

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Newick Parish Council held at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 7.28pm.

**Present:** Cllrs., A Sippetts, M. Thew (Chair), C. Wickens, J. Wheeler.  
Jenny Smerdon (non Councillor).

**In Attendance:** Emma Reece (Clerk)  
One member of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Councillors Armitage and Deacon. Cllr. D Marchant was not present.
2. **Disclosure by Members of personal interest in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.** – there were none.
3. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – No members of the public were present at the meeting.
4. **Update on Newick Sports Pavilion** – Cllr. Thew stated that on the 9<sup>th</sup> January there was a NSPCT meeting which she attended and her notes had been circulated prior to the E&R meeting. It was noted that there had been ongoing difficulties in changing the treasurer over from the retiring to the new one. Cllr. Thew reported that there had been a meeting with the project manager, George Pottinger and the Clerk which was very positive. It was noted that the CIL application to LDC had qualified to move to the next stage of application. Jenny Smerdon asked about individual clubs applying to their governing bodies and various grant options were discussed.
5. **Skate Park** – Cllr. Thew reported that the hedging would be planted by Jonathan Wilkins which will be fully funded by a successful grant application. Cllr. Thew stated that she will chase the supplier for the pole for the new sign.
6. **Wildflower meadow areas** – Cllr. D Marchant was not present.
7. **Quarterly update on bench renovation works** – Cllr. Thew to chase for an update.
8. **Biodiversity Action Plan** – Cllr. Wheeler had produced a draft policy which had been circulated to the Committee. Cllr. Thew stated that the Parish Council need to ensure that the plan was deliverable. It was agreed to look at the detail of the policy further and review it at the March PC meeting.
9. **Dog waste and LDC's PSPO** – Cllr. Thew shared with the committee that an article on the subject of dog waste and enforcement had been included in the PC newsletter but stated that there is difficulty policing the order. It was discussed that the PC should investigate how to enforce the matter and Cllr. Thew agreed to discuss this with the District Councillor.
10. **D Day 80- 6th June 2024** – Information of this day had been received from Bruno Peak. Jenny Smerdon stated she has been looking at date for a food fair. It was agreed that the Clerk would send the information to Paul Mundy, Ashley Stockwell and Sue Holman. It was discussed that having a list of dates online of events in the village would be a good idea.
11. **Additional bollards on The Green** – A quote had been requested from Stephen Comber and this would be considered in the next PC meeting.

- 12. Allotments lease and AGM** – Cllr. Thew reported that she had attended the allotments AGM and she reported that the land owner of Cornwells Bank and had been given a section 42 notice.

*The member of the public left at 8.13pm*

**13. Outstanding issues**

13.1 Playground flooring lifting on edges – Cllr. Wheeler stated that she visited the site today and looked at the surface and it was agreed that Cllr. Wheeler and Cllr. Thew would look at options.

13.2 To discuss amending age limit for playground users – Cllr. Thew stated that at present it says 12 and over. It was suggested that the wording of 'primary school aged children and below' would be better understood.

**14. Items for next agenda**

D-Day, playground sign and skate park sign off.

*Meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

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