

Newnham Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday 14th April 2022, 8pm
Newnham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Elworthy, Gunner, Turner, Pawlik, Chesson

In attendance: Louise Bareham Parish Clerk, Cllr Simmons

6 Members of the public were in the public gallery

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were approved for Cllr Wickenden

Apologies were noted from Cllr Lehmann

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Co-option of a New Councillor**

Cllr Elworthy proposed, seconded by Cllr Gunner and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to co-opt Max Chesson as Parish Councillor, who duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Parish Clerk**

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

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

5. **Open Session**

Clive Southwell spoke on electrical vehicle (EV) charging points and not three potential places in the village, although all under private ownership. He noted other projects such as Co-Charger – renting out a private space on a driveway. Clive also noted that grants were available and likely to achieve a 60% grant on private land with some companies willing to cover the additional 40%. Other options were urban electric.

James Jansen spoke on community energy schemes and suggested a feasibility study was undertaken.

James noted listed buildings were unable to have solar panels and wanted to consider a community energy solution, but this would need land large enough to support panels and a battery. He also suggested this was a planning issue, as SBC should be more permissive with LBC.

Clive pointed out that a village was unlikely to produce enough electricity to link to the national grid direct, but could do so through a third party company. However, every resident would need to be on the same provider and a battery the size of a container would be required.

A resident raised concerns regarding large vehicles, usually tractors going over the kerb at the corner of Wineycock. This had broken the water main on several occasions. The same tractors were bumping the kerb by the church wall, at the junction of The Street and Seed Road.

6. **Future Proofing the Village**

Further to the discussion during open session, it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would seek quotations for a feasibility study for further discussion.

7. **Planning**

22/501509/LBC 47 The Street, Newnham – LBC for restoration of the front windows back to their original sash design, insertion of laminated redwood double glazed sash windows at the front of the property and insertion of laminated redwood kitchen rear door.

It was agreed to make no comment.

8. **Youth Survey**

There had been very little response to the youth survey, so no further action being taken at the present time.

9. **Green on Wineycock**

Cllr Gunner proposed, seconded by Cllr Elworthy and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to write to Optivo to request whether bollards could be placed on the corner of Wineycock to avoid any further damage to the water main and to the person responsible for the tractors and request more care is taken.***

10. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

As Cllr Crampton was absent no further update could be provided on the proposed crafts.

11. **Annual Meetings**

It was agreed the Annual Meeting of the Parish would commence at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th May, to be followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

12. **Payments**

The following payments were agreed:

Locum Clerk £54.50

Aubergine Website £238.80

KALC Annual Membership £207.89

13. **Items for Report**

Cllr Pawlik asked whether the village should come together to offer rooms for

Ukrainians, however it was generally agreed that hosts were required in towns where there was public transport and other amenities.

Cllr Gunner drew attention to the Big Plastic Count taking place between 16th and 22nd May by Greenpeace.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14th April 2022, 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council