



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM

Wednesday 12th MAY 2021, 7pm, Newnham Green (outdoors)

The Government has not agreed to extend the provisions of the temporary Covid Local Authority Meeting Regulations so remote meetings are no longer lawful.

Present: Parish Councillors June James (Chairman), John Ashworth, Paul Gaskell, Pauline Hedges, Gareth Wilson; Nately Scures Advisor Nick Walker; Clerk Susan Turner
No members of the public present

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Welcome to the newly elected Parish Council. Apologies Chris Alliston.
New Councillors' Acceptance of Office, made, signed, and counter signed by the Clerk.
Acceptance of Office for Chris Alliston to be made as soon as possible after the meeting.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2021/22

AGREED Unanimously to re-elect June James as Chairman for 2021/22.
Chairman's Declaration of Office, made, signed and counter signed by the Clerk.

3 REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS

Forms to be checked, amended as necessary, signed and returned to Clerk to be emailed to BDBC. Scanned or digital signature acceptable. With thanks for forms submitted to date.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 28th April agreed and signed.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda – None.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Payments to date 2021/22

(1) HALC/NALC	Subscription	BACS	£360
(2) Clerk	Salary April 2021	BACS	£360
(3) Roy Wood	Moles April 2021	BACS	£50.00
(LM) PGGM	LM April 2021	BACS	£1,500.00
(LM) Susan Turner	LM admin 2021-22	BACS	£1,300.00
(LM) Newnham PC	LM contribution to audit	transfer	£200.00

6.2 Insurance renewal Insurer BHIB, second year of three year tie-in; Renewal documents circulated. Premium this year as last year £375.86.

6.3 Accounts to date 2021/22 and budget as circulated **APPENDIX I**

7 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS

NOTED Parish Assembly 2021 in support of purchasing defibrillators.
The Parish Council 2021/22 budget has £3K set aside for Projects.
Discussion – 'Considerable expenditure – no statistics for Public Access Defibrillators being used – potential to save a life makes them worthwhile use of parishioners' funds – increasingly fashionable – expectation that Parishes should have them – value in community engagement and opportunity to provide basic first aid, CPR and defibrillator training – both pubs supportive and prepared to site them – where they are well sited with easy access, fully support.'

AGREED The Parish Council supportive of purchasing two defibrillator units, one for each pub.
ACTION Councillors to review detail of the estimate supplied by WEL Medical. Grant funding to be sought, suggested approach to County Councillor devolved budget and Clubroom. The Hook Fun Run previously offered some funding support.

8 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

8.1 New A30 speed limit signs Report submitted to Parish Assembly.

' A30 'Hatch to Hogget' project. Thanks to Jo Wright for leading on this and County Cllr Elaine Still for her support. Finally resulted – as part of a wider review of the A30 (HCC Transport

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etc Decision Day Nov 2019) – in agreement for some speed limit reduction, to 60 through Water End and 50 on Scures Hill. New signs installed April 2021.’

HCC is considering proposal for ‘Gateway’ features.

NOTED

1. The Water End and Nately Scures nameplate signs (at the 60 and 50mph entrances respectively) have been positively received.
2. New speed limit signs have been installed, but there is no temporary signage to draw drivers’ attention to the change in speed limit.

ACTION

Clerk to give feedback to HCC and Cllr Still.

8.2

Bus shelters Other than the two shelters at Water End, should we be spending more on upkeep and maintaining the areas around them?

Discussion – That it won’t encourage more people to use the buses – Making the bus shelters look more cared for would have a positive impact on the area and be a good thing – consider from an ecological point of view when the areas should best be cut (as it will involve strimming).

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PLANNING AND TREES

See **APPENDIX II** for current applications relating to the Parish.

9.1

Parish Planning Applications No new applications for discussion.

9.2

Owens Farm 21/01048/OUT Owens Farm, Hook. Application for a retirement development of 160 units, community facilities, parking areas, plus SANG – Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space – with drainage pond. Case officer Miguel Martinez, consultation to Fri 4 June 2021.

AGREED

The Parish Council will as previously support the position of Hook Action Against Overdevelopment. The Parish Council will respond regarding the value of the Gap to the rural setting of Newnham and its Conservation Area, Newnham residents’ sense of place and rural amenity, amenity value of the public footpath enjoyed by all who walk to Newnham, the value of the route of Church Path and its historical landscape setting as a heritage asset, its value as a wildlife corridor, also providing an area of dark skies between Hook and Newnham.

