

**NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the  
Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting  
& Ordinary Parish Meeting**

**Held at 7:00pm in St Giles Church on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

<b>Attendees</b>	Cllr James Nettleton (JN) Cllr Mike Black (MB) Cllr Duncan Howlett (DH) Cllr Robin Bennett (RB)(OCC) Cllr David Turner (DT)(SODC) Bianca Mays (BM)(Clerk)
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Graham Howlett (GH) Cllr Peter Ablett (PA)

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Annual General Meeting &amp; Annual Parish Meeting</b>			
<b>34/24</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	The Chair (JN) opened the meeting at 19:00 and welcomed all present.	
<b>35/24</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	As above.	
<b>36/24</b>	<b>Declarations of Acceptance of Office</b>	Declarations of acceptance for all councillors present. DH agreed to appointment as Vice-Chair.	
<b>37/24</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	Minutes of last meeting held 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 approved and signed.	
<b>38/24</b>	<b>Review of Standing Orders</b>	Standing orders reviewed, agreed and adopted by all councillors present. Review new 'Freedom of the Parish' policy – all vote in favour of adoption.	
<b>39/24</b>	<b>Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover</b>	Zurich insurance policy reviewed, all in favour of accepting policy of £237.13 for the year.	
<b>40/24</b>	<b>2023 to 2024 Annual Reports</b>	Cllr James Nettleton gives Chair and RFO reports, Cllr Robin Bennet (OLC) gives his annual report, and Cllr David Turner (SODC) gives his annual report.	
<b>41/24</b>	<b>Open Forum</b>	No comments.	
The Annual Parish Meeting and AGM was Closed at 20:00			
The Ordinary Parish Meeting was Opened at 20:01			
<b>42/24</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None.	
<b>43/24</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	AGAR Exemption MB states intent to retire in 1 years time, or as an alternative Cllr comes forwards. JN thanks MB for his work as a Councillor over the years.	
<b>43/24a</b>	<b>AGAR Exemption</b>	All councillors agree to sign off and certify Newington Parish Council's AGAR – all agreed to exempt from full AGAR.	
<b>44/24</b>	<b>Councillor &amp; Parish Reports</b>		
<b>44/24a</b>	<b>Community Liaison / Notice Board</b>	BM reports all up to date.	
<b>44/24b</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	DH reports no planning applications received.	

<b>44/24c</b>	<b>Event Co-ordination</b>	BM to promote upcoming D-Day commemoration.	
<b>44/24d</b>	<b>Website</b>	BM reports all up to date.	
<b>44/24e</b>	<b>Highways &amp; Potholes</b>	MB reports that the speed activated sign at the Stadhampton end of Newington is still showing 30, and MB continues to chase the relevant parties for this to be updated.	<b>MB</b>
<b>44/24f</b>	<b>Responsible Financial Officer – Cashbook &amp; Invoices</b>	JN raises the following cheques, which are all approved and seconded: Zurich Insurance: £237.13 / Clerk: £259.20 / Clerk HMRC: £64.80	
<b>44/24g</b>	<b>Footpaths</b>	No issues reported.	
<b>45/24</b>	<b>Defibrillator Project Update</b>	DH to arrange trench in order for defibrillator to be installed.	<b>DH</b>
<b>46/24</b>	<b>Speed Limit / Nursery Update</b>	BM notifies cllrs that Highways Engagement Team are now offering all Councils a site visit, which we are in the process of arranging to discuss various issues previously discussed. Cllr Robin Bennet has kindly offered to cover the cost of a speed survey should this be sought.	<b>BM</b>
<b>47/24</b>	<b>AOB</b>	None.	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Meeting closed 20:39. Next meeting 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024.	

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....