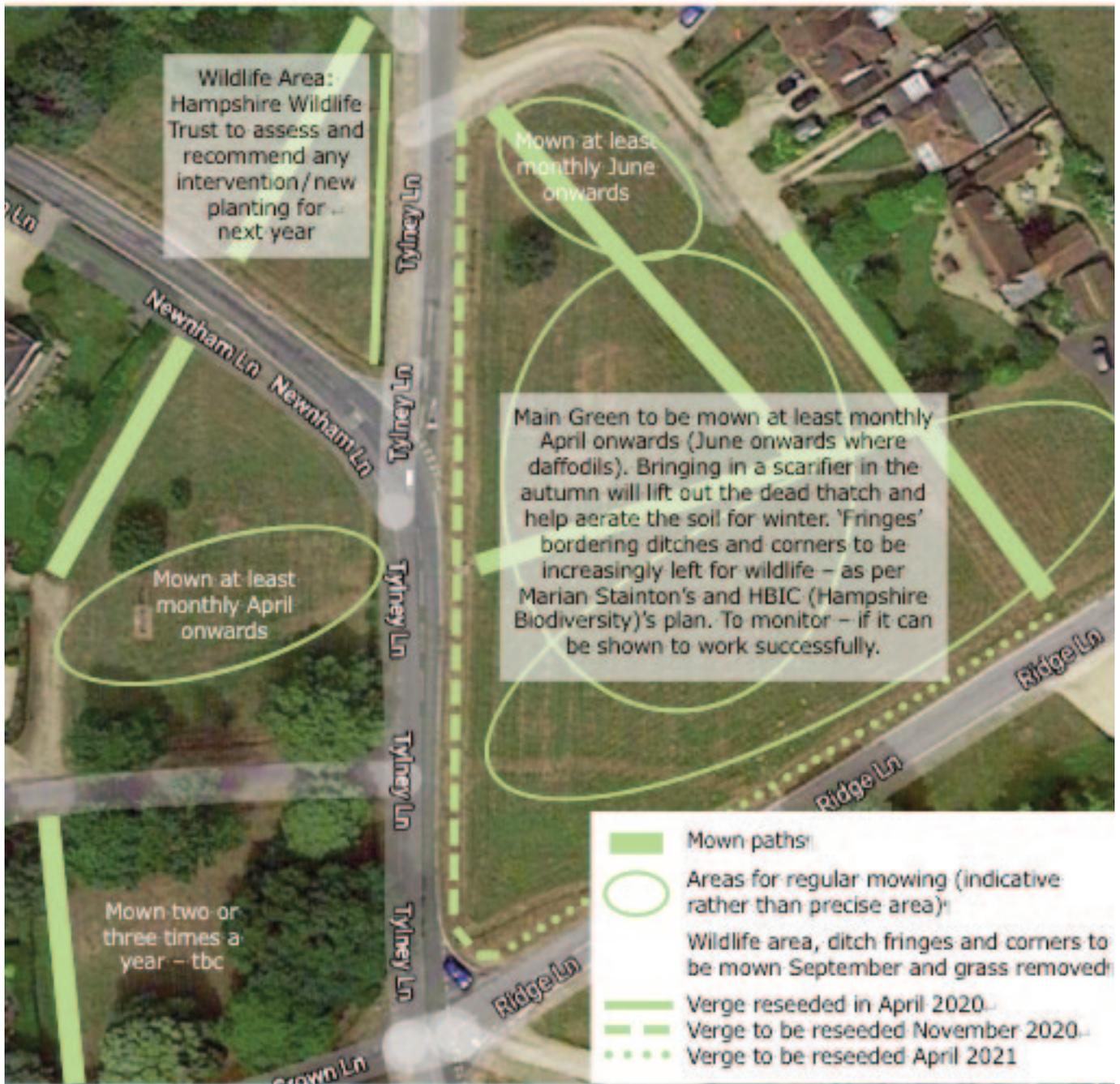
Box 2 Annual precept		2018/19	2019/20	Difference
Explanation for variation of	£897.00			Precept request of 10% rounded up to nearest £

