

## Newick Parish Council

**Minutes** of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick

**Present:** Councillors, B. Deacon, B. Hodge (who chaired this meeting), J Kerr, D. Marchant, A. Sippetts, M. Thew, C. Wickens, J Wheeler, B Whitlock, T. Whitlock.

**In Attendance:** Emma Reece (Clerk)  
District Councillor Keenan  
Two members of the public

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

The meeting started at 7.00pm

It was noted that District Councillor Keenan would be leaving the meeting at approximately 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllr. Armitage. Apologies had also been received from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield.
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** – Cllr. Kerr disclosed an interest in the application for planning at Streeters Farm prior to the meeting.
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. Thew would write this.
5. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were none.  
*A member of the public arrived at 7.02pm*
6. **Report from Lewes District Councillor (DC.) Charlotte Keenan** – D.C Keenan had sent a report about the bin rollout which had been circulated prior to the meeting. She requested some advice about wildflower areas in Cricketfield.  
*Councillor Kerr arrived 7.03pm*
7. **Report from County Councillor (CC.) Matthew Milligan** – CC. Milligan had sent a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.
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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024** – These were considered and approved.
10. **Planning:**  
**10.1 Planning Applications** -

LW/23/0716	<p><b>89 Allington Road</b> Detached dwelling (AMENDED PARKING/ACCESS)</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to <b>object</b> for the following reasons;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The application contravenes Newick Neighbourhood plan policy HO1.6 (The construction of additional homes in the gardens of Newick’s existing homes will not be supported).</li> <li>- The size of the dwelling is overbearing in its mass, scale and height include height and contravenes DM25.,</li> <li>- There is concern over drainage issues, as NPC consider that the SUDs plans are insufficient and there is potential for flooding.</li> </ul> <p><i>Councillor Kerr left the meeting room.</i></p>
LW/24/0153	<p><b>Streeters Farm Newick Hill</b> Various alterations including single story extension, raising roof on existing extension with replacement dormer and first floor rear extension - Resubmission of previous approval LW/21/0449</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>.</p> <p><i>Councillor Kerr returned to the meeting room.</i></p>
LW/24/0212	<p><b>Tanglewood Farm Jackies Lane</b> Demolition of storage barn and erection of 1no.3 bed dwelling house - resubmission of LW/23/0204 and LW/23/0658</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to <b>support</b> this application.</p>
LW/24/0224	<p><b>Ridge House, Jackies Lane</b> Replacement of the existing flat roof detached garage with an enlarged pitched roof detached garage, including associated landscaping</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>.</p>

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

LW/24/0055 | Erection of free-standing greenhouse | 48 Church Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4JZ

LW/24/0095 Demolition of conservatory and replacement with single storey rear extension, alterations to existing side fenestration  
The Laurels Jackies Lane Newick East Sussex BN8 4QS

LW/24/0083 Variation of condition 1 (Plans) relating to approval LW/21/0828 - Alterations to the internal layout and external appearance  
Land To The Rear Of Oldaker Road Newick East Sussex

**10.3 Tree Works Applications** – It was noted that there two recent applications which the tree warden had given no comment (TW/24/0037/TPO and TW/24/0039/TPO)

**10.4 To agree response to email from Tony Turk received 3rd March 2024 regarding NPCs stance on the principle of new settlements** – Councillor Wickens outlined a draft reply and it was agreed to send this.

*Councillor Keenan left the meeting at 7.25pm*

**10.5 To consider Wealden District Council Local Plan consultation (including proposals for Ashdown Business Park extension) –** it was agreed Cllrs. Sippetts and Wickens would write a short response to object to the proposed Business Park extension, and it would be added to the next Planning Committee agenda.

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

- Payments
- Annual leave

*A member of the public left at 7.34pm*

The Clerk also reported that first instalment has been received and that the audit preparation would be started shortly.

**12 Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman** – There were none.

**13 Financial Matters:**

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

Time: 14:32

Unity Trust Bank

**List of Payments made between 01/04/2024 and 30/04/2024**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
30/04/2024	Paul Antrobus	381153817	364.00		Handyman
30/04/2024	Mrs E Reece	885657979	9.00		Expenses training
30/04/2024	J G Wilkins	13395203	450.00		Hedge at skatepark
30/04/2024	Lewes District Council	23100024	18.00		Play area inspection
30/04/2024	Lewes District Council	485677158	187.20		Bins KGVPF
30/04/2024	East Sussex ALC Ltd	606736192	48.00		JK Planning training
30/04/2024	Mrs SE Berry	714121629	167.25		Locum cover
30/04/2024	East Sussex ALC Ltd	228386679	48.00		JK intro training
30/04/2024	Mrs E Reece	406271	2,047.02		Clerk Salary
30/04/2024	HM Revenue & Customs	728232787	665.00		NI & Tax
30/04/2024	East Sussex Pension Fund	952975396	698.09		Pension
30/04/2024	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	31025715	230.40		Licence 1 year
30/04/2024	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	384.48		Top up
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>5,316.44</u>		

**13.2 To note quarterly bank reconciliation and VAT return** – this was noted

**13.3 To receive statement of performance against budget as at end of financial year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024** – this was received and noted.

**13.4 To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972)** –

A grant application was considered from Newick Primary School for £150 to fund a hedgehog highway project. This was considered and agreed.

**13.5 To consider quotations received** – there were none.

**13.6 To review the Bullying & Harassment Policy** – this was agreed.

**14. Environment & Recreation:**

**14.1 Newick Sports Pavilion** – Councillor Thew gave an overview of the progress of the project. She reported that there will be a meeting with representatives from the Sports Clubs on the 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**14.2 Scout hut lease** – there was no update.

**14.3 Allotment site leases** – Cllr. Thew stated this was now in hand with LDC for the Cricketfield site and with the owners for the Cornwells Bank site.

**14.4 Ditches on highways** – Cllr T Whitlock has started to prepare a document and would need another month to complete, and it was agreed that this should go to County Councillor Milligan. It was agreed that this would come off the agenda for next month and this would be added to the social media report.

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

**16. To review Annual Parish Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024** – it was noted that the evening was a success.

**17. Requests and permissions;**

**17.1** To consider request from Chailey School to use the playing fields for Cricket Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – this was agreed, it was noted that Chailey School will need agreement from the Pavilion and the Cricket Club.

**17.2** To consider request from Shaylers Fun Fair to use the Green arriving Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, leaving Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, opening Thursday – Sunday inclusive – this was agreed.

**18. Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee** – Cllr B Whitlock confirmed that Malcolm Smith had left the committee. They are hoping for younger committee members.

**19. Items for next agenda –**

- Graffiti
- D-day celebrations
- Planning applications
- Parking in the village
- Girl guides art exhibition near greenhouses

*The meeting closed at 8.03pm*

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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