



Newton by the Sea Parish Council

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 15th November 2023 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 20th September 2023:

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 20th September 2023:

- a. 89/23a Faulty solar bollard on the path to High Newton car park and lettering to sign and finger post– Update on bollard lighting.
- b. 89/23b Low Newton Defibrillator assistance with costs – Update on request to the National Trust.
- c. 89/23c – Dining outside the Joiners Arms, Covenants and White Cottage – See Agenda item 7a below.
- d. 89/23d – Meeting with NCC Legal about Management Agreement for Newton Common – Update.
- e. 89/23e Donation box for the Parish Council – Update on 'text to donate' QR coded sign.
- f. 89/23g – Road Safety issues in High Newton – update.
- g. 89/23j – Letters to owners of properties adjacent to Newton Common about car parking etc and Newton Hall about footpath over the Common – Update.
- h. 89/23 - Complaint about Pirri Pirri near Coastguard Cottages – Update.

6. 2023/24 Financial Matters

a) Financial update

Account Balance as at 13.9.23 £5,271.69

b) Spent and received since 20th September 2023:

Mrs JM Anderson £333.70

HMRC	£79.40
Stableyard Landscapes 8 th , 23 rd + Jubilee Cut 31 st August	£246.00
Stableyard Landscapes 6 th , 21 st + Jubilee Cut 30 th September	£246.00
Stableyard Landscapes 5 th , 23 rd , + Jubilee Cut 25 th October (not cashed)	£246.00

c) Payments received:

Donation in lieu of Council Tax	£15.00
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Account Balance as at 13.9.23	£4,381.59
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d) Cheques and other payments required:

Payment to Clerk SCP 9 -8 weeks 20.9.23- 15.11.23	£331.10
HMRC PAYE Cheque	£70.80
Northumberland County Council PC Insurance	£229.48

7. Procedural Matters

a. Joint letter of complaint about Planning and outstanding Covenant action to NCC from Newton by the Sea, Cresswell and Embleton PC's – Discussion of the response received from Planning Enforcement and decision on further action to be taken, if any.

b. Precept request to NCC for 2024/25 – NCC have requested the precept request from PC's by 26th January 2024. A summary of the PC's financial position as at 9.11.23 is shown at Appendix A. Item for discussion and decision on the precept amount, or whether to postpone the decision until the next meeting.

8. County Councillor Report by Wendy Pattison

Reports for October and November 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 discussed at the NCC North Area Committee Thursday 22nd June 2023, but DEFERRED to clarify the parking arrangements and foul drainage issues.

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

23/02168/FUL – Proposed single storey rear extension. Doxford Farm, Doxford farmhouse, Doxford, NE67 5DY. The Parish Council had no objections.

23/01358/LBC - Listed building consent for the temporary removal of the 2 stone chimney stacks above ridge line. Newton Hall, Newton Hall Drive, Newton-By-The-Sea Northumberland NE66 3DZ. Application WITHDRAWN by applicant 13th June 2023.

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 9.11.23 decision still awaited.

23/03248/FUL – Demolition of existing building for erection of 2no residential units. Women's Institute, Newton Point, Newton by the Sea, NE66 3EA. The PC welcomes the re-use of the dilapidated building but asked that a condition be applied to limit the use of the proposed dwellings to being used as primary residences only. AS at 9.11.23 decision still awaited.

23/03422/FUL - Conversion of existing building to create ranger accommodation. The MoD Buildings , Newton Point, Newton by the Sea, NE66 3EG. Conversion of existing building to create ranger accommodation. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. As at 9.11.23 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.

23/03743/LBC – Full replacement of existing slate roof coverings including replacement of 4no existing rooflights and 2noexisting skylights. 1a The Square, Newton by the Sea, NE66 3EW. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

10. Highways

None.

11. General

- a. Switchover to digital phones in Northumberland - By 2025 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from older analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology - this is collectively known as 'the digital switchover'. The switchover is expected in Northumberland in the summer of 2024. Item for discussion and decision on action (if any) to be taken. Information attached as Appendix B.
- b. Parish Clerks Contract – Draft contract for discussion and agreement attached in Appendix C.
- c. AONB update from Cllr Roper.

12. Embleton Joint Burial Committee (EJBC)

- a. Update.
- b. Remembrance Day/Armistice Day wreath laying – feedback from Cllr Gerrard.

13. Correspondence/Meetings/Urgent Business

Emails from resident about planning application 23/03704/FUL - Construction of 4no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping and parking. Land south of Kareith Drive , Newton by the Sea, Response sent 31st October 2023.

Chathill Rail Action Group (CRAG) – Teams meeting 23rd November 17.00. Working to get more trains to call at Chathill.

Email from Lichfields in connection with carparking at Doray, newton by the Sea.

Query from caravan site occupier about site.

AONB Climate Workshop 12th October.#

NCC Town and Parish Council Conference 5th October 2023.

14. Items for next agenda

- a. Precept for 24/25 if not decided at this meeting on 15th November 2023.

15. Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 17th January 2024.