

## **Annual parish AGM held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022 in the Village Hall, Maplebeck**

Those present Mr Brendan Carson, Parish Meeting Chairman, Mrs Sylvia Michaels Newark and Sherwood District Council, Mr Bruce Laughton Nottinghamshire County Council. Twenty members of the public from the village

### **Election of Chairman**

Brendan Carson was proposed by Jane Kinnear seconded by Richard Kinnear and was duly elected. BC informed the meeting that he would be stepping down in 2023 and asked for suggestions for Chairman to be offered next year.

### **2. Minutes 2021**

B C Read a brief summary of the Minutes of the AGM for 2021 these were proposed by Jane Kinnear and seconded by Richard Kinnear.

### **3.Village Matters**

BC notified there is a review of the ward boundaries within the next six weeks and will to be announced on the 4th of April

BC read a statement of the accounts and proposed not to set a parish precept in line with previous years, this was proposed by Richard Kinnear and seconded by Bob Gardner. A zero-budget return will be filed with the auditors on request and a copy displayed in the bus shelter and will be available on the Maplebeck website with accompanying minutes.

The chairman stated that the only ongoing parish liability was what is that of the dog refuse bin emptying. We have donations supporting this which has covered March to November the facility for paying for this service can be done online with the Newark and Sherwood site. He appealed for people to support this facility.

BC thanked Mr Andrew Coulson for kindly cutting the Village Green and hoped he could continue to do so.

BC informed the meeting that the defibrillator had a new battery and pads purchased and installed, and that the cost of this was covered by the John Sudbury Trust and an anonymous donation. That there will be training for using the defibrillator on the 29th of March and the 26th of April 2022, 12 people at a time, those attending would be asked to make a donation. Mrs Rachel Gardner to co-ordinate attendees.

Jane Kinnear presented a statement of accounts for the John Sudbury Trust which stood at £1241.59. That it receives £125.00 per annum rent for a field in Eganton. She encouraged villagers to be aware of the history and function of the Trust, which is on the [Maplebeck.org.uk](http://Maplebeck.org.uk) website.

The meeting was asked whether they wanted a Platinum Jubilee Street Party the general census was affirmative. Jane Kinnear and Sue Bell agreed to organise this celebration and that it should be in line with the 'Big Lunch' on 5<sup>th</sup> June..

Mr. Bruce Loughton agreed that there would be funding available from Nottinghamshire County Council and that the Highways Department of Notts CC would accept road closure applications and give road signage etc free of charge.

Mrs Michaels confirmed that Newark and Sherwood District Council would in the very near future be offering funding towards this party, she would forward details to BC in due course.

#### 4. Planning

Brendon Carson informed the meeting that recent planning appeal has been refused. In future he will ask any applicants for planning, if they require a meeting he will not call one if this is not requested, this was proposed by Sue Carson and seconded by Roger Bell.

#### 5. Election of Village Hall Committee

Village Hall Committee now had only a small number of members Donna Bowyer, Max Crow, Rachel Gardner and Julie Grundy, acceptance of these was asked for and it was proposed by Jane Kinnear and seconded Roger Bell. All present were in agreement, and the aforementioned were duly elected.

#### 6. Village Hall Committee Report.

Bob Gardner announced that he was retiring as Treasure of the Village Hall Committee after 10 years. Brendan Carson thanked him for all his work over this time. Mr Gardner proceeded to give a report as to the financial situation of the committee and hoped that the village would continue to support this lovely building.

The 2021 Annual Report and Annual Accounts are on the website [www.maplebeckvillagehall.org](http://www.maplebeckvillagehall.org).

Any questions can be answered online by email or telephone.

#### 7. Village concerns and topics.

The Chairman noted that here have been concerns in the village about severe flooding, Mr Bruce Laughton assured the meeting that a Drainage Officer would come out on the next day 4th of March and survey the situation.

#### 8. Newark & Sherwood DC report.

Mrs. Sylvia Michaels made a statement on behalf of the Newark and Sherwood District Council. See below.

9. Nottinghamshire County Council report.

Mr Bruce Laughton gave a report to the meeting informing us that Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and possibly Leicestershire, will be applying for devolution under the white paper from central government. All parishes will be invited to meet the leaders and council staff for their opinions in this, meeting to be in April.