Box 6 Total other payments (excl salaries)		2018/19	2019/20	Difference
Explanation for variation of	£6,426.06			
Expenses		£460.25	£216.00	£244.25
Finance / admin		£1,223.60	£1,269.18	£45.58
Training		£110.00	£160.00	£50.00
Maintenance		£70.00	£242.04	£172.04
Community - Events and donation		£477.43	£0.00	£477.43
Old House at Home campaign		£4,979.00	£0.00	£4,979.00
Newnham Green		£1,433.95	£874.99	£558.96
Noticeboard		£127.00	£0.00	£127.00
Bench 18/19 Planter 20/21		£569.00	£904.00	£335.00
Bus shelter		£2,650.00	£3,000.00	£350.00
Villager - Parish Magazine		£749.54	£626.78	£122.76
VAT		£1,923.69	£954.41	£969.28
Lenghman Scheme		£14,199.96	£14,299.96	£100.00
Lenghman VAT		£2,600.04	£2,600.04	£0.00
TOTALS		£31,573.46	£25,147.40	£6,426.06

June James, Chairman Date

Susan Turner, RFO Date

APPENDIX III NEWNHAM GREEN MANAGEMENT PLAN



APPENDIX IV.I

Emma Wachiuri
Case officer, Hart District Council

20/01486/FUL (30 June) Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook

Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of two detached dwellings with integral garages and new access to the public highway

29th July 2020

Dear Emma

Newnham Parish Council response as follows

1. This proposed development falls within the Hook to Newnham Gap as defined within Hook Neighbourhood Plan (adopted 27th February 2020) Policy HK6 as upheld at Judicial Review. The importance of the Gap to both Hook and Newnham communities has been consistently demonstrated in strong and active opposition to previous proposed developments in the Gap.
2. The nature and layout of the present Fairfields, being 'equestrian' with low-lying outbuildings, stables, manege and paddock, is largely in keeping with a rural landscape. The opinion of Planning Inspector Mr Richard Schofield (Appeal Ref: APP/N1730/A/14/2226609) was that 'The buildings of Owen's Farm, High Ridge House and Fairfields are situated within the Gap but they are removed from the built form of both Hook and Newnham, appearing as discrete features in the Gap.'
3. This proposal is for two substantial detached houses, essentially two-storey with integral garages, four and five bedroomed respectively, to be build beyond the settlement boundary of Hook and within the defined boundaries of the Gap.
4. The applicant's *Design and Access Statement* by Adams Planning and Project Services, chapter 3, final para describes how: 'The new development would complement Fairfield and reflect the architectural styles of surrounding properties.' As such it will necessarily extend the urbanising influence of the styles and built forms of 'surrounding properties' of Hook out into the Gap. This intrusion by domestic housing will alter the nature of the landscape and the sense of rural open space between the settlements of Hook and Newnham – particularly as experienced from the Public Right of Way.
5. Responses to previous planning applications and appeals have recorded the high level of use and high amenity value of this Public Right of Way. Also that this is the Church Path dating back c900 years, important in terms of heritage as well as amenity (St Nicholas' Newnham historically being the only church in the locality). This is one of few Church Paths in the country to retain its rural landscape and therefore sense of rural heritage. (See attached article Appendix I by Newnham resident and local historian Nigel Bell.)

From this Public Right of Way, the extent and tranquility of the Gap is most fully appreciated. There is a sense of being within a joined-up rural landscape of fields, woods and hedgerows as per the Landscape Appraisal. The provision, via this landscape, for the amenity and so well-being of residents of both settlements would be diminished by this proposed housing development. The clear visual intrusion – most notably into the wide views appreciated when travelling along the Public Right of Way from Newnham to Hook – would foreshorten the sense of open rurality and separation.

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6. The Gap as it borders Newnham Road provides a clear sense of separation between settlements when travelling by road. Yet at this point the Gap is already at its narrowest. Domestic dwellings built beyond Hook's boundary – set back somewhat into the Gap but apparent from the road – will advance the built form of this large primary settlement towards its small rural neighbour. The native hedgerow will provide some screening when in leaf, but this will be much less effective in winter when the intrusion of additional domestic lighting will also be most apparent.
7. Newnham's connection with its landscape setting is fundamental to its rural identity and sense of place. Its Conservation Area Appraisal notes that: 'The Conservation Area benefits from many attractive views... Views out of the Conservation Area on its eastern edges... make an important contribution to the character of the area.'
Any development which diminishes the Gap and brings Hook incrementally closer to Newnham – as apparent from the road and the public right of way – adversely impacts on the setting of Newnham's Conservation Area.

Newnham Parish Council requests that this application be refused to protect the Gap from physical and visual settlement encroachment.

Kind regards

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Clerk to Newnham Parish Council

APPENDIX I. CHURCH PATH NEWNHAM

Nigel Bel

What do you know about Church Path?

It seems to lead from Newnham Green to St Nicholas' church – so what? That's almost no part of the story at all. This short stretch is a fragment of a path that begins, even today, in Hook and it runs across the open land of Owen's Farm of Hook and Naish's Farm fields in Newnham. And it has done this for 900 years or more, so here's the story.