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FURTHER REPORTS

10.1

Local Plan Update BDBC will be working on site allocation this year, the next major public consultation is scheduled for 2022. A Taylor Wimpey planning application for the Loddon Valley is reportedly imminent.

10.2

Newnham Road Ponds Works to the Heathmorr pond on Newnham Road. (Part of watercourse leading from Ashmead pond under Newnham Road, then NNE to the Strings SINC.) Works started 24th April, now seem to be almost complete. Heathmorr have advised that the works are to improve the pond, but have filled in the section by the road. Hampshire Flood and Water Management have said (7th May) they will ‘follow up with this issue in due course’ due to potential for flooding. ‘Any works that change the capacity of the watercourse (even if they are temporary) require Ordinary Watercourse Consent.’ The most recent major flooding here was Christmas 2019 when residents dug a trench across the verge to allow water to escape into the Heathmorr pond; HCC Hook depot came out with ‘Flood’ signs and pumps.

10.3

Rights of way HCC Countryside Services are running a limited cutting service this year. Footpath 717 Nately Scures (from Heather Row down to the M3) is scheduled for the Priority Cutting Scheme contractor. (Note from Chris Alliston re 717/3 – the /3 is the part that runs adjacent and parallel with the M3 and becomes really overgrown. The other parts of 717 into Hang Wood and up to the A30 are generally OK.) Footpath 4 Barracks to A30 will be cut by the Ranger team.

10.4

Barracks Paul Gaskell reported fly tipping on the Common land, residents arranged for and paid for a contractor to remove. PC Reid arranged for the abandoned Micra to be towed away. The new residents of Highview favour tarmac the lane but that has large cost implications for all residents.

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NEXT MEETINGS – Wednesdays 7pm – 7 July, 1 September, 3 November, Clubroom.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm with thanks to all present

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APPENDIX II: PLANNING UPDATE – 11 MAY 2021**Parish Planning and Tree Applications**

[21/00332/HSE](#) (Granted 6 May) The Pink House. Newnham Lane. Erection of open porch to west elevation. *Parish Council response: No objection..*

[T/00106/21/TCA](#) (Approved 30 April) Cromwells, The Barracks. T1-Oak, crown raise to 5m all round. This is to allow more light over the garden and two limbs over common land. T2-Pine, Fell. Tree is heavily ivy clad and approximately 4-5m tall, heavily suppressed. T3-Apple, reduce beyond previous pruning points to give future branch structure for fruit production and easier management. T4-Ash, cut back to boundary. Tree shows extensive signs of ash dieback. T5-Ash, cut back to boundary. Tree has possible historic root heave or suppression as now situated into large neighbouring macrocarpa. T6-Ash, fell. Previous root heave and leaning heavily towards listed property. T7-cypress, reduce to suitable height below rubbing of T6 between 7-10m. *Parish Council response: content to be advised by Tree Officer.*

[21/00025/FUL](#) (Validated 25th January) Nately Place, Scures Hill. Erection of replacement detached dwelling house and detached ancillary accommodation building, following demolition of existing detached dwelling house and garage building. Erection of acoustic fencing to front/road side boundary and landscaped retaining bank inbound of south boundary to facilitate localised leveling within rear garden. *The Parish Council considered neighbour concerns that the proposed house will be considerably taller than that previously approved, but the plans submitted seem to show it to be similar – in terms of height and potential overlooking. Acoustic fence considered and no objections raised.*

[21/00038/FUL](#) (Refused 17th March) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of 1 no. dwelling. To replaced 20/01666/FUL withdrawn 7th Dec. *PC response submitted, with concerns – as for withdrawn application and the related application for two new houses..*

[T/00500/20/TPO](#) (Approved 11th March) 3 Kingsbridge Copse.. Amended description: 2 Oak and 1 Ash: Crown raise to no higher than 10m above ground level to clear ornamental conifers.

[16/03282/RET](#) (Pending, Validated 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. 'Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days for no more than 100 days in a year with ancillary tea room and associated car parking.' Consultation on new description only. This application will be decided by Development Control Committee, date tba. (Most recent comment submitted June 2019.)

Hook Planning Applications

[21/01048/OUT](#) (Validated 29 Apr 2021) Owens Farm. Hybrid application for a) Outline development (with matters except access reserved) for a retirement care living development comprising up to 160 units (C2 use) and local community facilities, pedestrian and vehicular access, parking areas and landscaping and b) change of use of agricultural land to Suitable Alternative Green Space (SANG) with sustainable drainage pond.