

Newnham Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday 10th March 2022, 8pm
Newnham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Elworthy, Woods, Gunner, Turner, Crampton, Pawlik

In attendance: Adrienne Begent, Locum Parish Clerk, Cllr Lehmann

38 Members of the public were in the public gallery

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were approved for Cllr Wickenden

Apologies were noted from Cllr Simmons

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Gunner and seconded by Cllr Crompton and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th February 2022.***

4. Open Session

Joan Tuckey – (Agenda Item 6, Premises Licence Variation: the George Inn)

Offered full support to the licensees of the George, who had brought the pub back to life since taking it over. They are caring, hard-working people. The shop they opened during lockdown was vital for the village. In addition they provided cooked meals for people that couldn't get out and continue to do so. As well rejuvenating the pub they have kept the traditions of the pub alive and raised money for the village hall.

David Elliott - (Agenda Item 6, Premises Licence Variation: the George Inn)

The landlord of the George updated the members on the situation. The licence did not cover the garden, as they hold an in/out licence. When pubs reopened outside only, SBC permitted them to operate without the necessary licence. Previously for external events they had applied for temporary events licences, of which they are allowed 20 per year, costing £21.

With the proposed garden licence, they may serve until 11pm on Friday and Saturdays (rather than 10pm). They had collaborated with SBC to produce a Noise Management Plan and purchased a Noise Decibel Meter to monitor.

Maria Wait - (Agenda Item 6, Premises Licence Variation: the George Inn)

Offered full support. The pub is an asset to the village. It benefits everyone, especially the youth. The themed evenings and fete are attended by families. Having a bar in the garden will mean children won't have to go in the bar at all.

Molly Fisher - (Agenda Item 6, Premises Licence Variation: the George Inn)
Offered full support. She moved to the village two years ago, and the well-run pub was one of the things that attracted her.

Val Buckett - (Agenda Item 6, Premises Licence Variation: the George Inn)
Offered full support. The pub is a huge asset to the village. They provide facilities for the Brownies in the garden.

Claire Wolston - (Agenda Item 6, Premises Licence Variation: the George Inn)
Offered full support. The pub provides the community spirit of the village. They have been very COVID secure and considerate to customers.

Cllr Richard Lehmann - (Agenda Item 5, KCC Bus Funding Reduction)
Informed the meeting that KCC in February had voted to reduce the bus budget by a third. This would mean Newnham losing all of its buses, which would particularly affect children and older people. KCC are running a consultation and he urged everyone to complete it.

Natalie Lowe - (Agenda Item 7, 20's Plenty and Parish to Town Walking and Cycling)
Updated members that she had been continuing to take the survey round the village and had received a positive response. The Licensees at The George offered to have copies of the survey in the pub.

Jeff Kirby - (Agenda Item 9, Items for Report)
Commented that a lot of new people had moved into the village. He suggested it would be timely for an article in the newsletter about the defibrillator and its location. Further he suggested that a training session should be run.

5. **KCC Bus Funding Reduction**

It was noted that Cllr Richard Lehmann would run a paper consultation workshop on Saturday 9th April in the Village Hall between 9.30 and 11.30.

It was agreed that the consultation would be completed on behalf of the parish by the Clerk or the Chair.

6. **Premise Licence Variation: The George Inn**

It had been evident from the public session that there was huge support for the George in the village.

It was proposed by Cllr Gunner and seconded by Cllr Pawlik and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Chair would confirm the Parish Council's support to Cllr David Simmons.**

7. 20's Plenty and Parish to Town Walking and Cycling

The Chair reported that she had attended a meeting concerning the Parish to Town Walking and Cycling initiative the previous day at Palace Farm. The requirements for active and leisure walking and cycling had been discussed. One suggestion being explored had been to make to Lower Road more cycle friendly by reducing traffic flow and its speed.

It was confirmed that a public meeting would be held in the village hall on Wednesday 23rd March. The consultant for the project, Mr Adrian Berendt would be in attendance.

8. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was confirmed that on Sunday 5th June at noon a picnic would be held in the Churchyard for residents. There would be a craft corner for children.

The number of children in the village was still to be clarified. No decision regarding an appropriate memento for children had been made.

9. Items for Report

A letter was received from James Jansen, who raised concerns about the community's reliance on mains gas. He wished to explore the possibility of installing solar panels and EVC units in the village.

Item to be added to the agenda for the next meeting and Mr Jansen invited to attend.

Cllr Woods informed the meeting that this would be his last during to relocating. He was asked by the Chair to put his resignation in writing.

The Chair, on behalf of the Parish thanked Cllr Woods for his service to the Parish Council over many years.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14th April 2022, 8pm.