

Minutes of the meeting of Newbold Verdon Parish Council

Held at the Pavilion Alan's Way, Newbold Verdon Monday 1st October 2018.

Present: Cllr. J Crooks (Chairman), Cllr. C Petcher, Cllr, W Crooks, Cllr. E Walsh, Cllr. J Walsh, Cllr H Davidson, Cllr J Cartwright, Cllr M Preston, Cllr R Watson Clerk – J.Day, R.Bell – RFO.

Also present: 1 Parishioners. Roger King, Ruth Camamile – Borough councillor.

18.158	<p><u>APOLOGIES – To receive apologies and whether to approve for reasons given.</u> Miriam Surtees.</p>
18.159	<p><u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS – Pecuniary or Non – Pecuniary interests on agenda items, dispensation requests.</u> Julian Cartwright declared an interest in Newbold Verdon Cricket club. Joyce Crooks declared an interest in Newbold Verdon Community action group.</p>
18.160	<p><u>MINUTES – To approve and sign minutes from meetings of 3rd September 2018</u> It was resolved to approve the minutes and authorise the chairman to sign them as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Unanimous.</p>
18.161	<p><u>Public participation session in respect of items on the agenda (max 20min)</u> No questions regarding the agenda.</p>
18.162	<p><u>Borough and County Council reports.</u> Ruth Camamile Borough councillor gave a verbal report about crime in the borough. crime. Knife crime was being addressed with talks in schools/education. Air quality management update – all OK at present. Carbon management plan – 40.2% reduction in carbon admissions. HBBC have made a decision to try to help people leaving care, initial upon leaving the care setting they will be given a discount on council tax. Unitary proposals were discussed by HBBC and the general feeling was that most people felt this wasn't the way forward. Cllr. W Crookes gave a report on County Council - Full details see appendix 1.</p>
18.163	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Updates:</u> Roger King updated verbally on the Chairs report – see appendix 2 for full details.</p>
18.164	<p><u>Finance reports for July and August:</u> It was resolved to approve the accounts and sign as a true record of accounts.</p>
18.165	<p><u>To discuss the request of £4743.60 from the Methodist Church for new flooring(Copy herewith)</u> This was discussed along with what has been previously donated to this church and other local churches by NVPC. Councillors asked if other funding options had been explored, if the church was able to contribute towards the costs and if several quotations had been obtained. Without this information councillors felt a decision could not be made. Action – Clerk to write to the church and gain more information for the November meeting</p>
18.166	<p><u>To discuss the adoption of a bye law for the Sports Pavilion where dogs must be kept on the lead.</u></p>

