

Minutes of the meeting of Newbold Verdon Parish Council

Held at the Pavilion Alan's Way, Newbold Verdon Monday 3rd December 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 R Watson, Clerk – J.Day, R.Bell – RFO.

Also present: Miriam Surtees – Borough councillor, Brian Sutton – Borough councillor, Mick Parker. 1 Parishioner.

18.199	<p><u>APOLOGIES – To receive apologies and whether to approve for reasons given.</u></p> <p>None.</p>
18.200	<p><u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS – Pecuniary or Non – Pecuniary interests on agenda items, dispensation requests.</u></p> <p>Julian Cartwright declared an interest in Newbold Verdon Cricket club.</p>
18.201	<p><u>MINUTES – To approve and sign minutes from meetings of 5th November 2018</u></p> <p>It was resolved to approve the minutes and authorise the chairman to sign them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
18.202	<p><u>Parishioners Question time (max. 20 mins).</u></p> <p>Mr Smith from Alans way came to discuss his recent letter regarding the Oak tree in the Pavilion car park – it was resolved to get LCC out to survey and advise on the tree.</p> <p>Mick Parker has volunteered to litter pick the street where the shops are once per week, councillors were very grateful for this.</p>
18.203	<p><u>Discuss the 153 bus and the 159 bus cut to the village- PC response.</u></p> <p>The 159 bus would be continued until June 2019. Problems were being incurred already as single decker buses for the 153 are now in place which are full when they get to NV.</p> <p>It was resolved to write to the Arriva bus company and LCC to express the Parish council's concern and asking for a review of the cuts made.</p>
18.204	<p><u>Borough and County Council reports.</u></p> <p>Brian Sutton updated on the cinema and the possible sale of it by HBBC.</p> <p>Miriam Surtees asked for updates on the NHP.</p> <p>Cllr. Crooks updated on County council – See appendix 1.</p>
18.205	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Updates:</u></p> <p>Miriam Surtees asked to be notified when a meeting was arranged for the NHP with Rachel Dexter. Cllr. Davidson updated as the new chair of the NHP committee where they were in the process. See Appendix 2 – Chairs reports.</p>
18.206	<p><u>Community action group – update.</u></p> <p>Cllr. J Walsh updated on the future plans for DL. The advice given by HBBC was to get a good project manager. Cllr. J Walsh gave an overview of the plans. The Parish council would need to find 10% of the money of the project. There is no exact price at present but it is estimated that it may come to around £140,000 - £160,000 which means the PC contribution would be £14,000 - £16,000. It was advised by the RFO that funds are available for this.</p>

18.207	<u>Discuss the proposal of NV PC taking on a self-employed dog warden.</u> It was resolved to go ahead with plans for a dog warden – Clerk to update with plans.
18.208	<u>Discuss the request from NV Methodist church for funding towards the new floor.</u> It was resolved to decline the request of funding for the Church floor due to funds not being available. Clerk to write to the church.
18.209	<u>Finance -</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) receive and approve November 2018 monthly account and schedule of payments(copy herewith) – Approved. b) Discuss draft budget for 2018/19 – To re visit early Jan 2019. c) A donation to the RBL of £75.00 – Approved – unanimous.
18.210	<u>Discuss and approve committee structure / Vice chair</u> Cllr. J Cartwright is Vice Chair. Planning committee – Cllr. J Crooks(Chair), Cllr. C Petcher, Cllr R Watson, Cllr E Walsh - continue with e mail correspondence and site visits as required. Resources committee: Cllr J Cartwright (Chair), Cllr J Crooks, Cllr R Watson, Cllr H Davidson, RFO. Green Space committee – Cllr J Walsh (Chair), Cllr J Crooks, Cllr B Crooks, Cllr C Petcher. NHP committee (Standing committee) – Cllr. H Davidson, Cllr E Walsh(Chair), Cllr J Walsh, Cllr. J Crooks. Complaints committee – To be selected as required.
18.211	<u>Review Clerk’s work commitment (Closed Session)</u> Discussions took place in closed session.
18.212	<u>Discuss leisure manager hours/Position(Closed session)</u> Discussions took place in closed session.
18.213	<u>Chairman’s Question time – for information and consideration for future agendas.</u> Add CCTV to the future agenda.
18.214	<u>Note the date of the next meeting.</u> Monday 7 th Jan 2019.

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix 1.

December 2018 Report from County Councillor Bill Crooks

Winter Maintenance

The County Council has 21 Gritters which spread 170 tonnes of rock salt across 45% of the road network each time they go out. The grit barns have been stocked up with 14,500 tonnes of rock salt giving a total of 18,000 tonnes ready for the winter.

