



## Newport Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### 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 (SM)

**Minutes:** A Barker – Clerk to Newport Parish Council (AB)

**Present:** S Clarke (SC), M Whitley (MW), A Mitchell (AM), J Chapman (JC), C Benstead (CB), R Clarke (RC), M Horton (MH), A Suffill-Boyes (AS), Cllr H Robinson (HR), Cllr R Bate (RB), Cllr G Bate (GB), Cllr D O’Connell (DO), Cllr L Cressey (LC), Cllr J Lamming (JL), Cllr S Elliott (SE),

Minute	Discussion and agreement
2023/05/01	Acceptance of apologies for absence
	D Coppack (DC), Helen Anderson (Humberside Police), Cllr G Shields (GS), Cllr P Pettit (PP), Rev J Little (JL), C Young (CY).

2023/05/02	<p>Chairman’s annual report for Newport Parish Council 2022 – 2023 – Sharron Mansell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pleased to report we have a full council with the consistency of the same Cllrs over the past 12 months and all planned meetings have taken place. Early this year we voted to move the full Parish Council meetings to bi-monthly rather than monthly with the different committees meeting on a needs basis and making recommendations to the full council. In addition, Alan (the clerk) emails Cllrs weekly with relevant information including any planning applications. In the event of urgent business, we will arrange an extraordinary meeting which as always will be published on the notice board and website at least 3 working days before the meeting.</li> <li>- Thank you to Cllrs for support / attendance / contribution. Thank you too, to Alan who makes a huge contribution to the PC. Cara continues to support us as the burials clerk.</li> <li>- Local Council elections 4th May 2023. Cllr nomination papers completed and submitted to ERYC. No further nominations received, and ERYC have confirmed the election is uncontested, therefore the current Cllrs will remain in place.</li> <li>- Range of Cllr and Clerk Training attended.</li> <li>- We continue with the Cemetery and Closed Churchyard maintenance / management and are still working towards the purchase of land for future burials.</li> <li>- We continue to build relationships by Working with Community Groups many of whom are here today. Thank you.</li> <li>- Lots of updates of our work and who we are have gone out via Newsletter - Thank Cllr Cressey</li> <li>- Also’ on our website which is hopefully a useful information source as well as other social media such as Facebook – thank Cllr Petit and Alan</li> <li>- Noticeboards are also frequently updated by Alan. Alan also completes a regular village checklist and reports his findings back to the full Council. Please do contact Alan if you spot anything or have any concerns.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have been consulted on 20 planning applications since May 2022. The Parish Council have objected to 5 applications and approved 13, with no comments submitted for 2 applications due to a potential conflict of interest.</li> <li>- Our monthly finances are audited by one of our Parish Cllrs who works in finance and are signed off by the Chair bi-monthly, in addition they are externally audited annually to ensure we are compliant.</li> <li>- Some of the projects we have spent the money on include Dog Bin Consumables, Festive lights and Christmas trees, Remembrance Day, we continue the long-term project to develop and improve the Main Road Play Area. The land is partially owned by Newport Parish Council, part was unregistered, and the remaining land was leased from the Environment Agency. In the past 12 months, the unregistered land has been acquired by the Parish Council and the purchase of the Environment Agency land for the benefit of the Community will be finalised shortly, in addition, we have replaced 2 play equipment springers and Safamat and had professional cleaning of the play equipment, a new litter bin and seat. In 2021/22 the Parish Council replaced the Safamat under the 2 swings and paid for the Rospa play safety inspection. Monies have been allocated from the budget for the purchase and development of the site in 2023/24.</li> <li>- Also, money has been spent on grass cutting around the village and Church area.</li> <li>- Newport Parish Council carefully financial budgeting meant a 5% reduction in the precept as we were aware the ERYC planned to increased council tax, although this is not a big saving per household it is a contribution to the cost-of-living crisis.</li> <li>- Coronation – We successfully applied for an ERYC grant to support coronation community activities and around 100 household joined in the competition for the best dressed house with Prizes been awarded 1st place to 4th place with a special prize going to the Spinney for the best street demonstrating community spirit. Working with the Newport Action Group there was also a Ball at the Village Hall which I'm sure you will hear more about later.</li> <li>- We would be grateful to see more residents attending the PC meetings even if it's just for the open session for members of the public to address the Council to share their aspirations for a better village.</li> </ul>
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2023/05/03	Unitary Councils report – ERYC Cllr
	- No representation at the meeting.

2023/05/04	Humberside Police Report
	- No representation at the meeting.

2023/05/05	Reports from the Groups and Clubs of the Parish
	<p><b>St Stephens Church (Rev J Little)</b> - Report provided by email and shared by AB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Reverend Lyn Kenny retired to Bridlington at the end of January, and she will not be replaced. I will now be running St Stephen's from Howden.</li> <li>- We are continuing with christenings, weddings, and funerals at St Stephen's. Sunday services resumed after a winter break on Mothering Sunday. The intention is that there should be a service at St Stephen's at least once a month. The next service is at 11:00 o'clock on Sunday, 14 May. It will take the form of a multimedia service led by Anthony Scott Warren who is a Recognised Parish Assistant and churchwarden at Howden Minster. Everyone is welcome.</li> <li>- The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 7:00 PM at St Stephen's on Friday 26 May 2023. We are facing quite a challenge at St Stephen's, as we need to rebuild the PCC (Church council), almost from scratch. At the annual meeting, we will be looking to appoint a new churchwarden as well as a new secretary and a new treasurer. No church can function effectively without these officers. We are also looking for people to help in a wide variety of other ways. Some of you may feel able to help or might know someone who is not on the electoral roll who might be persuaded to step up.</li> </ul>

