

Newland Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports & Social Club, on Tuesday 28 March 2023 @ 7.30pm

**(1) Apologies for absence.**

No apologies

**(2) Present**

|                     |              |     |
|---------------------|--------------|-----|
| Jim Boyle           | (Chair)      | JB  |
| Stephen Greenwood   | (Vice Chair) | SG  |
| Carol Bugg          |              | CB  |
| Tony Brownbridge    |              | TB  |
| Paul John-Griffiths |              | PJG |
| Michelle Thorpe     | (Clerk)      | MT  |

Two members of the public & Cllr M Jordan

**(3) Minutes of last General meeting (January 2023)**

Minutes were distributed to the Councillors via email prior to the meeting and were accepted as a true and accurate record at the meeting.

**(4) 10 minute public forum (discuss items otherwise not on the agenda)**

Nothing discussed

**(5) Planning**

- No notifications

**(6) Matters Arising:-**

- **Road conditions** – Although some works have been done to fill potholes and cracks, there is still severe road damage on Rusholme Lane. It was agreed to contact NY Highways about this.
- **Flood wall issues** – Following a recent high tide, there was still some minor leaks through and under the piling. It was agreed that this will be continued to be monitored.
- **War-memorial/old and new noticeboard/on-going-maintenance/bomber-crash memorial/grass cutting** – It was reported that the old noticeboard would be re-erected with a new front on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April (post meeting note – this was done). Grass cutting of the memorial will be initially done by TB but it was agreed that we would continue to search for a new contractor

for this. The condition of a tree to the right hand side of the plot needs to be investigated and monitored.

- **Remembrance day report (discussing arrangements from committee meeting on Thursday)**- A report was circulated about the remembrance day service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and thanks expressed to the people who have been involved. A way of reimbursing the Church was to be determined. (post meeting note – The parade and dedication was held to be a great success. It was agreed that we would contact Deputy Lieutenant and the Constituency MP thanking them for their attendance).
- **Parish Land** – SG to continue to help with the conveyancing of the land donated to the parish by the present land owner. PJG proposed setting up a committee to investigate development and maintenance of parish land.

**(7) Newland Finances/CIL money**

- To date Newland finances are 2359.96 and the CIL money is 3839.96.

**(8) Agenda items**

- **How will the unitary Council affect us?** – NYCC have provided information on their website as to effect of the new arrangements, comments have been raised by Newland residents about the high level of community charge, this was because of high value of houses in Newland and was mainly incurred for the provision of services such as Education.
- **Green bin charge** - Comments had also been received about the new charge of the provision of a green bin, it was pointed out that the present arrangements of the green bin was covered by the community charge and if this charge is agreed it will provide the option as to whether or not people want a green bin.  
  
Residents should be encouraged to complete NYCC survey on this matter.
- **Coronation celebrations in Drax village** – NPC agreed to support this event and organisers to be notified accordingly.

**(9) Any other business for future meeting**

NPC was encouraged by Cllr Jordan to use the Parish Portal.

It was agreed that the poppies on Mill Lane village sign would be removed.

Meeting closed @ 20.41

**Time and date of next meeting**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 – Drax Sports and Social club – 7.30pm