

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Newburgh School, Back Lane, Newburgh on 22 May 2024, commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mike Roughneen, Chair, Newburgh Parish Council and Mrs S Jones, Clerk of the Council.

Six members of the public including Parish Councillors also attended.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chair.

2. Parish Council Annual report.

The Chair presented the Annual Report:

Dear Resident,

It has been a busy 12 months for the Parish Council. We have been working on our ongoing issues of flooding, speeding and volume of traffic through the village and various planning applications.

With regard to flooding, Course Lane and the Post Office areas seem to be resolved. Tabby's Nook is also resolved and I must thank Neil Farnworth from Apple Cast for digging the ditch which now stops the water from flooding the road by taking it to the culvert. We still have major problems on Back Lane and are working with the County Council to resolve this as soon as possible.

With regard to volume and speeding traffic, we now have a new speed device which gives us valuable information on volume and speeding which the old speed device did not. By the end of June, it will have been up twice at all the village locations and we will be able to collate all the information and produce a report to present to the County Council and the Police for action,

We have had a few successes this year:

- 1 Round O Quarry planning application is still ongoing and the latest situation after we objected to the application is that there will be a site visit by the Dev Con Committee at the County Council to assess the situation.
- 2 We have a new website which is modern and up to date and easy to use and navigate.
- 3 When Doris retired, we lost our school crossing person and we were told that we did not meet the criteria for a new one. We objected to this and requested a new assessment. Just two weeks ago, it was official that we now do meet the criteria for a school crossing person. A vacancy is now advertised on the County Council website.
- 4 The lease for Appleton Fields was resolved and a lot of good work has been done by the Trustees.

- 5 We have been trying to increase our communications to our residents and now put regular updates on the Village Community Facebook page and new website, as well as the newsletters and notice board.
- 6 We entered the Best Kept Village Competition, and although we did not win anything overall, there were some good comments about certain locations. We have entered again this year.
- 7 Newburgh Fair will take place on 22 June 2024. We nearly lost it when the previous Chair stepped down and nobody came forward, but luckily Anne Menarry came forward at the last minute to take over.
- 8 We have started a Community Coffee morning recently and the second one is tomorrow. We are hoping that, if we get the numbers, we will be able to build it up to a subsidised lunch club every week. Thanks to Nichola at the Red Lion for her help with this project.
- 9 We welcomed new Councillor Linda Lea to the team and I am sure that she will be a great asset to the Parish Council

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and especially our wonderful Clerk Sandra for your support over the last 12 months.

Regards

Mike Roughneen, Chair.

3. Issues raised by members of the public

None of the members of the public wished to raise any issues.

4. The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.10pm.