From earliest times, Hook was part of Newnham and only became a separate parish in 1932. Hook's first church, a corrugated iron construct that stood on the Budgens site in Elms Road, was built in 1886. Before that when Hook people went to church they came to St Nicholas'. In the Middle Ages, people went to church very regularly on Sundays and the many saints' days and they did this because life was short, death from disease was all around (there were no antibiotics and herbal remedies were the only medicines) and they wanted to remain in touch with God for the good of their souls. And after 1559 people were required to go to church to prove they were Protestants, and later on peer-pressure, and perhaps employer

pressure encouraged attendance.

Inevitably, the majority will have walked to church: the main road from Hook to Newnham went out almost to the Barracks, before the railway was built in 1838, and then turned right up to the Green. It was the main road between London and Exeter from about 1370 and carried plenty of commercial and military traffic. In addition, there were cattle and other livestock driven daily on to Hook Common to graze. The roadway itself was essentially clay with stones put down by villagers without road building experience. The surface will have been like a quagmire during much of the winter and like uneven concrete in a dry summer. To make churchgoing easier, Church Path was created by our forebears, with a better surface for walking and making a shorter journey. So if you haven't walked it lately, and seen the new causeway over The Strings, try it this week: enjoy the tranquility, the open countryside, the wildlife, and remember the thousands of people who have trodden the same way for weddings, baptisms and other church services.

APPENDIX V – NEWNHAM PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATIONS – JULY 2020 UPDATE

20/01597/FUL (Validated 24 Jun 2020) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of 2 no. dwellings and associated parking.

T/00272/20/TCA (Validated 24 Jun 2020) Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Acacia tree: crown reduce to suitable growth points approx 4-5m.

20/01213/HSE (Validated 23 Jun 2020) Naishes Barn garden, Newnham Road. Construction of a domestic swimming pool and associated landscaping.

T/00232/20/TPO (Validated 23 Jun 2020) 11 The Baredown, Nately Scures RG27 9JT. Area G2: 1 Spruce: fell.

20/01230/HSE (Validated: Mon 08 Jun 2020) Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of a single storey rear extension with roof terrace above and external stairs to garden. Alterations to fenestration to include two new external doors.

T/00161/20/TCA (**Pending, amended application**, Validated 24 Apr) Beech House, Newnham Road Newnham. Oak and three Ash trees: Crown reduce to no smaller than 8m in height, and prune as necessary to achieve no more than 8m clearance above the highway. Prune to give no more than 1m clearance from the adjacent overhead services. Remove deadwood as necessary.

20/00766/RET (**Granted** 15th May, Validated 17 Mar) Highview Business Park, The Barracks. Retrospective Application for the Variation of Condition 1 of 18/00126/FUL to alter the position of the western boundary fence and amendments to private driveways and fences.

20/00596/RET (**Granted** 5th June, Validated 16 Mar 2020) Roshbearton, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Variation of conditions 1 and 4 of 19/01832/HSE to allow for amendments to approved plans and to change the roof tiles from those previously approved.

20/00457/HSE (**Granted** 27th May, Validated: Fri 28 Feb 2020) Painters Pightle, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of a single storey side extension and front porch.

20/00283/FUL (**Granted** 12 June, Validated 4 Feb 2020) Land Adjacent to Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane, Newnham Erection of a detached dwelling with double garage and store room over, associated site access, car parking and landscaping.

19/03224/LDEU (**Pending**, Validated: Fri 29 Nov 2019) Manor Farm, Crown Lane, Newnham RG27 9AN. Certificate of lawfulness for the continued siting of a caravan used as a farm workers dwelling.

19/02070/ROC (**Pending??**, Validated 12th Aug 2019) Land to the Rear of Nately Place, Scures Hill. Variation of condition 1 of 17/00619/FUL to amend plans.

19/01977/FUL (**Granted** 22nd May – DC of 20th May), Validated 22 July) Land Adjacent To Nately Towers, Scures Hill. Erection of one 5-bed dwelling with double garage and creation of a new access. Recommended for approval - For DC Wed 20th May.

16/03282/RET (**Pending**, Validated 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. '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. This application will be decided by Development Control Committee, date tba.

HOOK PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/01486/FUL (Pending, Validated 30 Jun) Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook. Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 2 detached dwellings with integral garages and new access to the public highway.

20/00199/PREAPP (HOOK) Opinion issued 5th June, Validated 29 Jan 2020) Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Retirement village comprising 160 units and ancillary buildings.