

Newland Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports & Social Club, on Tuesday 28th May 2024 @ 7.30pm

(1) Apologies for absence

No apologies

(2) Present

Stephen Greenwood	(Chair)	SG
Tony Brownbridge	(Vice Chair)	TB
Carol Bugg		CB
Clerk (Michelle Thorpe)		MT

Nine members of the public and County Councillor M Jordan

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (April 2024)

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)

(5) Planning

- No Planning applications received.

(6) Matters Arising:-

- **Road conditions** - As before, nothing new to report.
- **Flood wall issues** – An area along the flood wall has been inspected by EA

(7) Newland Finances

- Finances £3699.39
- The 2023/2024 Newland accounts have had an external examination carried out by Mr Hopper.
Mr Hopper was satisfied that that accounts are being well looked after.
His cheque for £70.00 was signed.
The accounting statement signed by the Chair and Responsible Finance Officer Certificate of Exemption signed by the Chair and Clerk.
Annual Governance statement signed by the Chair and Clerk.

(8) Agenda items

- **EA Road mess** – This has now been cleared on Mill Lane past JB's.
- **Parish signs needing attention** - MT emailed Highways – In hand.
- **Memorial site** – TB has contacted someone about taking over the contract Duffing Garden Machinery. Prices had been discussed and accepted at the council meeting. TB to make contact so we can get things moving and get the Memorial area tidied up.
- **Newly acquired land** – D Leek to cut this as well as the verges and hedges.
- **Parish defibrillator unit** – The Councillors agreed this was of interest to the Parish and we will look into funding options. It was previously agreed to look into funding options for a memorial bench.
- **Parish Council Vacancies** – SG explained the procedure and the notice has now been put on the noticeboard and social media sites. Once the notice has been displayed for the correct amount of time and Democratic Services are happy that no election is needed. We can go ahead and co-opt two new Parish Councillors

(9) Any other business for future meetings

N/A

Meeting closed 19:53

Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd September 2024 @7.30pm – Drax club