

Pillerton Hersey Annual Parish Meeting

7:00 pm, Thursday, 25 March 2021

Online via Zoom

Present

Cllr. Newcombe (Chair of PHPC)

Cllr Scott

Cllr Hitchman

Cllr Newton

Alana Collis (Clerk, PHPC)

16 Members of the public

Guest speaker: Jacky Lawrence, Napton Environment Action Team

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr. Newcombe who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllr. Forsyth had sent apologies.

2. Approval of minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting, 30 May 2019

It was noted that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there had been no annual parish meeting in 2020. It was resolved that the minutes from the previous annual parish meeting were a true and accurate record.

3. Report from the Poor's Lot trust

The accounts of the Poor's Lot trust were presented to the meeting by Terry Hitchman (appendix).

4. Brief report on PC activity since the last meeting (2019-20)

Cllr. Newcombe opened his report with a mention that there were currently two vacancies on the parish council and a vacancy on the Parochial Church Council.

Cllr Newcombe summarised activities that the parish council has coordinated including ditch clearance work, gully watch, clearing culverts, renovation of the notice board and bench. The parish council also considers planning applications and responds to these. Other activities have included reporting of issues related to speeding traffic, road signage, and planting trees and wild flowers.

5. Brief report on activity planned for 2021 and into 2022

Looking forward, Cllr Newcombe requested residents provide feedback on:

- The Hersey Help Group on WhatsApp.
- Footpaths, including the path between Pillerton Hersey and Pillerton Priors

6. Guest speaker: Dr Jacky Lawrence, Low Carbon Warwickshire Network and Napton Environmental Action Team (NEAT), "What can a small rural community do to play its part in climate change adaptation and mitigation?"

Cllr Newcombe introduced Dr Jacky Lawrence from Napton who shared the experience of work in Napton and with Harbury to support the creation of low carbon communities. See appendix for presentation.

Residents shared that there are under pew heaters in the church while another observed that electric vans are now available.

It was acknowledged that Pillerton Hersey is a very small village and there was discussion about how this may work. Other examples of small parishes with activity are Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley. Examples include residents writing articles to inform others. Another resident observed that there is the community energy Warwickshire initiative.

7. Questions from residents

Cllr Newcombe thanked Dr Lawrence for sharing her experience. Then opened the floor to questions on village affairs.

Tree planting – a resident thought the idea of planting trees in the parish was a good idea. It was noted that there is a government scheme where parish councils can apply for free tree/hedging plants for planting on open ground. This raised the question of who would maintain the trees – this would be the parish council if they were planted on the village green areas.

Broadband – the ongoing issue about connection to broadband was mentioned. It was noted that the next phase of BT Openreach work has been announced.

Traffic speed – There have been concerns over the speed and inappropriate driving of vehicles through the village. It was observed that some include camouflaged vehicles that could come from local automotive companies. Options to encourage more appropriate speeds include rumble strips, however, these cause noise and Warwickshire Highways are currently not renewing existing strips.

8. Closing remarks

Cllr Newcombe thanked the residents and encouraged them to all consider future activities in the community.

Appendix A

PILLERTON HERSEY POOR LAWS ALLOTMENT REPORT 2021-03-24

The following report has been prepared for the Pillerton Hersey Annual Parish Meeting.

Due to Covid 19 it was not possible for the Trustees to hold a physical meeting in 2020, discussions and decisions to agree the Allocation of Charity Monies and other matters were carried out by email.

Income for the year	£1084.00
Total donations for the year	£1060.00

Donations were distributed to 16 households in Pillerton Hersey, Pillerton Priors and Butlers Marston. In addition to the above two households with long standing links to the village received donations. The Pillerton Scout Group also received a Donation.

The Revd Sharon Goble was elected in 2017 and therefore needs to be re-elected by the Council in this current year 2021.

Trustees; Terry Hitchman, Elizabeth Fillmore, Muriel Fidler, Revd Sharon Goble.

Terry Hitchman
24.03.2021



First Steering Group meeting – agreed actions:

- Produce documents required to set up
- Working with St. Lawrence primary school – eco-club
- Village events – NEAT Conversations
- A 'survey monkey' poll to agree the name of the new group



October 2019

- to tackle climate change and ecological challenges we face
- actively promote the behavioural changes needed for a sustainable future for our children and grandchildren
- regenerate the natural environment

Equal Opportunities Policy, Code of Conduct, Members Questionnaire, Communications Plan.

