

**MINUTES OF NEWCASTLE  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllr. P. Gittins  
Cllr. C. Reynolds  
Cllr. S. Burge  
Cllr. P. Yeoward  
Cllr. G. Lello  
Cllr. S. Davies  
Cllr. R. Williams

**APOLOGIES**

N. Hartin

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Gwilym Rippon (clerk)

**Agenda  
item**

**063-19      1      ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**  
See list above

**064-19      2      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
The following declarations were made.

Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial

All members had an interest in the Crown Public House. However a dispensation had been requested and granted.

**065-19      3      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**  
There were no members of the public present.

**066-19      4      REQUEST FOR A DISPENSATION**  
The Clerk reminded members that he had received a written dispensation from all Councillors in respect of the Crown Public House as the Council corporate could eventually be the owner. Without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of business.

**067-19      5      MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 3RD JULY AND 8TH AUGUST 2019**  
The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd July and 8th August 2019 were agreed as being a true record of what transpired and were signed by the Chair

**068-19      6      CLOSURE OF THE CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE**  
Cllr. Burge presented his findings. Contact with the Plunket foundation resulted in a requirement for community support for the retention of the Crown as a public house. Questionnaires had been circulated within village and immediate surroundings 120 had been delivered with 35 returned, giving a 29% response. It was reported that a sale price of around £240k was suggested  
The highest response was for an individual or group to purchase, with a high response. The second was for the Parish Council to purchase with a mixed response but the highest for the to purchase. This then followed with a breakdown of costs running up to

purchase. The third option of a community Interest Company purchasing the Crown this also had a mixed response. There were two further options the Crown sold for redevelopment and the Crown to remain empty, both these options were rejected by those who responded.

**RESOLVED**

There was a need to hold a public meeting when all details were known it was suggested that it could be on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019, there was also a need for the Crown to be valued professionally. The clerk in conjunction with Cllr. Burge arrange for the Crown to be valued and report back.

- 069-19**      **7**      **HIGHWAY ISSUES**  
a. Update on outstanding highway issues  
Numerous potholes throughout the Parish, the clerk reported that he had been in a meeting where the progress had been discussed  
b. Any other highway matters requiring attention  
Please see above.
- 070-19**      **8**      **STREET LIGHTING**  
a. To note any streetlights out of order  
Cllr. Burge reported that the new street light had been installed. The Clerk reported that he had paid for the connection.
- 071-19**      **9**      **PLANNING**  
1. 19/03900/FUL  
Application for the erection of extension to agricultural storage building at Bryndrinog Farm Whitcott Keysett Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8QJ  
**RESOLVED**  
The council had no objection to this application.
- 072-19**      **10**      **FINANCES**  
a. To note bank account balances  
The balances were noted  
b. Updated version of the Financial Regulations  
The new Financial Regulations were adopted.  
c. To agree payment of outstanding Invoices  
1. HMR&C £257.71 (7 GPC 2011)  
2. G.J.Rippon (clerks expenses) £248.00p (S1-7 GPC 2011)  
The clerk was instructed to pay all invoices.
- 073-19**      **11**      **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS AND ANY NEW BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**  
Cllr. Williams brought to the attention the amount of community commitment that the late John Yeoward had for Newcastle, he was for many a year an active member of the Council. It was suggested that the Council donate a sum of £50 in the memory of John Yeoward. Members also stood in silence as a mark of respect for John Yeoward.
- 074-19**      **12**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm

Chair.....