

**Notes of the Newbottle Parish Council Meeting - Monday 20 September 2021 at 7.30pm**  
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**Present** – Parish Councillors Linda Baker, Mark Bracey, Michael Loggin (Chairman), Struan Kenton, Kevin Ridge and Wayne Rule. Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) County and District Councillor Rebecca Breese and District Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms. Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Phil Marshall.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the meetings held on 19 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**County and District Councillors** - Councillors Rebecca Breese and Richard Solesbury-Timms attended the meeting and advised how they would be supporting the village, along with District Councillor Rosie Herring, from a County and District perspective. They also gave information on the planning policy at West Northants Councils and if there were any planning matters to discuss, Rebecca Breese should be the first point of contact.

**Playing Field and Pavilion** – Work was continuing with regard to improvements to the playing field and pavilion. Brackley Athletic FC were now using the playing field for their junior matches and were pleased to be in the village. Investigations would now be made into purchasing a defibrillator, which would be located in the pavilion and accessible on match days.

**Myers Close Play Area** – The Parish Council would like to hear the thoughts of the community on the Myers Close play area. Councillors are aware it requires some maintenance work, but would be interested to know how much the play area is used and whether residents believe it should be removed or the equipment be replaced. At this point, this is a tentative request for thoughts from the community as no costs have yet been obtained for maintenance or replacement and any future changes to the play area would be subject to identifying funding. Please email [newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)

**Community Bus Service** – A community bus service was being run from the village to Brackley, Northampton, Banbury and Towcester. For more information, please call 'Ability' on 01327 604123.

**'The Queen's Green Canopy'** – Trees had been ordered and would be delivered in November 2021. They would be planted in the playing field, Primary School grounds and at Newbottle Estate to mark Her Majesty The Queen's, Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022.

**Book Swap** – The village book swap had been started up again in the bus shelter in Green Lane. Jenny Barker should be contacted with regard to donations.

**Street Lighting** – A review of the village street lighting was continuing and Councillors had been liaising with Eon, who currently supplied the electricity and maintained the street lights on behalf of the Parish Council.

If any street lights are not working please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council who will forward the information to Eon. Please bear in mind that the street lighting contract is between the Parish Council and Eon, so if residents contact Eon directly, they may not get a response.

**Highways** – A meeting had been held with the County Council and signs asking driver to slow down, had been erected. The Parish Council would like to investigate traffic calming across the whole village, however, there was not the capacity within the Parish Council and volunteers from the community would be required to lead on such a project. If anyone was interested in this role, please contact the Clerk.

**Fly Tipping** – If residents are aware of any fly tipping, please report this to West Northamptonshire Council. <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/report> or call 0300 126 7000. They will collect the rubbish and also gather evidence, which will then help them prosecute the offenders.

**Parking Issues** – The Parish Council kindly requests that drivers do not park their vehicles on the footpaths in the village. Parking on footpaths means that pedestrians and especially those with pushchairs or wheelchairs have to move into the road to get past the vehicle. This is clearly very dangerous and residents should not be putting other residents in this dangerous position, especially when everyone is so aware of the speeding issues through the village. **Please park considerately in the village.**

**Planning** – The Parish Council had no objections to the following application and it had been approved by West Northants Council:

WNS/2021/1071/TCA - 1 The Walnuts, Main Street, Charlton  
Walnut Tree in front garden - reduce height by 2.0-2.5m and shape. Carry out a 5% crown thin. Remove all arisings.

Planning applications can be viewed on the South Northants Council web site.  
<https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/planappsrch.aspx>

**Meeting Dates** - Future meetings, all starting at 7.30pm would be held at the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Charlton.

- 15 November 2021
- 17 January 2022

**All welcome to attend!**

A copy of the draft minutes for the whole meeting are available at [www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.newbottleparishcouncil.co.uk) or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at [newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newbottleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk) or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours

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