

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Meeting

Held in St Giles Church on Tuesday 24th September 2024

Attendees	Cllr James Nettleton (JN) Cllr Mike Black (MB) Cllr Nikki Howlett (NH) Cllr James Thomson (JT) Cllr Robin Bennett – OCC (RB) Cllr David Turner – SODC (DT) Bianca Mays (BM)(Clerk) <i>One parishioner in attendance (P)</i>
Apologies	Cllr Duncan Howlett (DH)

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
74/24	Introduction	The Chair JN welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.10pm.	
75/24	Apologies	Apologies from DH.	
76/24	Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes approved and signed by JN.	
77/24	Declarations of interest	None.	
78/24	Open Forum & Village Matters	No comments.	
79/24	District Councillor Report (DT)	DT reviews recent report; highlights grant funding pot open for applications until 29/11/24. No comments.	
80/24	County Councillor Report (RB)	RB reviews recent speed survey results, looking at traffic past Lighthouse Nursery. Agrees that it's not unreasonable to request reduction of speed limit past the nursery to 40mph. RB to contact Highways Team directly to discuss this further with view to taking forwards. All thank RB for support.	RB
81/24	Councillor and Parish Reports		
81/24a	Community Liaison / Notice Board Control	BM reports notice board up to date.	
81/24b	Planning Applications	None.	
81/24c	Event Coordination	Carol Concert planned for 19 th December.	
81/24d	Website	BM to remove old articles from homepage, otherwise all up to date.	
81/24e	Highways & Potholes	All thank MB for his work to get the new 20mph Speed Activated Sign head installed. MB requests for volunteers to become new 'Super-Users' of Fix My Street to enable escalation of Highways issues – JT and NH volunteer to undertake training in 2025. MB reports tree pushed out of place by parking car opposite church and requests JN push it back into place – JN agrees to fix tree.	JT & NH JN

81/24f	Responsible Financial Officer	JN approves spend of up to £500 for a village stock of polymer sandbags in case these are needed at future date. All agreed to authorise spend. JN to confirm purchase details at next meeting. Clerk pay of £606.95, and HMRC £114.73 approved.	JN
81/24g	Footpaths	Discussed potential for footpath along road from Newington to Stadhampton but all agree this would be too dangerous to use given speed of passing traffic along stretch of A329. P highlights broken stiles and requests that DH take this forward and communicate with landowners to request appropriate repairs – to be discussed with DH at next meeting.	DH
81/24	Defibrillator Project Update	JT confirms that the defibrillator is now in its housing and registered on searchable databases. However, during low temperatures defibrillator is currently stored at JT's house to preserve battery – while we await the connection of the electrical supply. MB to chase SOHA to find out when we can arrange electrical connection.	MB
73/24	AOB	Precept: JN proposes reduction of precept to £3,500 to reduce cash reserves over following year. All agree. Allotment: BM proposes from 2025 receipts issued to allotment holders for payment of rent. All agree. 2025 Meeting Dates: BM proposes dates for 2025 meetings. All happy with these in principle.	
	Date of Next Meeting	Meeting closed at 8:32pm 7.00pm Tuesday 11th February 2025	

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....