

# DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2023, 5.30pm, Iron Bull

Present: Parish Councillors: Paul Gaskell (Chairman), Chris Alliston, Paul Ghent,  
Pauline Hedges, Nick Walker; Clerk Susan Turner

- 1 WELCOME** Chairman's welcome to newly elected Parish Council.
- 2 NEW COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE**  
Notice of uncontested election **APPENDIX I**  
Declarations of office – made and signed, witnessed by clerk.
- NOTE 1 Parish Councillor election nil-return expenses forms completed and returned.  
NOTE 2 The Parish Council has one vacancy. Phillipa Spanner was unable to stand again at these elections; to thank Pip for her very positive contribution as Parish Councillor and hoping she will stand again in the near future. John Ashworth continues as honorary councillor.
- ACTION All Councillors to complete and return Register of Members' Interest forms.
- 3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2024/25**  
AGREED unanimously to re-elect Paul Gaskell as chairman for 2025/25.
- 4 PUBLIC SESSION** No members of the public present
- 5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** agreed and signed
- 6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda – none.
- 7 LOCAL ELECTIONS RESULTS**  
Conservative 16; Labour Party 11; Lib Dems 11; B&D Independents 10; Independent 3;  
Greens 2; Women's Equality Party 1.  
TO RECORD Congratulations to Sheen Grassi on her election as Ward Cllr (Independent) 1,564 votes.  
Hants Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones re-elected.
- 8 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2024**  
[June](#) Monday 10th – 7pm, Iron Bull garden room – CONFIRMED  
[August](#) Monday 3rd or 12th – are either of these date good??  
*At the moment – after June – Tuesday evenings free in the Clubroom, and Monday after 6.30pm.*  
[Parish Assembly in September?](#) There is potential to hold in the Clubroom, whatever is thought best. I can make any Mon or Tues in Sept apart from Tues 03 and Mon 16.  
*Let me know preference, or dates can't make?*
- 9 REPORTS AND UPDATES**
- .1 Environment and incinerator** – Noting this Parish Council's focus on environmental issues and the present lack of engagement with the incinerator management.
- .2 Old Skool Neverland Festival** – [Traffic Management Plan](#) Thanks to Old Basing Parish Council for information received 08/04/2024 from HCC Local Highways Authority: 'The Traffic Management Plan was discussed at the recent Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meeting. The County Council as the highway authority gave advice to the organisers on their proposed methods of controlling traffic for the event while managing the needs of the residents.' Reported in the May *Villager* – See **APPENDIX II**
- .3 A30**
- i [Traffic speed and noise](#) Question again raised how to address the excessive traffic speed through Water End. It was noted that County, when completing the last review of A30 speed limits, made it clear they would not be considering further speed limit reductions unless traffic speeds could by some other means be reduced.
- ACTION To reconsider Village Gateway proposals.  
NOTED Motorbikes riding up and down Scures Hill are not in the first instance to be associated with the Iron Bull. There were many and frequent complaints of this to PC Andy Reid on

summer evenings and Saturday mornings going back for years. The Iron Bull is proactive in deterring any antisocial behaviour.

ii Andwell Lane bus shelter To renew funding application this year for a new shelter.

**.4 Hook FP** from Kingsbridge junction to the Strings boardwalk Reports from Footpaths Warden and Chairman that they encountered works to change the new route of the public right of way against the hedge, to a more direct line across the field. This apparently a requirement by HCC Countryside Services due to complaint upheld that the path was no longer following the route of the definitive map.

**.5 The Newt Conservation Partnership** is an organisation set up to create and restore habitats for great crested newts under the NatureSpace District Licensing Scheme for planning and developer contributions. This scheme is being rolled out nationally, and has recently gone live across Hampshire. Initial contact because Newnham already has a notable population of great crested newts.

All capital works are 100% funded and landowners receive annual management payments. The work can include pond creation and restoration, tree planting, hedgerow planting, grassland restoration or creation and more... the work targets landscape scale improvements to add connectivity and high quality habitats for newts but also has wider benefits to many more species. Interested landowners to contact the Hampshire Project Officer, Newt Conservation Partnership (based in Basingstoke).

