



Newport Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022

Venue: Newport Primary School – Hall Entrance

All Local Government Electors registered to vote in the Civil Parish of Newport are invited to attend.

Chair: Cllr S Mansell – Chairman of Newport Parish Council

Minutes: A Barker – Clerk to Newport Parish Council

Present: Cllr V Aitken (VA), P Aitken (PA), S Clarke (SC), F Butler (FB), D Coppack (DC), Cllr P Pettit (PP), Cllr H Robinson (HR), Cllr R Bate (RB), Cllr G Bate (GB), Cllr J Preston (JP), Cllr D O’Connell (DO), Cllr L Cressey (LC), Cllr J Lamming (JL), Cllr S Elliott (SE),

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| Minute | Discussion and agreement |
| 2022/05/01 | Acceptance of apologies for absence |
| | Cllr G Shields, Helen Anderson (Humberside Police), Rev L Kenny (St Stephens Church) |

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| 2022/05/02 | Chairman’s annual report – Sharron Mansell |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All planned meetings have taken place in the last 12 months. I would like to thank Cllrs for their support, attendance, and contribution. - Appointment of new Clerk Alan / RFO June 21 who has made a huge contribution to the PC. Cara continues to support us as the Burial clerk sharing her wealth of experience which we thank her for and very much appreciate. - Range of Cllr and Clerk Training attended. - We continue with the Cemetery and Closed Churchyard maintenance / management and are actively looking to purchase some land for future burials. - We continue to build relationships by collaborating with Community Groups including St Stephens, the Village Hall, Market Weighton Canal Trail and more recently Gilberdyke Parish Council. - Lots of updates of our work and who we are included in the Newsletter and on our website which is hopefully a useful information source as well as social media. - Alan also actively updates noticeboards - We have been consulted on twenty-four planning applications since June 2021. Three of which relate to Tree works. The Parish Council have objected to three applications and approved twenty, with no comments submitted for one application due to a potential conflict of interest. - Capital Expenditure - St Stephens Churchyard Memorial restoration, Churchyard Path, Kidzone Play area - Safamat replacement, Village Flag (now have two as one was donated by Gilberdyke Covid 19 group), Salt Bin. Dog Bin Consumables which have increased, Platinum Jubilee Expenditure (Coins and mugs), Blackthorn Lane Tree works, Festive lights and Christmas trees, New Noticeboard installed at the Village Hall for the Community and restoration work completed on the notice boards near the canal. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newport Parish Council budgeted carefully keeping the precept the same as 2021/22 as we were aware that ERYC planned to increase council tax by 3.99% for the financial year 2022/23. - In March 2022 we held a landfill site public meeting with two residents sharing in-depth information of the history of the site and the involvement of our local MP David Davis who has taken our concerns to the House of Commons. - A Street scene visit from ERYC is scheduled for June - Cllrs Bate and Laming to support this. Please let us know if you do have any concerns - Platinum Jubilee - Coins / Mugs / Prizes for street decoration. Information summarised in 2022 05 06. - We would be pleased to see more residents attending the PC meetings even if it is just for the open session for members of the public to address the Council to share their aspirations for a better village. - Finally, a huge thank you to Alan our clerk who is much appreciated. Thank you to my fellow Cllrs for their hard work, wisdom / experience and for giving their time freely which benefits all of us. |
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| 2022/05/03 | Unitary Councils report – ERYC Cllr |
| | <p>VA apologised for not having attended Newport meetings in the past 12 months but reiterated a commitment to spend more time working with residents. Keen to support appropriate local issues whether large or small.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VA has taken on the demanding role of ERYC Chair of the Children's Education, Health, and Wellbeing Committee. During the past 12 months there have been two inadequate Ofsted inspections. - Working with representatives of the F40 group who represent the 40 worst funded authorities in the UK. ERYC is the third lowest funded authority. Lobbying of Westminster is ongoing. - Locally involved in flood management work as part of the work undertaken with the Internal Drainage Board. - David Davis continues to work on issues with regards to the Landfill site. Concern expressed that the Environment Agency are not proactively challenging the operator. Any contaminated water leaving the site must either be by tanker or be clean enough to enter the river Humber. - Keen to be involved in the Raft Race. Potentially funding will be available. |

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| 2022/05/04 | Humberside Police Report |
| | No report received or attendees. |