	<p>The Clerk provided information on control of dogs including PSPO's. This was discussed by councillors and the main problem everyone agreed on was the dog fouling on the Sports Pavilion and Dragon's lane green space. Concerns were raised regarding policing this problem, collecting enough evidence for prosecution and witnesses willing to attend court should this happen.</p> <p>The use of CCTV cameras are an option. It was suggested that educating people was the way forward and more publicity about the issue through the Graphic was agreed.</p> <p>Dog fouling is already covered in the current PSPO's NVPC hold. It was agreed that the Clerk would source some large signs to warn people that failure to pick up dog foul could lead to prosecution.</p> <p>If the situation doesn't improve then a PSPO may be sought to keep dogs on a lead.</p>
18.167	<p><u>Discuss CCTV for DL and the Pavilion.</u></p> <p>General CCTV for vandalism and various problems around Dragons Lane was discussed. It was suggested that CCTV could be applied for in the grant along with the improvements planned on Dragons Lane green space.</p> <p>It was suggested that some of the Green energy money could also help towards this. Clerk to obtain quotes for CCTV. RFO to let councillors know what green energy money is available for this prior to the November meeting.</p>
18.168	<p><u>Newbold Verdon community action group – updates and plans for future.</u></p> <p>The Chair updated on the meeting last week, the group agreed that they would fund some of the improvements to Dragon Lane green space.</p> <p>Cllr. J Walsh gave a verbal update and the recent plans from Stems were discussed. They are outline plans – The NV community action group is looking to apply for a grant in the region of £100,000. This may mean they need to find £10,000, £5,000 they already have, £1,000 is from the local gardening club and the shortfall of £4,000 may be something they approach the Parish council for.</p> <p>It was agreed that a the next step would be a meeting with Paul Scrags from HBBC, Cllr J Walsh is to organise this meeting to talk through plans and options.</p> <p>The next community action group meeting is Jan 2019.</p>
18.169	<p><u>Discuss the plan to start a monthly surgery and decide on a venue/ Rota for councillors.</u></p> <p>Councillors discussed holding a monthly surgery at the Library in NV on a Saturday morning for an hour. Some councillors felt that many issues people have are not applicable to the Parish Council therefore were not keen on the plans. Ibstock PC currently run monthly surgeries – Clerk to contact Ibstock to find out any information that may help.</p> <p>It was resolved to go ahead with the surgeries on a 6 month trial basis. To advertise the surgery it was agreed to do a write up in the Graphic.</p> <p>The first surgery will take place on Saturday 26th January 2019 at 10.30am – 11.30m in the main Library in NV. John Coghlan (Local area co-ordinator) is keen to attend and help out at the surgeries.</p>
18.170	<p><u>To discuss and resolve the name going forward for Dragons Lane (Recreation ground or Park).</u></p> <p>The various name options for Dragons Lane green space was discussed. A suggestion to call it 'The Village Green' was popular. The majority voted to adopt this name should NVPC legally be able to do this. Clerk to investigate with a view to making a final decision in the November meeting.</p>

18.171	<p><u>Clerks Report:</u></p> <p>a) Update on any correspondence received – RFO had a email for a yearly booking of the all-weather pitch and they would like to pay upfront – it was resolved to give them a discount making the total amount £550.00 per year.</p> <p>b) Discuss Clerks plans to start a Clerking networking group at the Pavilion – It was resolved to allow the Clerk to use the Sports Pavilion to host this new group on a Bi Monthly basis. Support was offered from councillors.</p>
18.172	<p><u>Chairman’s Question Time – for information and consideration for future agenda items.</u></p> <p>The fence surrounding the War memorial is looking very worn and needs some work/painting – Clerk to contact Iron Craft for advice and quotes. Clerk to ask Graham to Jet wash fence in the meantime.</p> <p>Cllr Cartwright reported back on the Licence assessment that the Cricket club have recently had. It was a very positive outcome. No smoking signs were to be placed on the doors in the Pavilion main room area.</p> <p>Storage was raised on behalf of the cricket club. More space is needed for the covers and nets over the winter period. Clerk to obtain quotes for a new container and report back in the November meeting.</p>
18.173	<p><u>Note the date of the next meeting.</u></p> <p>Monday the 5th November 2018.</p>

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix 1.

October 2018 Report from County Councillor Bill Crooks

There has been very little in the way of Meetings. The big issue is still County Councillor Nick Rushton's drive to get rid of Borough and District Councils and replace with a single authority (or 2 authorities). Also contained within his plan are the setting up of Town Councils and increasing the work load of Parish Councils. All 7 districts have got together and put out a statement to say this is wrong. The Borough Council is willing to look at other options, but not the removal of our Council. A motion is being tabled to the Full Council on the 26th September to debate this. A meeting is to be called where all the leaders of the District & Borough Councils and their Chief Executives are to discuss this issue. The Borough is to consult with Hinckley Residents to see if there is any wish for a Town Council.

The County are saying that a decision is to be made by December and if the District & Borough Council's do not get involved a submission could go to the Government without them having any say!

Planning

At a planning briefing we were advised that the latest figures for the Housing for HBBC was 159300 up to 2036, the 3rd highest in Leicestershire! Melton for instance has only been given 5000. £12m had been obtained in grants for Hinckley Town Centre to improve junctions and traffic flow.

