

Newland Parish Council General Meeting

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

(1) Apologies for absence

Clerk (Michelle Thorpe)

(2) Present

Jim Boyle	(Chair)	JB
Stephen Greenwood	(vice)	SG
Carol Bugg		CB
Tony Brownbridge		TB
Paul-John Griffiths		PJG

Three members of the public

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (September 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)

- A resident pointed out by email that the trees adjacent to the newly acquired land had branches growing towards the road. SG offered to trim these back and PJG offered to assist.

(5) Planning

- We have been notified of an application at Little Rusholme for a conversion of outbuildings to an annexe. This is not opposed but it was noted that this was for family use and was not a separate dwelling. It would have been helpful if this was noted on the application otherwise a separate building would have not been in accordance with the county plan.

(6) Matters Arising:-

- **Road conditions** – It was noted that there are still potholes remaining under the A645 road bridge, although these have been marked out for repair.

- Concerns were raised over areas of subsidence on the A645, particularly with an increase in heavy lorry traffic.
- Quarter Gate Lane repairs have still to be completed where fabric reinforcement is showing through.
- **Flood wall issues** - Remains as before

(7) Newland Finances

- Finances £2299.39
- Parish Precept was agreed to remain at £3000.00

(8) Agenda items

- **The creation of a new parish council website** – The services of a resident were offered for this purpose.
- **The use of a Parish Portal** – It was noted that the Parish Portal was an internal NYCC site for public access.
- **The possible use of Microsoft Teams or other electronic communication** – It was felt that Facebook messenger fulfilled this function.
- **Memorial seat/bench** – It was agreed that the parish council would be prepared to provide a good quality memorial seat/bench, subject to obtaining grant aid.
- **Wider verge cutting D Leek** – The council is responsible for cutting a metre width of verge which suits the cutter width and leaves a reasonable wild habitat and the only obligation is to cut verges for safety reasons.
- **Barlow Ash tip consultation** – This was attended by JB for the Parish Council plus other members of public and County Councillor M Jordan. Drax PS already have planning permission for removing a substantial area of the ash tip. Drax PS will be making a further application for a substantial further amount. It is thought that 65% of this will be by road transport the remainder being by rail. The concerns for Newland were heavy vehicle traffic on the A645 already subject to subsidence (See Item 6 on the agenda). It was proposed that we suggest screening of the road by planting of trees to alleviate noise pollution to Riverside, but this would be on the East Riding of Yorkshire side of the river.

(9) Any other business for future meeting

- Drax PS liaison meeting would be held on Monday 4th December 2023.

Meeting closed @ 20:45

Time and date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th February 2024 at Drax Sports & Social Club @ 7.30pm