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| 2022/05/05 | Reports from the Groups and Clubs of the Parish |
| | <p>St Stephens Church (Rev L Kenny) – Report received by email 21.04.22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last year we held a Christmas open evening in conjunction with the village tree light up. It was very well attended as we also hosted an Arts & Crafts Fayre in church that evening. - In December we had an evening of song with the AFO choir and Maggie Hush. This was organised by Linda Cressey and was a great fundraiser. The support of Chantelle Greaves in purchasing the Church Christmas tree and her efforts for a fundraising raffle were remarkable and gratefully received. - On Christmas Eve we had our annual nativity fun service. We also held a Christingle service in December. Both were reasonably well attended especially considering the huge issues surrounding Covid 19 and the governments advice to stay apart before Christmas to minimise the spread of it. - Gilberdyke School held their annual carol service. Two days later Newport School had to sadly cancel due to covid. - We continue to hold a toddler group each week which has grown and enjoyed by attendees. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have tried modern services monthly with no great support. We aim to try to have services twice a month commencing in May, and it will be advertised. Sadly, the small group who make decisions about the life of the church, the Parochial Church Council, recognise the total lack of interest in attending church amongst the people of Newport & Gilberdyke. If this does not garner interest, and every school child has had a postcard in through book bag stating KS2 children can come along to activities in those services, we need to seriously consider whether to work towards the church only being available for baptisms / weddings / funerals which are always in demand and well attended. This is known as a festival church. - The Diocese of York are currently conducting an initiative known as Living Christs Story. Churches will be examined as to their ability to be financially sustainable and able to pay for staffing i.e., a vicar. It looks like Newport will end up in the next five years just having the services of a “flying “vicar to “come in “especially for these rites of passage. - As a consequence of lack of interest, and lack of supporters to assist me, the planned event for the Platinum Jubilee will not go ahead. There will be no special service because nobody attends. We had a great concert by Gospel singers on Easter Sunday. It was something different and something that people had asked for over the last year or so. About forty people out of a population of several thousands in both villages turned up to enjoy the event, which ran at a heavy loss. - I thank the parish council for the lovely tarmac path and its support. I am only sorry I cannot, in all honesty, be more optimistic about the future of the church. - Thank you for the continued efforts of the Parish council <p>Newport Village Hall (S Clarke)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID – All regular users returned once NVH could reopen – some have added extra classes. First sizeable event was a dance in Oct 21, quizzes began in Oct 1st Prize Bingo for 2 years in Dec, most of volunteers have had covid but not all at the same time. We have coped well. - ENERGY COSTS – Our gas supplier went bankrupt, and replacement is double, water consumption up, expecting electricity to rise. Cleaning costs up because of more events and covid. Modest price rise on Mar 1 but still cheap – our aim is to cover the costs, not make a big profit. Users asked to help – lights off, heating down etc. - IMPROVEMENTS – Emergency lighting upgraded, new front doors, village noticeboard with Church, awaiting replacement of flat roof in main hall. Pre-school have secured a new kitchen from Howdens for small hall, plans to extend in summer. - ISSUES – fortunately very little vandalism but CCTV enables us to identify. Fly tipping is issue. Some people think our bins can be used if theirs are full, we pay £500 pa. Annoying. - EVENTS – in addition to regulars – parties, caravanners, first aid courses, U3A meetings. We have introduced ‘Talk and Chat’ for older members of community, Fun Day with Bouncy Castles on Aug 21st, English Amateur National Cycling Championships Aug 27-8. - VOLUNTEERS – small band of dedicated volunteers, only cleaners are paid. Do everything in terms of setting up and closing down, admin and financial control, running events, even painting the lines in the car park annually. Recent loss of Coleen Rostron, a volunteer for many years. Anyone out there want to join us? - FUTURE – NVH would like to offer the cricket pavilion as a venue for a weekly youth club if PC can find funding for leaders. Need to look at the facility to see if it conforms. Newport CC on board hoping to attract young players. On-going ‘beef’ about grants as we are just outside area to get wind farm money like Gilberdyke and Eastrington village halls. The grants linked to M. Weighton re-cycling plant is |
