

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 10th June 2024 at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick

Present: Councillors, C Armitage, B. Deacon, B. Hodge (Chair), D. Marchant, A. Sippetts, M. Thew, J Wheeler, B Whitlock, T. Whitlock.

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)
District Councillor Keenan

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 Cllr. Wickens. Cllr. Kerr 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** – Cllr. Marchant disclosed an interest in the Windmill Rangers grant application under the finance section 12.3.
- 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. Sippetts would write this.
- 5. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were none.
- 6. Report from Lewes District Councillor (DC.) Charlotte Keenan** – DC. Keenan stated that the decision on the application from Rydon Homes for housing on Allington Road won't happen until late July at the earliest.
- 7. Report from County Councillor (CC.) Matthew Milligan** – CC. Milligan was not present.
- 8. Approval of draft minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council meeting held 13th May 2024** – These were considered and approved with one minor amendment to the wording in the planning objections section.
- 9. Planning:**

9.1 Approvals/Refusals etc. – It was noted that the following cases have been approved by Lewes District Council;

LW/24/0311 | Part section 73a retrospective application for the replacement of hanging clay tiles with horizontal timber cladding | 105 Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NH

LW/24/0279 | Replacement garage doors and 2no. rooflights to front elevation of detached garage within the curtilage of a Grade II Listed Building | Tudor Barn Church Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4JZ

LW/23/0716 | Detached dwelling (AMENDED PARKING/ACCESS) | 89 Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4ND

It was noted that the following cases have been refused by Lewes District Council;

LW/24/0212 | Demolition of storage barn and erection of 1no. 3 bed dwelling house - resubmission of LW/23/0204 and LW/23/0658 | Tanglewood Farm Jackies Lane Newick East Sussex BN8 4QX

LW/24/0064 | Change of use from unused land to dog exercise field for public use | Lilac Cottage Tilehouse Lane Newick East Sussex BN8 4RD

LW/22/0359 | B1 (c) - Light industrial - Use of land for landscaping business and recreational purposes - (Re-submission of LW/20/0438) | Land South West Of Hazel Wood Jackies Lane Newick East Sussex

9.2 Tree Works Applications – It was noted that the following application has been refused by Lewes District Council;

TW/24/0049/TPO | T1 - Oak - Reduce to ground level | 1 Springfields Newick East Sussex BN8 4PQ

9.3 To note Lewes District Council designation for special measures under Section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – It was noted that Lewes District Council was now in special measures for major planning applications. Cllr. Armitage reported that Neil Collins (LDC planner) was asked by East Chiltington Parish Council in a recent ESALC meeting about the impact the special measures may have on applications for the Eton Town land. Neil Collins stated in that meeting that he felt it was highly unlikely there would be an application submitted on that site. Cllr. Armitage stated that also in that ESALC meeting he was told there were plans for a potential new town in the Halland area. Cllr. Hodge shared his concerns about the progress of the LDC local plan and DC. Keenan said that LDC were waiting for ESCC Highways to complete their part of the works.

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

- Community Centre Car Park Lease
- Annual leave
- External audit submitted
- CIL monies
- Rose Cottage Wayleave
- Pavilion post code
- Union flag

The Clerk also reported that she has emailed Surrey Hills to chase the scout hut lease and reported that Castle Water have not been undertaking water meeting readings, warning Councillors that the Council may receive a larger accumulated water bill.

11 Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman – It was noted that Newick Food Fair were granted permission to erect banners on The Green advertising the event.

12 Financial Matters:

12.1 To authorise Schedule of Payments for June 2024 - It was agreed that Cllrs. Armitage and Sippetts would authorise the following payments;

List of Payments made between 01/06/2024 and 30/06/2024

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
30/06/2024	East Sussex Pension Fund	190260578	698.09		Pension
30/06/2024	Mrs E Reece	541464356	2,046.56		Clerk salary
30/06/2024	HM Revenue & Customs	785274328	664.89		Tax & NI
30/06/2024	Lewes District Council	263338046	18.00		Lewes District Council
30/06/2024	Protect Our Place	BACS	90.00		Protect Our Place
30/06/2024	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd	BACS	264.00		Mowing
30/06/2024	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd	56193933	948.00		Mowing
30/06/2024	Mulberry & Co	984477783	54.00		BH training
30/06/2024	Barclays Debit Card	top up	422.31		top up
30/06/2024	Paul Antrobus	320434396	468.00		Handyman
Total Payments			5,673.85		

