



**NEASSA**  
Newick Emergency & Armed  
Services Support Association

# Meeting Minutes

## Annual General Meeting

### March 2024

#### Apologies:

Anthony Meadows  
Danny White  
David Fowler  
Liz Dunkton  
Tony Bailey  
Christopher Hume  
Dave Byng  
Jenny Smerden  
Jed Jones

#### Attendees:

Ash Stockwell (AS) (Chair)  
Rev Paul Mundy (PM)  
Ian Reekie (IR)  
Heather Allen (HA)  
Patsy Bailey (PB)  
Kate Francis (KF)  
Mandy Stockwell (MS)  
Josh Stockwell (JS)  
Christopher Hume (CH)  
Jacqui Davies (JD)  
Robert Hill (RH)  
Nick Berryman (NB)

The previous minutes were agreed.



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### **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Another good year, slightly quieter year in terms of events and fundraising, but as busy as ever in terms of pastoral support.

A quick reminder of why we are here:

*To provide public commemoration of those who have died and provide help, advice and support for personnel who are currently serving or have left the British Armed Forces or UK Emergency Services in Newick and the surrounding neighbourhood.*

- *Recognition*
- *Recovery*
- *Resources*
- *Remembrance*

### **Finance Report (Ian Reekie)**

*Simplified 2023 Accounts*

Receipts 2023 £1,339.80

Costs 2023                    £2,393.70

Bank 31/12/2023        £4,174.93

Petty cash                    £17.00

**Total Funds                £4,191.93**

Spending from accounts reflected an annual spend of approximately £1000 per year.

NB offered support for armed forces applications from SSAFA and will write a piece for the Parish Magazine

IR reported that accounts are waiting to be audited.

JD suggested that target this year should be to raise profile of NEASSA.

KF stated that NEASSA is advertised in the Parish Magazine and goes out to every household in the parish.

AS thanked IR & CH for their work on the accounts

### **Pastoral Report (Patsy Bailey)**

As well as regular contact calls NEASSA has continued its support for older beneficiaries with Christmas Hampers, Easter eggs and a cream tea to celebrate the king's coronation.

NEASSA also supported four funerals of older members as well as bereavement support for families or spouses.

We also supported the presentation of a long service certificate to a very elderly member who was nearing the end of his long life, he had been the youngest serving sergeant in the Guards at the age of 20 years. he died a few days later



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and NEASSA played a supporting role in his funeral which included a representative and bugler from his old regiment and continue to support his wife. NEASSA also contributed to the cost of transport for her to visit her husband while in a nursing home during the final weeks of his life, without which her situation would have been impossible, and we ensured she was there as soon as possible after his death at 3.30am in the morning. NEASSA works alongside other supportive village organisations ensuring that the beneficiaries receive the maximin support available as their problems are varied and many.

PB reported 18 widows & widower's and 22 elderly dependents currently supported by NEASSA.

PB continues to make new contacts through the Pastoral Work of NEASSA On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March PB will be visiting the Guards Chapel at Windsor with the widow of a recent recipient of support from NEASSA.

AS thanked PB & TB for their support in the Pastoral work of the charity.

### **Chairman's Report (Ashley Stockwell)**

A slightly quieter year in terms of events and fundraising, but as busy as ever in terms of pastoral support.

*Recognition* - We recognised on behalf of the village:

- Armed Forces Day: 25th June
- Emergency Services Day: 9th Sept

*Recovery and Resources* - Pastoral work

- Over 22 beneficiaries
- Provided Easter goods for beneficiaries including the local Emergency Service Centres
- Provided a support for Mr Cattle's family
- Provided Christmas Hamper's

*Remembrance* – 11<sup>th</sup> hour or the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month

We supported PM with the:

- Service on the Green
- Sunday Service
- Refreshments after service
- NEASSA Christmas Tree at Christmas Tree festival



## **Election of Trustees**

*Chairman* Ashley Stowell Proposed KF and Seconded JD (Elected)  
*Secretary* David Byng Proposed RH and Seconded HA (Elected)  
*Treasurer's* Ian Reekie & Christopher Hume  
Proposed PM and Seconded KF (Elected)

## **Any Other Business**

*Christmas Tree Festival* 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December – theme will be either Police or Ambulance – JD to create theme.

AS thanked JD & RH for their work on last year's Christmas Tree Festival

### *Objectives for 2024*

- Seeking new members
- Upgrading of RBL benches – AS & PB to speak to Parish Council – PM to seek quotation from Chailey for their Remembrance Bench.
- D-Day Anniversary
- 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of start of First World War

JD proposed a vote of thanks for AS

**Next Meeting:** 8pm, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Bull Inn.