10. Community activities 2022.

It was confirmed to the meeting by Eve and David Knight-Jones that they were happy to host the Fete for this year, which was to be held on the 25th of June, for which they were thanked. A meeting was to be held regarding the fete organisation on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Minutes taken by Jane Kinnear.

Statement by Mrs Silvia Micheal, Newark & Sherwood District Council.

**1.**

In 2019 Newark and Sherwood District Council declared a climate change emergency, developing a districtwide green programme along with measures to try to reduce carbon footprint as a council and a community.

The council have been auditing existing and viral practises within the council working with Carbon Trust to establish data, engaging the stakeholders and creating a coordinating climate emergency strategy. Producing an accompanying carbon reduction action plan to mitigate our carbon emissions and reporting back on these issues at committee they are currently focusing on reducing emissions relating to corporate and leisure buildings and transport

**Community plan**

NSDC main document detailing how we work towards a better future includes key objectives and actions helping respond to the climate emergency

- 1 improving cleanliness and appearance of local environment.
- 2 protecting promoting and enhancing district natural environment
- 3 improving health and well being of residents

**Actions already underway include:-**

1. Minimising the use of peat in all garden operations (Newark and Sherwood District Council have done this for the past ten years).
- 2 Upgrading parks and garden equipment to electric rather than petrol tools.
- 3 That there will be no mown areas in parks, leaving grass areas for wildlife.
- 4 Encouraging residents to think about environment reducing refuse and recycling provide ways to dispose of waste.
- 5 Monitor and take measures to stop air pollution.
- 6 Installing electric vehicle charging points in car parks.
- 7 Installing solar photovoltaic panels on roofs of the Castle House.
- 8 Installing ground source heat pumps, rainwater harvesting of the Sconce and Devon Park visitor centres.
- 9 Installing solar panel at Vicar Water Country Park.
- 10 Launching major programme of planting of 10,000 trees over five years within the district.
- 11 Have two Community Protection Officers with electric vehicles.
- 12 In the process of launching new green behaviour scheme to encourage residents to make more sustainable choices and win rewards for doing so.

**2.** During the pandemic Newark and Sherwood District Council was in the top ten councils nationally. The Council was recognised for fast payments of grant funding, the Council

released eight million of its own funding to make payments in advance of receiving government funding, the reason being to avoid backlog and having to lay staff off. The Council paid out 6081 mandatory grants totalling £34.99 million, also 3073 discretionary grants totalling £5.008 million. Council staff volunteered to do extra duties delivering food parcels medicines and going that 'extra mile'. Staff are now coming back to Castle House to flexible working practise. Council meetings are now back at the Castle House.

To all of you who in the community who have helped to look after your neighbours during the pandemic, I say a huge thank you.

**3.** For a one-year pilot scheme the council have employed a Public Protection Team. If asked for they will target anti-social, behaviour, dog fouling problems etc

**4.** In May 2022 Newark and Sherwood District Council will change from being a committee system council, to a cabinet system, the idea being to quicken up making decisions instead of it crossing 2 committees, extending the outcomes.

**5.** Last year NSDC secured town funds of £25 million from the government and also £20 million for the roads, which will take traffic off the A46 at Farndon to connect onto the A1 at Fernwood NSDC and Notts County council, have dedicated funding for this.

**6.** Just recently the national highways have told NSDC the agreed option for the Newark bypass. The main construction will commence in 2025 and is expected to take three years to build. The cost of this project being £400/£500 million. There will be a fly over at the cattle market roundabout to take the A46 traffic, and a new bridge at the Brownlows end, again to take the A46 traffic, so for anyone going into Newark from Maplebeck they will be under the fly over at the cattle market and a slip road at Brownlows.

**7.** The NSDC next week will approve a community grant scheme for 2022/23. The council will allocate £100,000 funding to support community and voluntary partners in their objectives. In alignment with NSDC community plan objectives, grants will be available up to 5000 applicants and will be assessed three times a year.

Information can be found on the [www.communityengagement@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk](mailto:www.communityengagement@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)