Agreed to write monthly Parish Magazine articles and produce case studies

Meet the NEAT 8th December 2019
NEAT Conversations with Tom Heap



Energy – energy audit of the village, zero carbon community buildings

Food and biodiversity – re-wilding, fruit and nut trees



Transport – EV charge points, local food

What we buy and what we waste – War on Waste

There were too many ideas from people to implement them all so each group were asked to give feedback about what they agreed were the priorities

NEAT Conversations 8th December 2019

Priorities – NEAT Ideas



NAPTON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM (NEAT)
NEAT CONVERSATIONS, NAPTON VILLAGE HALL, 8TH DECEMBER 2019

Energy

The energy conversation began with talking about the problems associated with the way we currently consume fossil fuel energy resources — greenhouse gas emissions, other pollution, finite resources, wasted energy and the ageing electricity and gas infrastructure.

We shared ideas on what could be done to find out more about energy consumption and generation in the village, what could be done to improve energy efficiency and increase use of renewable energy technologies and the importance of communicating success stories.

We decided to begin an energy audit of the village starting with some of the community buildings & a small selection of homes and identify any land and roofs that could be used for a community energy project.

What happens next?

We need the people who are interested in energy to come together and take action.

NAPTON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM (NEAT)
NEAT CONVERSATIONS, NAPTON VILLAGE HALL, 8TH DECEMBER 2019

Food and biodiversity

This conversation began with how wildlife needs our help, local food production, how too much food is wasted, and how more trees need to be planted.

We shared ideas on increasing habitat for wildlife in new builds and existing homes (re-wilding, garden ponds, hedges, nest boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog highways etc.), garden & harvest shares, community orchards, the use of Parish, charity & other land for tree & wild-flower planting and seed & plant swaps.

We decided to identify which land could be re-wilded or used for planting fruit and nut trees, encourage people to make their gardens more wildlife friendly and to promote local food options.

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NAPTON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM (NEAT)
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What we buy and what we waste

This conversation began with talking about all the individual deliveries that come to the village, the high mileage required to make those deliveries, how much repairable or re-usable stuff is taken to landfill and how confusing it can be knowing what can and what can't be recycled.

We shared ideas on how to coordinate village deliveries to reduce delivery miles, how to encourage composting rather than use of the expensive green bin, how to increase support for Southam Repair Café and how to promote the use of Facebook, Freecycle, e-bay etc. and increasing donations to Carriers of Hope to avoid useful but unwanted things being sent to landfill. We also talked about how to assist people to make best use of IT to sell or give away things.

We decided to see if it was possible to establish a nominated supermarket delivery day and develop a central hub for information on how to reduce waste linked to the Napton Community Facebook page.

What happens next?

We need the people who are interested in waste and resource efficiency to come together and take action.

NAPTON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM (NEAT)
NEAT CONVERSATIONS, NAPTON VILLAGE HALL, 8TH DECEMBER 2019

Transport

The transport conversation began with talking about the environmental and health impacts of fossil fuels used in transport, journey planning, road safety, imposing 20 is plenty speed limits, one way systems for narrow roads where that would reduce speeding, lack of facilities for cycling or walking, public transport and electric vehicles.

We shared ideas on trip sharing, walking to school and work, developing a cycle path to Southam, car sharing and developing the infrastructure for electric vehicles.

We decided to see if it was possible to establish the principle of trip sharing to Southam, promote local food options, develop signage aimed at preventing engine idling and determine the potential for installing electric vehicle charge points at community buildings.

What happens next?

We need the people who are interested in transport to come together and take action.