It was noted that the following payments had already been made;

List of Payments made between 01/05/2024 and 31/05/2024

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
31/05/2024	WEL Medical Ltd	DC	143.88		Pads for VH and KGVPF
31/05/2024	Royal Mail	DC	4.40		Audit postage
31/05/2024	PortalPlanQuest Limited	DC	199.00		PortalPlanQuest Limited
31/05/2024	Lewes District Council	DC	50.00		Register Pav postal address
31/05/2024	Microsoft	DC	79.99		365 subscription
Total Payments			477.27		

List of Payments made between 01/06/2024 and 30/06/2024

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
30/06/2024	SV training limited	DC	144.00		Battery and pads Defib
30/06/2024	Hampshire Flag Co	DC	121.31		Union Flag
Total Payments			265.31		

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

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

A grant application was considered from Lewes Windmill Rangers for £300. This was unanimously agreed, Cllr. Marchant did not participate in the discussion or the vote.

12.4 To consider quotations received – the following quotes were considered;

Noticeboard refurbishment on Newick Drive £80 – 100 Paul Antrobus – this was agreed.

Annual tree survey – It was agreed to accept the quote from Bonny's wood at a price of £1260 exc VAT

13. Environment & Recreation:

13.1 Newick Sports Pavilion – It was noted that the plans had been submitted and that the Parish Council would hear about the outcome of the funding application by August.

13.2 Scout hut lease – The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the Parish Council Solicitor for an update today and the Solicitor confirmed that she had not heard further from the local or head office of the Scouts. The Clerk agreed to contact the local Scout group treasurer.

13.3 Allotment site leases – Cllr. Thew gave a quick overview of the position of both leases. The Cricketfield site lease is with LDC legal department. The Cornwells Bank site lease is with the owner, Mrs Fuller.

13.4 To discuss skatepark surface cracks – Concerns about the cracks and render were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would look at the warranty.

13.5 To discuss the wet pour in the play area at KGVPF including quotations received – A summary of quotes was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to instruct RTS to complete the works using Parish CIL monies to fund this. Cllr. Thew also reported that the most recent LDC playground inspection identified that one section of black plastic covering on the HAGS larger slide unit was torn. Cllr. Thew spoke to HAGS and they advised her that the plastic was for aesthetic purposes only and recommended trimming the area and then covering with black tape. It was agreed that the Clerk/handyman would make these repairs.

13.6 To discuss ongoing concerns about parking – It was agreed that Cllr. Hodge would write to Sussex Police regarding this issue.

13.7 To discuss graffiti in village – It was noted that there was still graffiti on some of the A272 signage.

13.8 ESCC ditches – Cllr. Kerr was not present, and it was agreed to remove this matter from the agenda for next month.

14. To agree content of the next edition of the Parish Council newsletter (submission deadline 26th June) – A content list was circulated prior to the meeting, and this was agreed.

15. To agree article for the next edition of the Parish News (submission deadline 7th July) – It was agreed to use a reduced version of the social media update and include details of the Parish Council Committees and Chairs if there was room.

16. Requests and permissions;

16.1 To discuss request from Ron Bailey to support a campaign on the safety of lithium-ion batteries and e-bikes and scooters – it was agreed not to support this campaign.

District Councillor Keenan left 7.50pm

17. To consider publishing the draft version of minutes on the Parish Council website – Cllr. Hodge suggested that at the end of social media updates the Parish Council should have a standing note directing readers to look at the Parish Council website with full minutes. This was agreed.

18. To note the publication of the revised Good Councillor Guide – This was noted.

19. Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee – the VHMC minutes from May had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that VHMC meeting dates are changing which will mean that Cllr. Marchant and B Whitlock can attend.

20. Report from Cllr. Armitage on ESALC meeting – Cllr Armitage reported that he attended the meeting which aimed to establish closer ties between Parish, District and County Councils. He gave a summary of some of the concerns of other councils including East Hoathly which does not have sufficient electricity supply to compete some planned development.

21. Items for next agenda

– Asset inspection including road signs.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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