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| | <p>available but requires a third-party sponsor with money up front – finding one has been difficult so plans to develop upstairs store as an additional bookable venue, build to increase storage and development on the western side of the hall are on hold at the moment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern expressed with the reduction in the available Bus Service serving Newport. SC advised that he is aware of Parish Councils joining together to fund / subsidise bus services. This would require a public meeting inviting interested parties. <p>Market Weighton Canal Trail (G Shields / D O Connell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Printed copy of the May Newsletter shared with the attendees. - DO provided an update with regards to the competition that is ongoing for schools on the route. <p>Gilberdyke and Surrounding Villages Coronavirus Volunteers Group (GSVCVG) (S Mansell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group was set up March 2020 by founders Andy and Kelly Hirst with a constitution. The purpose of the organisation was to raise funds and to provide support in places identified as most needed in the local community. - Committee of seven people Andy and Kelly Hirst, Sylvia Grant, Kirstie Old, Sharron Mansell, Nicola Carter, Dave Bielby, and Mandy joined the group with over fifty volunteers - For the first few month's meetings were held weekly via a free Google App, we moved them to fortnightly, then monthly. - Phone calls were taken on the mobile set up solely for the purpose of the group which lead to activities including the collection and delivery of prescriptions, shopping, and food parcels. Support with dog walking there was even a few vets runs to collect dog prescriptions. - A buddy system was set up with committee members for residents living on their own and feeling lonely or vulnerable or who just wanted to talk to someone over the phone - A hub was set up in Gilberdyke Village Hall where residents could collect food parcels, books, and games. - A range of activities with prizes ran throughout the lockdown including a scarecrow competition, best dressed house, best dressed street (Newport won) internet games and quizzes. - The treasurer has kept detailed records of all the generous donations, grants, and spending. For example, the Tommy's seen in Newport and Gilberdyke, a Union Jack for Newport. The group is in the process of dissolving and the money left has been shared with local groups such as the Church, the two village halls, the two schools, Newport Pre School donation also went to Two Rovers Food Pantry, the accounts will be available for anyone to look at once the group has closed. <p>Community Action Group (Frank Butler)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group in recent times has been in abeyance due to the loss of personnel for various reasons. - The group was set up in 2002/3 by Ian Waters (Chair of Newport Parish Council) with the objective of doing things the Parish Council cannot do including the Newport raft race. In the summer months dances were organised which were well attended. - Would the Parish Council consider supporting the group in the future? It would be great to involve the younger people from Newport involved. - In 2006 a Parish Plan / Planning Committee was introduced and accepted by the Parish Council at the time. FB confirmed the plan is available on CD and in a folder. RB confirmed he has a copy of the plan but due to the size it is difficult to circulate. RB to discuss options with PP who was given a copy of the CD by FB. <p>Newport Methodist Church (Richard Bate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A coffee morning held every Thursday morning from 10-12. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services take place every Sunday at 10.30am. - Janet Glen publishes a weekly newsletter. <p>Newport Book Club (Donna Coppack)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The club was set up in January 2022 and meets on the 3rd Tuesday in the month. - Currently there are ten members, meeting at St Stephens House – new members are welcome. - Each month a new book is chosen to read and discuss. <p>Newport and Gilberdyke Women's Institute (Donna Coppack)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. - Currently there are approximately twenty-five members. - New members are welcome. - Currently meet at Gilberdyke Methodist Church. <p>Invitations sent to the following organisations. No update provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plymouth Brethren Christian Church - Newport Neighbourhood Watch |
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| 2022/05/06 | Community Events |
| | <p>The Parish Council has previously agreed to support the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II in June 2022. Summary of the key information shared during the meeting to note: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Platinum Jubilee Earthenware mugs and Enamelled Platinum Jubilee Coins have been ordered for the Events Working Party to plan distribution. - Residents previously encouraged to organise street parties and events. Prizes by way of grants for the best dressed streets / events to be provided. - Publicity to be provided via social media / Website and Noticeboard. |

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| 2022/05/07 | Chairman's Closing Comments |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S Mansell thanked all the presenters and attendees for their attendance and input to the meeting. - All village groups are encouraged to use the Newport Parish website to share information with regards to their committees and planned events. - Attendees encourage to take the opportunity to take time prior to the Annual Council meeting to discuss informally the work being completed by their organisation / committee. |

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| | Next Annual Parish Meeting – 9 th May 2023 |
| | Meeting Closed at 6.58pm |