**Newport Village Hall (S Clarke / C Benstead)**

- SC - The village hall has installed a new kitchen (Donated by Howdens). The Old Hall roof has been replaced. Annual meeting held in Oct 22 but only attended by SC, CB and RC. Now operating as volunteers but looking for others to come forward to assist. Group of 6 people plus the cleaner manage the hall. Last year offered the Cricket Club pavilion as a potential venue for a youth club but this has not been taken up – the offer still stands. Hoping to develop the west side of the building for the Pre school to use. Registered an interest in the Platinum Jubilee Fund but too restrictive.
- CB – Hire fees generally meet the expenses. Concern re the potential increase in cost of the gas and electricity. A new contract has been secured and the price has reduced. May have to increase the hourly rate if costs increase. Cllrs confirmed their commitment to the Village Hall and would be receptive to provide financial support via a grant in the future.

**Market Weighton Canal Trail. (A Suffill-Boyes)** of the Market Weighton Canal Trail design agency Kaizen provided an update with regards to the project. Newsletter handed out on the Canal Trail including some visuals of the signage that will be by the bridge. The trail will extend to 11.5 miles. Information provided re the Public Rights of Way and links with the Trans Pennine trail. AS agreed, to forward the PDF visuals and presentation.

**Gilberdyke and Surrounding Villages Coronavirus Volunteers Group (S Mansell)**

- The group has now been disbanded and the remaining monies distributed to community groups.

**Newport Action Group (Linda Cressey (LC)**

- The group is formally set up via the Community Interest Company. This will enable the group to access grants that the Parish Council is not eligible for. Events will be held separate from Newport Parish Council, using the Village Hall where possible.
- Planning is ongoing for the Raft Race in August but require more support.
- Developing the Communications. Will organise the Christmas Lights including a Beer Festival and Christmas Market.
- Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 7pm at the Crown Inn.

**Newport Methodist Church (G Bate & R Bate)**

- Naomi Bate is the lay preacher for the Methodist circuit, supported by Janet Glen.
- Events include a monthly meal on the last Wednesday of the month, Coffee morning each Thurs 10-12 and the Sunday service. A local talent event was completed 2 months ago.

**Newport Book Club (D Coppack)** Report provided by email and shared by AB.

- We meet every third Tuesday and have around 10 members. We have morphed into more of a Reading Circle so we can discuss everything we have been reading recently rather than just one set book. Contact [gilberdykewi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk](mailto:gilberdykewi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk).

**Newport and Gilberdyke Women's Institute (D Coppack)** Report provided by email and shared by AB.

- Now has nearly 40 members and is flourishing, we recently raised over £1,000 for Ovarian Cancer by holding a coffee morning and have also run various other successful fundraising events. It will be our 75th year this May and so we have a large celebration planned. Contact [gilberdykewi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk](mailto:gilberdykewi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk).

**Newport Cricket Club (A Mitchell / J Chapman)**

- In 2018 the Cricket Club requested financial support, but the projects did not progress. From 3 teams the club now has 1 team. The club is smaller but has a better atmosphere and is in an improved position. A significant concern is the loss of players and inability to recruit new players. Keen to connect with the school – DO can provide support via the school newsletter, workshops and the children's book bags.
- Information requested with regard to grants available from the Parish Council as the team are seeking to purchase pitch covers (Cost Circa £6K). AB to provide a copy of the grant application form / T's and C's.

	<p><b>Plymouth Brethren Christian Church</b> (R Worsley) Report provided by email and shared by AB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have a charity that the Plymouth brethren run, which is called RRT (Rapid Relief Team), offering support including anything from litter picking to being there in crisis, e.g., floods we would help with sandbagging etc...</li> <li>- Please see the link to the website to get a better idea of what we do: <a href="https://rrtglobal.org/gb/">https://rrtglobal.org/gb/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Newport Neighbourhood Watch</b> - No representation at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Newport Preschool (D O'Connell)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Newport Primary School Collaborates with the Pre School, providing support 3 days per week and CPD training.</li> <li>- A new manager has been appointed and numbers are rising.</li> </ul>
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2023/05/06	Community Events
	<p>King Charles III Coronation. Newport Parish Council gratefully received funding from the ERYC Kings Coronation Community Fund to support these Community Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Friday 5th May – Art and Baking Set's awarded at Newport Primary School for the Cooking and Design / Art Competitions.</li> <li>➤ Saturday 6th May - The Newport Action Group presented a Best of British Ball with support from the Newport Parish Council including Party packs and Bunting.</li> <li>➤ Saturday 6th May and Sunday 7th May 2023. Members of the Parish Council judged the best dressed houses in Newport Village. Hampers have been awarded to homes in the following locations: - 1st Canalside East, 2nd Glebe Road, 3rd Canalside West, 4th Canalside East with a special prize to The Spinney for the best dressed Community gathering / street demonstrating community spirit.</li> </ul> <p>Festive Planning for Christmas 2023 – AB is meeting D Reaney (Area Lighting Engineer) to establish the feasibility of having lamp post mounted lights for 2023.</p>

2023/05/07	Chairman's Closing Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- S Mansell thanked all the presenters and attendees for their attendance and input to the meeting.</li> <li>- All village groups are encouraged to use the Newport Parish website to share information with regards to their committees and planned events.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>

	Next Annual Parish Meeting – May 2024
	Meeting Closed at 6.50pm