NEAT Conversations

- to be continued when we are able
- cancelled because of covid-19

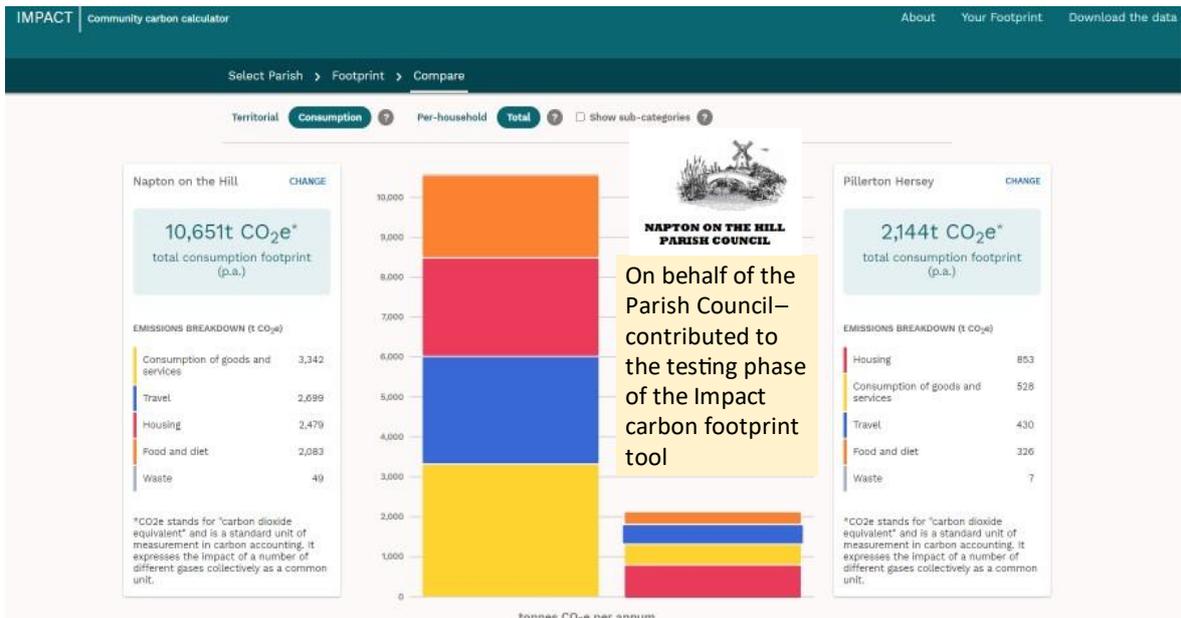


NAPTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Nominated a Councillor as liaison with NEAT

Working Groups

- Parish Carbon Footprinting
- Wildflower and Tree Planting
 - Pillory Green consultation
 - New Zealand Spinney



Other NEAT Activities

Happened

- HS2 salvage – from Greenleaf nursery
- School eco-club

Planned

- Commemorative heritage fruit and nut trees to mark happy family events (births, marriages)
- Net zero community buildings
- Napton Nosh – a collection of recipes using local and home-grown food
- Hedgehog Highways

Support

- War on Waste Napton



<https://www.harburyenergy.co.uk/warwickshire-low-carbon-network/>

Objectives of the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network

•Champion the Network

- Ensure the Network grows through having a collaborative vision, being relevant and winning hearts and minds
- Act as one voice on behalf of rural communities
- Bring people and communities together to share ideas and stimulate both formation of new community groups and increase project activity which aims to achieve a low carbon, sustainable future
- Facilitate action by helping people initiate the formation of new rural community groups
- Make timely decisions and actions to progress activities

•Enable Effective Communications

- Share interesting and useful information on decarbonisation with all Network members
- Aim to create a central hub of information, sign posting to available advice and guidance
- Ensure information about the actions taken by the Steering Group, Funding Consortium, any sub- groups and community groups are communicated effectively

•Funding

- Secure funding to enable growth of the Network
- Ensure community groups are aware of funding opportunities and support them to submit bids for specific projects
- Help make sure Warwickshire community groups get a fair share of any available funding

•Projects

- Identify opportunities for communities to more effectively deliver projects together such as bulk purchase of EV charge points

•Horizon Scanning

- Notify members as soon as practical if any matter arises which will affect the future development of the Network



Warwickshire Climate Alliance

WCA is a new umbrella organisation of Warwickshire environmental groups, devoted to pushing for stronger action within the county on the climate emergency. We aim to lobby and collaborate with county-wide agencies to develop a serious plan for transition to net zero greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, and we seek collaborations with other organisations to develop ideas for reaching that goal. We work to raise public awareness of the challenges of climate change, and to enhance the local connections that allow campaigners to share knowledge and collaborate in developing local campaigns.

Our website at www.warwickshireclimatealliance.org has a list of active groups in the area, with links to their websites. It also provides information on local councils' climate emergency action plans across the county.

Current activities and projects:

- Fortnightly meetings on Zoom – all welcome
- Lobbying councils for stronger action on carbon emissions reductions.
- Art competition for schools in Warwick District "A creative response to climate change".
- Climate hustings on April 12th.
- Campaign to raise support for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- Plans to work with supermarkets to establish safe cycle routes and cycle storage, and encourage shopping by bike.



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