Major roads and key routes are the ones generally treated. There are a number of snow wardens based across communities in the County who grit paths. Also several farmers who, during snowy conditions, fit snow ploughs to their tractors and assist in clearing the roads.

Last year the Gritters went out 109 times and used 20,000 tonnes of grit across 115,740 miles of roads, which was a 41% increase on the year before. Temperatures fell to -8c. In contrast, this summer Gritters have spread 150 tonnes of granite chips on melting roads at 25 different locations across the county.

Residential Care

At this time, care is costing the County Council £86m. The council received an income of £25m through charging service users and £8m from the local Health Commissioning Partners. This leaves a shortfall of £53m.

HBBC has the 2nd highest growth rate across all age groups of all the seven districts predicted. At this time there are 339 people in residential care outside the County. Care for the elderly is the largest expenditure in the Counties budget. The County has 550 children in care and this figure is expected to rise to 750 by the year 2022. Supporting families costs £2m per year, social care workforce = £3m and residential costs £9.7m. Communities and wellbeing = £5.3m.

Debt

Leicestershire County Council has £270M of debts. Other counties have more – i.e. Northamptonshire has £789m, and Surrey at total of £759m. The County Council has to save £50m from all services across the board with £17m not yet identified. These savings are to be achieved over the next four years and will include the loss of 300 more staff.

Appendix 2

Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Steering Committee

Report of the Chair to the Parish Council: 1st December 2018

Update

Progress on the Neighbourhood Plan is now dependent on the speed at which the Strategic Environmental Assessment can take place. We received information two-weeks ago that we would receive the technical support required but we have yet to hear from the designated company, Aecom.

At the Steering Committee meeting last Monday, 26th November, the focus of discussion was on revising the committee structure, leadership, and short-term objectives.

The current lull in the neighbourhood plan process provides an opportunity for the Steering Committee and Parish Council to consider how each will function in the near to mid-future in addressing the non-statutory elements of the plan, the Community Actions (CA).

Restructuring the Steering Committee and Leadership Responsibilities

There is now no need for the three sub-groups (Environment, Housing, Infrastructure) to meet. The neighbourhood plan is complete and awaits the SEA findings before any changes can be considered. Addressing the final phases can be done by a smaller group made up of the chair and representatives of the three sub-groups.

Other members of the Steering Committee could, if they wished, involve themselves in helping deliver the identified community actions.

Prioritising Community Actions

The committee undertook a prioritisation activity (See Appendix A) looking in turn at each of the CA's (Appendix B) and answering the following questions.

1. How significant would the CA be on parishioners, if achieved?
2. How achievable was the CA?
3. Who has full or part responsibility for delivering this CA?

Appendix A maps the results. Those CA within the shaded area (and especially those in the top right-hand squares of 4,4 and 3,4) were regarded by the committee as not only the most impactful but also the most obtainable. Those outside the shaded area, or on the edge, whilst important, could be regarded as not as urgent, or required a longer lead-in time.

Responsibility

Next to each CA are the initials associated with which organisation(s) has responsibility for achieving these actions. Broadly, they fell into three categories:

1. Those CA's the sole responsibility of the PC. For example, CF3 finding a plot of land for the cemetery
2. CA's the PC would support, perhaps with a representative, but which are driven by members of the community. For example, ENV2 – the promotion of outdoor sports and leisure (currently Dragon Lane improvements)
3. CA's supported by the PC but primarily taken on by other members of the community. For example, ENV 4 – footpath access – driven forward by community representatives

The Implications for the Parish Council

Benefits

- The use of other members of the community should reduce the PC workload
- More could be done in a shorter period of time
- There will be greater community involvement

Further Action

The prioritisation matrix is the initial sorting; the full PC, supported by the Steering Committee, will need to undertake the following:

1. Decide on the CA priorities;
2. Identify primary and secondary responsibilities for each;
3. Nominate a lead person or group
4. Articulate the outcomes it expects to see if this CA is successfully achieved
5. Make some provisional resource decisions (time, people, finances)
6. The PC may also need to consider how the outcomes of 1-5 impact upon the existing PC structure. Can the CA's be incorporated into existing sub-groups such as Parks and Open Spaces or will there need to be a revision of committees and a rewriting of remits.

Next Steps

It would be advisable to hold a full PC/NP Steering Committee meeting in the new year to address 1-5 and for the PC to consider 6.

Leadership Re-structuring

Roger, Tim and Ed stepped down from their existing subgroup leadership roles, and Roger from chairing the group. All three will remain to support the chair within the smaller committee. Heather Davison was nominated by Ed Walsh and seconded by Joyce Crooks as Chair. Heather accepted the nomination, and there being no other nominees, Heather duly took up the position.