

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.

Newick Emergency & Armed Services Support Association

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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
- o Recovery
- Resources
- o Remembrance

Finance Report (lan Reekie)

Total Funds	£4,191.93
Petty cash	£17.00
Bank 31/12/2023	£4,174.93
Costs 2023	£2,393.70
Receipts 2023£1,339.80	
Simplified 2023 Accounts	

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

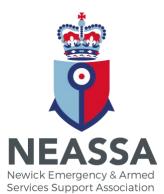
Pastoral Report (Patsy Bailey)

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





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^{th 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 – 11th hour or the 11th Day of the 11th 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

ChairmanAshley StowellProposed KF and Seconded JD (Elected)SecretaryDavid ByngProposed RH and Seconded HA (Elected)Treasurer'sIan Reekie & Christopher HumeProposed PM and Seconded KF (Elected)

Any Other Business

Christmas Tree Festival 13th-15th 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
- 110th Anniversary of start of First World War

JD proposed a vote of thanks for AS

Next Meeting: 8pm, Monday 8th April 2024 at the Bull Inn.