

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 11th March 2024 at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick

Present: Councillors, C. Armitage, J Kerr, D. Marchant, A. Sippetts, M. Thew, J Wheeler.

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)
County Councillor Matthew Milligan
One member of the public including

A recording was made of the meeting for the purposes of minute taking

The meeting started at 7.00pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Deacon, Hodge, B.Whitlock. T. Whitlock and Wickens. Apologies had also been received from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield and District Councillor Keenan.
- 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. Exclusion of the Press and Public** – It was agreed that there were no items which the press or public needed to be excluded from.
- 4. To agree author and content of monthly Social Media update** – It was agreed that Cllr. Armitage would write this.
- 5. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** –
A member of the public spoke against the application on Allington Road LW/24/0123. He stated that this was a reapplication and he hoped the Parish Council would continue to fight against the application. He stated the proposal is outside the planning boundary and there are safety concerns around the access to the property. He stated that the applicants don't own the access to the proposed property so it will always be a blind exit into a layby at a primary school.
- 6. Report from Lewes District Councillor (DC.) Charlotte Keenan** – D.C Keenan was not present at the meeting.
- 7. Report from County Councillor (CC.) Matthew Milligan** – CC. Milligan had sent a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He stated he had been advised that Gold Bridge will be reinforced and by early summer it will be open to all traffic subject to the environmental agency approving the proposal.
- 8. Report from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield** - Maria Caulfield was not present, however her written report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 9. Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12th February 2024** – These were considered and approved.
- 10. Planning:**
10.1 Planning Applications -

LW/24/0083	Land To The Rear Of Oldaker Road Variation of condition 1 (Plans) relating to approval LW/21/0828 - Alterations to the internal layout and external appearance
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	<p>It was agreed to object on the following grounds; It is considered that due to the size, scale and location of the proposed dwelling the development represents overdevelopment of the site, contrary to Newick Neighbourhood Plan Policy HO1.6 and Lewes District Local Plan Policy DM25 and DM30 The proposal for change of materials and the increase to PV solar array contravenes policy EN1 of Newick Neighbourhood Plan which states that new developments in the Parish should respect the local landscape and blend well with the existing built environment. Conservation areas should be respected.</p>
LW/24/0095	<p>The Laurels Jackies Lane Demolition of conservatory and replacement with single storey rear extension, alterations to existing side fenestration</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make no comment.</p>
LW/24/0123	<p>Land To The Rear Of 61A Allington Road Residential dwelling</p> <p>It was agreed to object for the following reasons;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lane is not shared ownership but wholly belongs to the owners of 57 Allington Road, Mr and Mrs Lucas. Therefore, the applicant cannot upgrade the lane or improve the surface or width. The entrance will always be a blind access into the layby of a primary school with 220 pupils attending daily. • The site is not one selected by the NNP. • It is outside the planning boundary contrary to policy DM1 of Lewes Local Plan part 2 (LLP2). • It is contrary to Policies CP10 and CP11 of the LLP1 and EN1 of NNP. • The road is a busy residential road with a significant amount of on-street parking this would add to the difficulties already posed to traffic and pedestrians, especially at school arrival and departure times. • This site has not been used for horticulture for many years and cannot be considered a brownfield site.

10.2 Approvals/Refusals etc. – It was noted that the following case has been approved by Lewes District Council;

Non-material amendment relating to approval LW/22/0621 - To provide a low level mansard window at the northern elevation
14 The Green Newick East Sussex BN8 4LB - Approved
Ref. No: LW/24/0086 | Received: Tue 06 Feb 2024 | Validated: Tue 06 Feb 2024 | Status: Decided

Demolition of conservatory and replacement with single storey rear extension, and alterations rear fenestration
33 Leveller Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4PL - Approved

Ref. No: LW/24/0033 | Received: Thu 18 Jan 2024 | Validated: Thu 18 Jan 2024 | Status: Decided

Variation of condition Number 1 (Plans) LW/20/0774 - Change in location of replacement dwelling
Balquhidder Sharpsbridge Farm Sharpsbridge Lane Newick East Sussex TN22 3XG - Approved

Ref. No: LW/24/0035 | Received: Fri 19 Jan 2024 | Validated: Fri 19 Jan 2024 | Status: Decided

Demolition of commercial glasshouse, on north side of site
The Glass Houses Fletching Lane Fletching Common Newick East Sussex BN8 4JJ – Prior Approval not required

Ref. No: LW/24/0038 | Received: Fri 19 Jan 2024 | Validated: Fri 19 Jan 2024 | Status: Decided

Two storey rear extension and alterations to rear fenestration
Sharpsbridge Farm Sharpsbridge Lane Newick East Sussex TN22 3XG - Approved
Ref. No: LW/23/0780 | Received: Tue 19 Dec 2023 | Validated: Tue 19 Dec 2023 | Status: Decided

Replace concrete steps at front of property to stone to a Grade II Listed Building
The Centre House Beechland Cornwell's Bank Newick East Sussex BN8 4RX - Approved
Ref. No: LW/23/0611 | Received: Wed 11 Oct 2023 | Validated: Wed 15 Nov 2023 | Status: Decided

10.3 Tree Works Applications – It was noted that there was one approval for 75 Church Road to fell two leylandiis and reduce the height of one false cypress.

