

## 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> April 2024 at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllrs., C. Armitage, D. Marchant, A Sippetts, C. Wickens (who chaired this meeting), 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 Cllr. Thew. Cllr. Deacon 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** – there were none.
4. **Update on Newick Sports Pavilion** – The Clerk reported that there had been a meeting held with representatives of each sports club and George Pottinger. After this meeting all clubs sent in final comments on the proposed plans and these comments have led to adjustments being made. The Clerk stated that George Pottinger is now preparing the final plans to present at the May PC meeting for Council approval.
5. **Wildflower meadow areas** – Cllr. D Marchant gave an update to the Committee on the areas. He reported that some daffodil and crocus bulbs planted in autumn didn't come up but the snakes head fritillary did. He stated that another species count would be undertaken soon. Cllr. Wickens stated that a verge owned by LDC will now be left to grow and the residents of Cuttings will undertake the cuts when required.
6. **D Day 80** – Clerk reported that there had been no response from the emails sent to the various societies. She stated that the D Day flag has been received and will be passed to Paul Antrobus.
7. **Report from Cllr. Thew and the Clerk on the tree safety course attended in March** – The Clerk reported that it was a useful training day and that she and Cllr. Thew had both gained a greater knowledge of tree safety. She reported that she would be purchasing a nylon hammer to use when assessing trees in the future.
8. **Outstanding issues** - Playground flooring lifting on edges. Cllr. Wheeler gave an overview of the two quotes she had received so far. It was agreed that she would go back to Playsafe and clarify what works they were quoting for. Cllr. Wheeler also agreed to get a third quotation so the matter could be fully considered in the June Parish Council meeting.

*Jenny Smerdon arrived at 7.20pm*

9. **Items for next agenda** – It was agreed to put the following items on the July E&R agenda:
  - Graffiti
  - Biodiversity

It was also agreed to add the D day celebrations to the full council agenda for May.

*Meeting closed at 7.21pm.*

Signed: .....

Dated:.....

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