

Minutes of the Newborough Parish Council Meeting, held via Zoom video call	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm
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Present;

Councillors	Cllr Waite; Cllr Gill; Cllr Sherwood; Cllr Bullingham; Cllr Williams; Cllr Instone; Cllr Fernyhough;
Also present	D Dolling; C Holmes; Borough Cllr Beech, 9 members of the public.

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Jessel
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#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fernyhough declared a personal interest in planning application P/2020/01418
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#### 3. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomes the new Parish Clerk Charlotte Holmes and thanks the outgoing clerk Diane Dolling.
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#### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Two members of the public introduced themselves as working for Olive Tree Residential Child Care. They were keen to discuss the recently submitted plans for Poplars and the Piano Barn to become a Children's Care Home stating that the accommodation would house 'around about' 7 vulnerable children and be registered with Ofsted. They advised that these children are not supposed to be children that the community should be worried about, although they do come with challenges, many have not had the best upbringing. Their ambition is to give them a loved and cared for environment. Their objectives are to help and care for the children and make sure there is limited impact on the community.

They have a vision to provide best possibilities and outcomes for the children and would like them to be part of the community. Both are also involved in the operation of other Homes under the company name of Pathways Residential Child Care Ltd

Question from a member of the public; What is the age group? Will the children be mixed ages?

Reply; They want to work with the community to decide what is safe. They are aiming for an appropriate mix that would give an environment similar to a family home. Hopefully, the majority will be of an average age of 11-14 but could be any child in need of care. There is no age restriction imposed by Ofsted or Local Authority, the Company will make that decision. They stated that they wouldn't be looking at placing a child that is a risk to the community and would ideally look to place children at the younger end of the scale.

A member of the public noted that the Planning Application states accommodation for 7-12 year olds.

When asked about the demographics of their other homes, the representatives of the Companies explained that they are registered for 8-18 year old, and currently the average age is 14 years old.

A Member of the Public expressed her thought of 'how lovely' and said that she was interested to hear other views.

A Member of the Public stated that the age of children is an important factor and asked what the representatives meant when the representative said 'for the purpose of Planning' it was aimed at 7-12 year olds. She stated that they could discuss older children with the Community.

A Member of the Public asked "Why would you think age was an issue?" The representative said that she had heard people might be worried about the age of the children, there's a preconception from the media that Children in Care come with problems and are unfortunately stigmatised.

A Member of the Public voiced concerns at the size of the properties and the number of children they could house. The representative stated that she did not want institutionalised units, aiming for as much as family home as possible; 3-4 children in each property with staff staying overnight.

A Member of the Public asked the maximum number of children that would be housed in the properties? The answer was that the properties could accommodate 9-10, but the company is making the decision to take a maximum of 7. Ofsted will determine number of children allowed.

Chairman suggested a dedicated meeting for a full discussion on this matter. This was agreed by all.

Borough Cllr Beech stated that she likes the principle of the idea, and asked if the intention was for the children to attend the local school? And would the homes accommodate siblings? The Chairman pointed out that the local school is currently full.

The representative said they look at schooling requirements in individual cases. She wanted to provide space to play, grow, develop and the children would ideally move to the local secondary school.

## 5. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Cllr Beech had little to report. The Boundary commission is pending decision in March 2021. The recent Covid19 vaccination day at Uttoxeter went well, more venues are to be confirmed. The target for vaccinations is being fulfilled.

County Cllr Jessel contacted Chairman to advise that SCC plan is go ahead with Police and Crime election on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and postal votes will be accepted.

**Action; Cllr Waite advise Parishioners via Newborough News**

## 6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

All agreed to be a true record of the meeting

Action; Clerk to convert to pdf and upload to website

#### 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

All to be discussed under Clerk's Report and Councillors' Reports.

#### 8. REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning number	Premises	Planning requested	Decision
P/2020/00717	Old Cottage Chapel Lane Newborough DE13 8SQ	Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the variation of condition 2,3 and 8 of planning permission P/2016/00330 relating to the erection of a detached dwelling and formation of a new vehicular access (Revised parking and landscaping)	Registered
P/2020/01399	Duffield House Duffield Lane Newborough DE13 8SH	Erection of a first floor side extension and change of external materials to rear and side elevations	Registered
P/2020/01432	Hollybush Hall, Hollybush Road, Newborough, DE13 8SF	Retention of storage buildings and workshop	Registered
P/2020/01447	Hollybush Hall Hollybush Road Newborough DE13 8SF	Retention of equestrian lunging arena and access	Registered (new)
P/2020/01418	Poplars Farm Yoxall Road Newborough DE13 8SU	Conversion of existing farm house and piano barn from dwellings to Class C2 home for children in care and conversion of existing barn including alterations to the front elevation from storage to office and gym for staff	Registered (new)
<p>P/2020/01447 Comments were raised that the new entrance was on a section of road with a 60 mph speed limit and may be considered dangerous.</p> <p>Action; Clerk to advise ESBC of the Parish Council of NPC comments</p> <p>P/2020/01418 Council agreed to make comments following the Planning meeting with the representatives from Olive Tree Residential Childcare Ltd</p>			