A pitch made for land / ponds at Water End, but it seems not feasible due to proximity of road, water pollutants and lack of connectivity to wider habitat.

**9 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

**.1 Year end 2023/24 Accounts and Audit**

**.2 Traffic and speeding**

**.3 Grant funding and BDBC Community Infrastructure Fund**

**.4 Ponds and village green**

**.5 Parish Assembly**

**.6 ....**

*Meeting closed at 6.15pm with thanks to all*

For signature (p2 of 2) .....

## APPENDIX I

# NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

## Election of Parish Councillors for Newnham on Thursday 2 May 2024

I, Fiona Thomsen being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that the persons whose names appear below were duly elected Parish Councillors for Newnham.

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)
ALLISTON Chris	5 St Johns Cottages, Newnham Road, Hook, Hants, RG27 9NQ	
GASKELL Paul	Rose Cottage, The Barracks, Newnham, RG27 9NW	
GHENT Paul Hazel	(address in Hart)	
HEDGES Pauline Mary	52 Water End Park, Old Basing, Basingstoke, Hants, RG24 7BB	
WALKER Nick	(address in Basingstoke and Deane)	

Dated Friday 5 April 2024

Fiona Thomsen  
Returning Officer

## APPENDIX II



## AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

### OLDSKOOL NEVERLAND FESTIVAL – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

*Information from HCC Local Highways Authority 08/04/2024:*

I can confirm that the Traffic Management Plan was discussed at the recent Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meeting. The County Council as the highway authority gave advice to the organisers on their proposed methods of controlling traffic for the event while managing the needs of the residents. In summary the proposals are:

1. Advance warning signs are to be erected on all approaches to the village two weeks prior to the event informing highway users and asking them to seek alternative routes.
2. A one-way system is proposed to operate along Ashmoor Lane and Poors Farm Road between the A30 London Road and Newnham Lane. It will operate over the Bank Holiday weekend to bring customers arriving by car to the parking and camping areas.
3. Traffic traveling along the A30 London Road either side of the Ashmoor Lane junction will be controlled by temporary traffic signals with lane one (east bound) and lane two (west bound) forming a queuing lane for event traffic to access Ashmoor Lane. These temporary signals are to be manually controlled to ensure minimum disruption within the wider highway environment. Once all customers have arrived the traffic signals will be deactivated and the A30 returned to a dual carriageway. The traffic signals will return at the end of the event to aid egress from the site. The A30 will also be reduced to 30mph between Hatch and a point west of Andwell Lane.
4. The event organisers have stated that once all allotted vehicles are in the car park those vehicles will not be allowed to leave the site until the end of the event unless there are exceptional circumstances.
5. A minibus is being proposed to operate from Basingstoke and Hook railway stations delivering customers to the layby on the A30 east of the Martins car dealership. Pedestrians will then follow an overland route to the event site.
6. **It is proposed that Newnham Lane, Water End Lane, Crown Lane (Newnham), The Street and Bartons Lane, will be closed to through traffic with access for residents only. There are to be traffic Marshalls stationed at each of these points to stop event traffic from rat running.**
7. 'No Waiting' restrictions are to be proposed by the organiser at natural 'pinch points' within the highway to ensure that Emergency Response personnel and vehicles can access the site without restriction should the need arise.
8. A haulage route plan has been requested by Hampshire County Council Highways so that it may understand how event apparatus (Stage) and welfare facilities, catering facilities are to access the site for both the build and breakdown phases.
9. A condition survey is to take place between the event organiser and Hampshire County Council Highways prior to the event to obtain a benchmark on the condition of the highway network. The event organiser has given an undertaking to 'make good' any extraordinary deterioration of highway as a consequence of event traffic.
10. All Traffic Regulation Orders (road closures, one-way systems, temporary speed limit reductions) will be applied for in July 2024.

At this time, the County Council as the highway authority believes that the organisers have demonstrated that they have carefully thought about how their event traffic will be managed whilst balancing the need of the local residents. There will be further refining of the traffic management plan in the coming weeks with another SAG taking place prior to the event.

If you have any comments re the above, please contact Parish Councillors or [clerk.newnham@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.newnham@gmail.com).

The Parish Councils have requested sight of the Traffic Management Plan.