LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

623.25

Present: Cllrs K Hissitt (Chairman), G Smith, L Sandbach, T Reed, D Butler, Cllr A Woods and the Clerk.

623.1 **Apologies** for absence received from Cllrs G Attwood and J Higgins.

623.2 **The Minutes** of The Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no declarations of gifts/hospitality/interests or changes to the register of interests.

623.3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Highways Parking** of vehicles on the grass verge outside the Church has been on the increase. Cllr T Reed will request Church users refrain from this as it is once again destroying the verge. There is also an increase in vehicles parking on footpaths causing pedestrians to walk on the road, this is prevalent on Mill Lane where some vehicles are parking wholly on the footpath. Item on both issues will be put in the Parish Press and also details of SBC Enforcement team**. Potholes** Cllr G Attwood has emailed regarding the breakdown of the road surface on Woodland Way and The Close. LNPC agreed to forward email direct to SBC ascertaining if Cllr Attwood has any additional points to make before it is sent.

3.2 **Village Environment Trees on LNPC land** Cllr Hissitt will once again contact Mark Nozedar SBC to request the report which was undertaken in October. **Uninhabited Houses** No 2 Willow Chase. Nothing to report. **Dog Fouling** Clerk has reported removed/destroyed dog fouling signs to Cleveland Police who have recorded this as a crime and issued a crime number. An item will be in the next Parish Press. Dog Fouling is once again on the increase and unfortunately LNPC feel they have done all they can to try to stop this. All dog owners should be aware they need to pick up after their dogs but there are some in the village who appear to have no intention of doing so. **Willow Chase** During the recent storm a number of trees have come down on Willow Chase, Cllr K Hissitt has contacted Cutting Edge and will meet with them on 12/2 to discuss work needed. **Manor Gate Trees** A large branch off an ash tree on highways land came off during the storm, causing damage to a house on Woodland Way. Clerk has emailed SBC to request all trees on this verge be inspected as a priority. SBC replied this request will be added to their inspection list. **Manor House Hedge/Tree** Email received from Mr B Taylor (6.2) requesting the overhanging hedge and tree at the boundary be trimmed back to the boundary line. Emailed forwarded to SBC who have inspected the site and subsequently sent a letter to the property requesting this be cut back. **Litter** Email received from Easglescliffe Litter Pickers (6.3) requesting to meet to discuss the problem with litter at Carters Lane which is off the A67, part of which falls within the Parish Boundary. Clerk and Cllr Sandbach will arrange to meet on site. **Coatham Woods** Email received from Egglescliffe Parish Council regarding a blocked access to Coatham Woods at Coatham Stobb through a farm gate via footpath no 7 which runs from Eaglescliffe Durham Lane to Elton. This gate once led to an old farm track which is now part of Coatham Woods. There are a few farm tracks in this area, but LNPC do not know if any of these are Public Rights of Way. This is wholly in Elton Parish. Egglescliffe Parish Council have also proposed construction of a footpath from the Urlay Nook Rail crossing to Coatham Woods along Long Newton Lane with a pedestrian access at the South West corner of the woods. LNPC have no objections to this proposal. Clerk to reply to Egglescliffe PC. **Trees on Tees** Clerk has chased this as trees/hedging needs to be planted by end of next month. Apparently after meeting with Stephen Cosgrove on 24/5/24 there was a change of personnel by the end of May. There is no record of the outcome of the meeting and LNPC's request for trees/hedging. Awaiting further email to arrange another meeting to start again. It was agreed that upon receipt of hedging/trees LNPC will request Cutting Edge plant them up.

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3.3 **Bus Service** Nothing to report.

623.4 **Planning**

4.1 Lists circulated via email.

623.5 **Accounts**

5.1 Cheque issued to Wilson Centre £11.00 hire fee January 1357
5.2 Cheque issued to Wilson Centre £22.00 re-issued cheques 1313 &1317 presented to bank too late to be cashed 1358
5.3 Cheque issued to Clerk for salary February 1360
5.4 Cheque issued to Cllr J Higgins re-imburse dog fouling signs £12.68 1359
5.5 Cheque re-issued to Cutting Edge as cheque no 1349 lost in post £652.90 1356
5.6 Risk Assessment Review A review of the effectiveness of the Council's Internal Control Systems, and Risk Assessment was undertaken by the Chairman. Statement of Assurance was approved by Cllrs and signed by the Chairman. Cllrs reviewed the effectiveness of the Internal Audit, there were no issues
5.7 Cutting Edge estimate of £4679.04 plus VAT for grass cutting 2025 and £380 plus VAT daily rate 2025 was accepted by LNPC. Clerk will arrange contracts.
5.8 Wilson Centre Hire fees from 1/4/25 acknowledged.
5.9 Online Banking all signatories agreed to sign up to Online Banking. Clerk will make arrangements.

623.6 **Correspondence**

6.1 Email from Mr B Taylor regarding overgrown hedge/tree The Manor House see 3.2.
6.2 Email from Eaglescliffe Pickers regarding litter on Carters Lane see 3.2
6.3 Email from Egglescliffe Parish Council re Coatham Woods see 3.2
6.4 Email from Forestry England re Coatham and South Burdon Forest Plan consultation acknowledged.

623.7 **Cllrs Items and items for next meeting**

7.1 Cllr Smith requested Clerk write to Northern Powergrid re the sporadic reconnection to the grid during the recent storm. Clerk has contact Northern Powergrid via website and comments acknowledged
7.2 Replacement of LNPC computer to be discussed March Meeting.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8PM

Signed…… K Hissitt Chairman