



## NEWDIGATE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 8pm

Held at the Village Hall

**PRESENT:** William Harmsworth (Chairman) Ameeta Garga, Bill Kear, John McKenzie-Sage, Mr Peter Perdue

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** 5 members of public & Cllr Helyn Clack

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Phill Crutcher, Sarah MacDonald, Richard Tyson-Davies

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bill Kear – Trig Street

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were agreed and approved by all present.

#### 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Q1. A resident asked if there had been any progress in managing speeding vehicles in Henfold Lane. Peter Perdue confirmed that he has submitted all speed data to Highways but no further action had yet been decided.

#### 5. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

For period 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – 11<sup>th</sup> March

Newdigate	RUSPER RD	DOMESTIC INCIDENT
Newdigate	PARTRIDGE LANE	INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT SLIGHT INJURY
Newdigate	VILLAGE STREET	ALTERCATION IN PUB
Newdigate	RUSPER ROAD	TELEPHONE COURIER CARD SCAM
Newdigate	NEWDIGATE ROAD	PEST CONTROL
Newdigate	RUSPER ROAD	FEMALE KNOCKED AT DOOR OF ISOLATED HOUSE AND SEEN WONDERING IN ROAD. WAS LOST AND ORDERED TAXI. NO ISSUES.
Newdigate	WINFIELD GROVE	NOISY NEIGHBOURS
Newdigate	PARTRIDGE LANE	THEFT OF CAR FROM DRIVEWAY
Newdigate	WINFIELD GROVE	ARREST ON SUSPICION OF DRINK DRIVING
Newdigate	VILLAGE STREET	REPORT OF REPEAT DRINK DRIVER

Newdigate	Cudworth Lane	Criminal damage to vehicle. Poured oil into engine parts to try and reduce sale price. Vehicle purchase scam.
Newdigate	Darbyshire Rd	Domestic Incident
Newdigate	Winfield Grove	Noise Complaint. Neighbour related.
Newdigate	Newdigate Road	Driver seen swerving and hitting kerb. Police aware.
Newdigate	Village Street	Report of drink driver. Police aware.
Newdigate	Rusper Road	Scam call claiming to be from police. Courier type fraud.

## 6. CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 Councillor training sessions available through Mulberrys and Breakthrough Communications were circulated to all councillors.
- 6.2 To note that all forthcoming Full Parish Council meetings will start at 8pm commencing April 2024.
- 6.3 Councillors present confirmed future meeting dates and times for period 2024.25 and the website will be updated accordingly.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

- 7.1 Peter Perdue prepared our response on behalf of the Parish Council to the SCC Roadsafe Vision Zero Survey that was submitted online by the clerk.
- 7.2 Richard Tyson-Davies submitted a response to the Surrey's Rights of Way Improvement Plan on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 7.3 Councillors present approved the purchase of 4 Archive boxes by the clerk.

## 8. FINANCE

- 8.1 The current bank balance of £22,525.84 was approved and accepted by all Councillor present.
- 8.2 The Chairman William Harmsworth agreed the figure on the accounting spreadsheet to the bank statement.
- 8.3 The end of year Audit with Mulberrys will be completed on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- 8.4 A VAT reimbursement claim was submitted to HMRC for an amount of £606.86 on 7.3.24.
- 8.5 The following BAC payments were approved for payment:

PAYEE	DETAILS	
Jane Roberts	Payroll & HMRC Management	£90.00 BACS
HMRC	Clerk Tax March	£160.64 BACS
NamesCo Limited	2 year hosting Email & Website	£360.00 BACS

## 9. PLANNING

- 9.1 No planning applications to consider weekend 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## 10. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING

- 10.1 The Speed Watch team continue to go out as much as possible and have recorded 15 vehicles doing excessive speeds of up to 44mph on Parkgate Road.
- 10.2 Peter Perdue is still awaiting confirmation from Nigel Pond regarding the purchase of the first VAS sign and will keep the Council informed.
- 10.3 Surrey County Council Road Safety Vision Zero Survey – Newdigate Parish Council response can be seen on our website.

**11. GATWICK MATTERS**

11.1 Peter Perdue attended a tour of Gatwick, who are showing signs of being confident in a# successful planning application for a second runway. Considerable monies have been invested in infrastructure ahead of the anticipated increase of passengers. The application process however has many other processes to go through and it may be several years before a final decision has been made.

**12. TRIG STREET**

12.1 No update at present with regard to the highway access and exit near the bend and funding streams are still to be investigated.

**13. BRICKWORKS**

13.1 A separate bank account with NatWest has now been opened under the name Brickwork NPC & SWT. Details of account have been shared with Bill Kear and Julia Forsyth so that arrangements can be made for direct debits and donations.

13.2 Bill Kear confirmed that prior to any work commencing at the Brickworks the results from the recent Newt survey need to be received but hoped work could start end of March.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Q1. A resident asked how the Fibre installation was progressing? William Harmsworth confirmed that Openreach are making good progress.

**15. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 – Planning Committee Meeting at 7.30pm (*Monday bank holiday*)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Full Parish Council Meeting at 8pm

Meeting ended 8.43pm

Chairman..... Dated.....