

**NEWBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held at the Jubilee Room, All Saints Church, Newborough on Monday the 1st April 2019 at 7.00pm

**Present**

Councillors: Cllr Waite (chair), Cllr Bell, Cllr Instone, Cllr Sherwood, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Bullingham, Cllr Gill

**Also Present:**

Clerk, 4 parishioners, Cllr Jessel

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED
<p><b><u>1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> Cllr Johnson</p>	
<p><b><u>2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 14th May 2018</u></b> It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate representation of the meeting on the 14th May 2018</p>	SF to put the minutes on the website.
<p><b><u>3 MATTER'S ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>Item 5 with regards traffic calming is still live on the agenda. Cllr Bell said that speedwatch is not proving to be very successful and the council is looking into speed indicator signs. It is likely that we will have 4 installed and these capture data with regards to how many vehicles go through the village at excess speed. Cllr Jessel said that speed limit buffer zone is being increased in Yoxall and Kings Bromley are also looking at ways to reduce the speeding. The speed camera van in Kings Bromley is there once a month and is very effective. Cllr Jessel said that it would be good to request it coming to Newborough.</p> <p>The Parish Council supported the Remembering Newborough event and Cllr Waite extended her congratulations to Liz and the other organisers for the success of the event.</p>	Cllr Jessel to ask what the possibility is to get the camera van to come to Newborough.
<p><b><u>4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u></b></p>	

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	<p>Cllr Waite welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting which is not a parish council meeting but is chaired by the Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr Waite shared the annual newsletter and wanted to thank the councillors and the clerk for the work they have done over the last year. This year could be an election year for the parish council and, if more than 7 candidates put their name forwards there will be an election. The council are looking into how to improve parking in the village along with traffic calming. We have also had a defibrillator installed in the bus stop. Cllr Waite said how sad she was to report that Janet Barks had passed away last year and the council has had a bench installed in the park in her memory. The mobile library has been trialed at the end of school time and, whilst it has received an uplift in use, it has struggled to find somewhere safe to park. The Red Lion have agreed that the library can park in the car park and so the council are looking to see if it is possible to trial this. Cllr Waite said that Newborough, Abbots Bromley and Hoar Cross have pulled together a steering group with regards to the HS2 substation and overhead powerlines to Colton. They have submitted a petition which covers 3 areas - 1, Parkgate is not in the right place and there are other cheaper options that could be more environmentally friendly 2) the cables should be underground and 3) all construction traffic should be limited outside of school opening and closing times. We are now waiting to hear from the HS2 solicitors. we have someone to present the petition to parliament but are currently waiting for a date. A parishioner thanked Cllr Waite for her contribution to the village and for the newsletter. Another parishioner commented on how nicely the Duffield Green looks and how well it is being looked after.</p>	
<p><b><u>5 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET</u></b></p>	<p>The clerk took everyone through the accounts up to the 6th March 2019. Year on year, the accounts are very similar. The precept was increased year on year and this was due to the reduction in grants that we receive for grass cutting and lengthsman. The donations were looking to be significantly reduced year on year but this is just a timing issue as the donations for the well dressing had not yet hit the accounts and so they will be comparable year on year when they appear on the bank statement. With regards to expenditure, the clerks salary is down year on year due to a change in clerk and mowing expenses had increased year on year as the annual cuts have been increased from 10 - 12. Village additions spend is up due to the purchase of the defibrillator and the bench. Maintenance spend has increased as a result of increased maintenance in the playpark over the last year which is very well attended by local children and their families.</p>	
<p><b><u>6 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</u></b></p>		
<p><b><u>BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT</u></b></p>		
<p>no report</p>		

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<b><u>County Councillor Report</u></b>	<p>An additional £8.9m has been allocated to the county to deal with the pot holes which remain an issue in the county. Cllr Jessel said that there is a problem with the longevity of the repaired pot holes. Cllr Jessel requested that people report on line any pot holes that they find. 5 lanes end is particularly bad and Cllr Jessel has requested that this be sorted. Cllr Fisher has confirmed that a full repair will be done to 5 lanes end in May costing £200k. Shobnall road is also being completely refurbished prior to 5 lane ends. Today the county council had their first review meeting with regards to the experimental restrictions on the A515. So far, it has been a resounding success and the majority of HGV's are now using the A50 and A38 and the number of HGV's has significantly reduced. There will be a formal traffic count at the end of September so that the extent of the improvement can be measured.</p>	
<b><u>7 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS</u></b>	<p>One parishioner raised an issue with shobnall road and 5 lanes end with regards to the pot holes and said that the condition of the roads have deteriorated to a point that they are making the national and local news. He said that the condition of the road was costing locals with regards to MOT and vehicle repairs. The parishioner also reported that the stop sign on the way out of the village has been knocked down and is still on the floor even though it has been reported 3 months ago. Cllr Jessel replied to say that the roads are taking much greater loading than in previous years and to get all local roads to a decent level would take £25m which is not available and so things have to be prioritised. Shobnall is under Cllr Clarke and it is his responsibility to sort that area. The A515 is Cllr Jessel's area and so reducing HGV's on this road has been her priority as has getting the 5 lanes end surface sorted. The parishioner was not happy with logging issues on line with the council but Cllr Jessel said that this system is necessary to meeting efficiencies and lets people log issues at any time of day and night.</p> <p>Another parishioner said that 10 years ago, every road in the village was resurfaced with chippings but now this seems to no longer be done. Cllr Jessel said it does still happen on a 5 year cycle as it is recognised that the tar and chipping increases the life of the existing tarmac. 80% of the county council budget is spent on social care for the elderly or children in care and this is meaning that other areas need reducing.</p> <p>Cllr Gill said that there seems to be a lot of problems with Amey both in this county and others and so raised a question as to why they were awarded the contract. Cllr Jessel said that her understanding is that there will be a review of the contract and she shared Cllr Gill's concerns.</p>	<p>Cllr Jessel to share the calendar showing where it is planned for resurfacing</p>
	<p>A parishioner said that there are now only 16 people on the electoral role for the church and the average age for the parishioners is about 80. Financially the church is breaking even.</p>	
	<p>Cllr Gill asked the parishioners to try to do their bit to reduce the risk of flooding and to ask their neighbours to support each other to help mitigate the flood risk.</p>	
<b><u>8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b>	<p>none</p>	

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