10.4 To review Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee/Policy for high impact planning applications – two drafts of proposed wording had been circulated and a third draft was circulated during the meeting. As well as the Terms of Reference, the special procedures relating to high impact planning applications as reproduced below were agreed unanimously;

- In the event of an application potentially having a high impact upon the Parish, every effort to engage with the public to establish their view is to be made prior to the planning meeting at which it is to be considered.
- This process will normally be conducted via the NPC website and Social media. In **exceptional** circumstance the Chairman, Chair of Planning and the Clerk, may decide it appropriate to hold a Parish Meeting to obtain Parish feedback.
- If the normal NPC meeting venue cannot practically or safely accommodate the number of residents considered likely to attend, then the use of alternative accommodation within the village should be considered by the Chairman, Chair of Planning and the Clerk.
- A Parish Meeting is a public event and not a formal meeting of the Council. NPC consideration of such a Planning application will be made at the next subsequent meeting of NPC at its normal time and place in accordance with NPC Standing Orders (subject to the above).

11 Clerk's Report – To note report from Clerk. A report had been circulated and included the following;

- PSDF performance
- Annual leave
- Tree Survey
- Tree training
- APM arrangements
- Table Tennis grant thank you

12 Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman – It was reported that a decision about the funding of the fencing at Cricketfield Allotments was made in consultation with Councillor Hodge and Thew and that the Parish Council would contribute half the cost of the repairs.

13 Financial Matters:

13.1 To authorise Schedule of Payments for March 2024 - It was agreed that Cllrs. Marchant and Sippetts would authorise the following payments;

Time: 13:38

Unity Trust Bank

List of Payments made between 01/03/2024 and 31/03/2024

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
31/03/2024	Stephen Comber	14115142	340.00		Bollards on Green
31/03/2024	Pottinger Design Engineering	949110900	1,560.00		Stage 2 design
31/03/2024	East Sussex Pension Fund	105803266	698.09		Pension
31/03/2024	Mrs E Reece	437761629	2,015.23		Clerk salary
31/03/2024	Mrs E Reece	278716452	18.81		Expenses
31/03/2024	Newick Village Hall	910401408	124.00		APM
31/03/2024	Air Ambulance	907798206	350.00		Grant
31/03/2024	Newick Table Tennis Club	510785720	200.00		Grant
31/03/2024	Lewes District Council	496090461	18.00		Play inspections
31/03/2024	NACCA	647841103	125.89		Grant
31/03/2024	Satswana Ltd	135472355	180.00		DPO subscription
31/03/2024	Lewes District Council	292768210	18.00		Play inspection
31/03/2024	Lewes District Council	49580606	18.00		Play inspection
31/03/2024	HM Revenue & Customs	152432380	696.22		Tax & NI
31/03/2024	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	884.33		Top up
31/03/2024	Paul Antrobus	795584673	364.00		Handyperson
Total Payments			7,610.57		

13.2 To receive statement of performance against budget as at end of February 2024 – this was received and noted.

13.3 To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972) – there were none.

13.4 To consider quotations received – there were none.

13.5 To consider the following policies;

- Biodiversity Plan – this was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed.
- Lone Working Policy – this was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed.
- Flag Policy – this was circulated and it was agreed that that the sixth flag this season would revert back to the Sussex flag. D-Day flags were also discussed and one was selected from the Hampshire Flag company to fly for the period marking this anniversary.

14. Environment & Recreation:

14.1 Skatepark – Councillor Thew reported that the hedging has now been planted. The new sign is up, and this item can now be removed from the agenda.

14.2 Newick Sports Pavilion – Councillor Thew gave an overview of the progress of the project. She reported that she had attended a meeting in the Pavilion to introduce the Project Manager, George Pottinger. Plans are now being refined for a four changing room scheme and the floorplan will be drafted by George Pottinger to be presented in the Annual Parish Meeting. Funding streams were also discussed.

14.3 Scout hut lease – there was no update.

14.4 Allotment site leases – The Clerk stated this was now in hand with LDC for the Cricketfield site and with the owners for the Cornwells Bank site.

14.5 Ditches on highways – Cllr. T Whitlock was not present at the meeting and there was nothing to report.

15. To agree article for the next edition of the Parish News (submission deadline 7th April) – it was agreed that a summary of the social media update would be used.

The member of the public left at 8.03pm

16. To agree content of the next Parish Council Newsletter (submission deadline 24th March) – the draft content list was circulated and this was agreed.

17. To confirm arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting 20th March 2024 – It was confirmed that all Councillors needed to be at the village hall by 6.45pm at the latest.

18. Requests and permissions;

18.1To consider request from East Sussex Transport and bus company to make bollards on The Green reflective as per email received on 21st February 2024 – It was unanimously agreed not to make the bollards reflective.

19. Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee – the minutes from the February VHMC were circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr. B Whitlock was not present.

20. Items for next agenda - none

The meeting closed at 8.14pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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