#### 9. TO APPOINT CONTRACTOR TO UNDERTAKE TREE SURVEY

It was agreed that Simon Manning from Fairview would complete the tree survey at a cost of £150. It was agreed that a survey will be repeated every three years.

Action; Clerk to instruct Fairview to complete survey and diarise for 2024

#### 10. TO DECIDE ON THE MEMORIAL HAZEL TREE AND PLAQUE

It was agreed to purchase a red hazel tree 90-120cm at £105 and a slate plaque with a metal stake, 200mm x 150mm, at £147.42. It was considered that it might be appropriate to plant the tree on what would have Evelyn's birthday.

Action; Cllr Williams to liaise with James Bullock regarding the planting location of the tree .

Action; Cllr Williams to liaise with Clerk to organise the purchase of the plaque.

#### 11. TO AGREE NEW SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR HSBC BANK ACCOUNTS & USE OF THEIR INTERNET BANKING

The council agreed the new HSBC Banking Mandate will be any two to sign from the following Cllr Waite, Cllr Gill, Cllr Sherwood, Cllr Bullingham and C Holmes. Also agreed for C Holmes to be the Primary Internet Banking user.

Action; Clerk to update mandate and register with HSBC Internet Banking

#### 12. CLERKS REPORT

##### • **CORRESPONDENCE & ONGOING MATTERS**

Riparian letter has been distributed to all relevant owners in the parish.

Clerk has received prices for a hazel tree; Standard 60-90cm £65, 90-120cm £85 (can't get till August), 125-150cm £215. Red 90-120cm £105, 125-150cm £265. Anything larger and costs rise to £400. These prices do not include planting

Clerk attended 'Surviving the year end audit' course with Alan Topliss.

Cllrs Waite & Williams attended 'Making Effective Representations' course.

Cllr Fernyhough attended 'Councillor Fundamentals' course.

ESBC have acknowledged receipt of the nomination form to include the Red Lion on the list of assets of community assets.

Booked Clerks Induction course for Charlotte – at a cost of £40

Council agreed to Charlotte's attendance on the course.

##### • **FINANCE**

7 online payments for February			
Clerk's remuneration	Salary	£498.73	£531.18
	Home office allowance	£26.00	
	Postage	£ 6.45	
TSO Host	Domain Renewal	Inc VAT	£ 8.34
SPCA	Course – councillor fundamentals		£ 50.00
SPCA	Course – YE Audit		£ 30.00
SPCA	2 x Course – Planning apps		£ 60.00

Grangewood/JB	Playpark gates	Inc VAT	£ 331.22
Zoom/BW	Zoom Subscription		£ 12.00
		TOTAL	£1022.74

The council agreed reimbursement to Cllr Williams of £40 towards the costs of the Christmas Tree that decorated the centre of the village in December. This expense was agreed in principle at December's meeting.

**Action; Clerk to make payments as soon as possible**

Budget Tracker was reviewed. The only area to flag is the overspend on the training budget, this was expected and can be covered by the reserves in the stationery budget. The Councillors approved the tracker.

### 13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Gill reported that Cllr Instone has received the sample anti-slip rainbow strips for the bridge in the Playpark. Some work has already been completed in the Playpark including replacement of the gates. The work remains in budget.

Cllr Gill advised that a meeting with Highways and the Hollybush Hall Estate regarding Elton Lane would be scheduled for after the release of lockdown.

Cllr Gill updated the Council on the Village Centre project – a meeting with all parties will take place to discuss costs. SCC will present plans to the public in due course and affected parishioners will be contacted for comments.

Cllr Gill has investigated the costs of flashing speed lights similar to those in Tutbury, he advised that costs are approx. £15k for 2, fully installed.

Cllr Instone reported that she had completed the October- December 2020 Bank reconciliation and found no concerns.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

Date of the Next Meeting: 7.30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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