Waste Management Plans

Waste collection is expected to go up by 36k tonnes by 2030 population 48K increase with 32k extra households. Waste collected for recycling stands at 4% down from an all-time high of 52% in 2012 at waste sites. Collection from houses is down from 55% to 49%. 40% of waste stream is now said to a food waste. Leicestershire's recycling is graded as average, being ranked 19th out of 32. We send more to landfill and less to producing energy than many other W.D.A. being

APPENDIX 2

Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan
Chairs Report for the Parish Council meeting
Monday, 1st October 2018

Since the last Parish Council meeting the Advisory Steering Committee has been addressing two issues.

1. The pre-submission comments and updating the Neighbourhood Plan

YourLocale have undertaken a critique of all the written comments made by respondents to the pre-submission neighbourhood plan. Members of the Strategy Group met with Gary Kirk from YourLocale and went through those pertaining to HBBC's late submission - all other comments had been responded to in a similar fashion some time ago. There was also a meeting of the newly formed Reg14 Group taking place on Thursday 27th September.

The outcome of these meetings will be a redrafting of the Neighbourhood Plan, where necessary, and this will then provide the basis for a completed plan to be handed to HBBC.

2. Achieving a Strategic Environmental Assessment

The newly formed SEA Group met on the 20th September to look at what the implications might be of addressing a SEA. The following questions were asked:

Is this something we are able to undertake alone or with technical support?

- If we need support, what will be the form?
- What funding streams are there?
- What is our plan of action? Timeframe. Who does what, key Mile Stones
- Involvement of HBBC

The following was concluded:

.....it was agreed by all present that it is not feasible for the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan Group to prepare a Strategic Environment Assessment; the group has neither the resources, nor the technical skills to do so; and that the report is to be prepared by an external agency.

As a consequence of this resolution the group identified certain actions that would need to be undertaken.

1. Ashby Neighbourhood Plan contact is to be contacted. Action: Heather Davidson
2. A Note of interest is to be submitted to Locality online. Action: Heather Davidson/Roger King
3. An enquiry is to be made to the Big Lottery for possible funding. Action: Roger King

4. Rachel Dexter of HBBC is to be invited to the next meeting. Timing of this is dependent on the outcome of the discussion with Ashby: Action: Heather Davidson

Ashby council are to be contacted because they are one of only two neighbourhood planning groups in Leicestershire to have completed a SEA.

Where to from here?

Provisional Timetable for working toward achieving

We are working toward the submission to HBBC of the final document. I have spoken with YourLocale and the following actions and timeframe are currently anticipated.

Action	By When and Why
Complete the re-drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan, in response to Reg 14 comments	This could be ready by the end of October/early November
Completion of the SEA	This is likely to take until the new year, possibly March. An application for technical support can take up to 10 weeks. The length of time the SEA takes to complete is dependent on the scope of the assessment; a limited assessment - just the Historic Environment limited to one development site- will take the shortest time.
Final redrafting of the plan in the light of the SEA, if necessary	This may take very little time, it may take longer. It all depends on the findings of the SEA and the implications for the plan. We can shorten this process by updating parts of the NP as the SEA emerges.
Submission to HBBC	This may well be April 2019, after the NP has been fully updated following the SEA
HBBC undertake final consultation	Another 8 week period. Before HBBC send the NP out for consultation they complete a validation check that the right documents have been included and arrange for printing the Plan and promotion of where the plan can be read.
Examiner Appointed and undertakes his/her work	How long an examiner takes is very hard to determine, it is usually an average of two months.
HBBC proceed to referendum	HBBC to arrange a referendum within the statutory requirement of 56 working days from receiving the examiner's approval. Best outcome before end of autumn.

Financial Cost

Having to complete the SEA will require some additional financial costs. Approval from the national body, Locality, means we will receive technical support sufficient to achieve the goal. However, there is likely to be a series of interactions with the technical support agency which will require informed responses that

will require additional support from YourLocale. Gary Kirk (YourLocale) believes this is likely to require a further two days of consultancy support though it may run into three depending on what is proposed by the SEA. The cost will therefore be between £1,000 and £1,500.

It may be possible to apply to the Big Lottery fund for this extra money. Usually they will award NP's up to £10,000 and so far, we have only received a grant of £3,700, leaving potentially up to £6,300 for us to request. This is being looked into by the SEA group.