

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 8th July 2024 at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick

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

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)

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 and District Councillor Keenan. 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. **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. Kerr 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 was not present.
7. **Report from County Councillor (CC.) Matthew Milligan** – CC. Milligan was not present.
8. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 10th June 2024** – These were considered and approved.

The following item was brought forward;

16. **Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee** – the VHMC minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. B Whitlock reported that she had attended a committee meeting with Cllr. Marchant. She reported Cinema Club needed more attendees. She also reported that working parties for maintenance are planned.

9. Planning:

9.1 Applications

LW/24/0396	28 Oldaker Road Infill under bay window It was unanimously agreed to make no comment .
LW/24/0424	Land Rear Of 45 Allington Road Variation of condition 1 (Plans) relating to approval LW/22/0071 - To facilitate the partial conversion of the roof void, to provide the dwellings with home office space on the ground floor whilst retaining

	<p>the same overall number of bedrooms, to enclose the covered parking to form garages.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to object to this application for the following reasons;</p> <p>The village needs 2-bedroomed bungalows, as set out in the Newick Neighbourhood Plan and the existing approved plans will enable the developer to provide this much-needed housing type. The original proposal was for 2 x 2 bed and 2 x 3 bed bungalows with all living and sleeping rooms on a single, ground floor. It matched the identified need.</p> <p>The proposed changes are sufficiently significant for it to be considered a new application and not a minor material Section 73 variation as suggested by the Applicant. Our detailed objections are:</p> <p>The new proposal is NOT a minor variation. The master bedrooms and associated en suite facilities are located on the first floor in all cases. This coupled with a necessary increase in building height and width clearly establishes this as a 2 storey residence of a significantly new layout design, albeit termed by the a developer as a "chalet bungalow". The ground floor addition of a "home office" is clearly available for use as a 3rd or 4th bedroom for the two respective types of house. This is NOT the type of single storey bungalow originally approved and of the type identified as needed in the Newick Local Plan, nor can it be described as an extension into the loft. The footprints and heights have been changed from the original approved plans.</p> <p>There is no mention of changes to the bio-diversity despite the plans indicating the removal of a previously retained oak tree to the North of plot 1 and a reduction in other shrubbery previously included in the approved application.</p> <p>The cover letter provided with this new application describes that this also seeks to turn the properties' carports into garages, however, the three documents of plans for garages (individually identified in the cover letter) are absent from the submission on the LDC website. Change(s) proposed to the carports therefore cannot be reviewed.</p>
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9.2 Approvals/Refusals etc. – It was noted that the following cases have been approved by Lewes District Council;

Part section 73a retrospective application for the replacement of hanging clay tiles with horizontal timber cladding
 105 Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NH
 Ref. No: LW/24/0278

Residential dwelling (Resubmission of LW/21/0915)
 Land To The Rear Of 61A Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NB
 Ref. No: LW/24/0123

It was noted that the Clerk has contacted the Planning Officer for this application requesting the rationale for why this application did not go to LDC Planning Committee.

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

TW/24/0058/TPO | T1 - Yew Tree - Reduce lateral branches by approx. 1.5M leaving a lateral length of approx. 1.5M and reduce lateral branches overhanging the roof of the house by approx. 2M leaving a clearance of 1M from the roof | 87 Western Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NX

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

- Tree Survey
- Annual Leave & working pattern
- Bollard on The Green
- Sports Clubs rents
- Trees on A272

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

12 Financial Matters:

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

Time: 10:36

Unity Trust Bank

List of Payments made between 01/07/2024 and 31/07/2024

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
31/07/2024	Information Commissioner	DD	35.00		Annual fee
31/07/2024	Lewes Windmill Rangers	424531201	300.00		Grant
31/07/2024	Lewes District Association	30921496	40.00		Membership 2023 - 25
31/07/2024	NHS Property Services	527762807	247.50		Rent car park Q1
31/07/2024	Stephen Comber	8728835	95.00		Bollard and VH sign
31/07/2024	Lewes District Council	355186312	18.00		Play inspection
31/07/2024	Lewes District Council	340527980	187.20	Bins KGVPF	Lewes District Association
31/07/2024	East Sussex Pension Fund	439206607	698.10		Pension Contributions
31/07/2024	HM Revenue & Customs	30240094	664.69		Tax & NI
31/07/2024	Mrs E Reece	662656798	2,046.76		Clerk salary
31/07/2024	Paul Antrobus	940879742	468.00		Handyman June
Total Payments			4,800.25		

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

12.3 To note quarterly bank reconciliation and VAT return – this was noted.

12.4 To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972) – There were none.

12.5 To consider quotations received – there were none.

13. Environment & Recreation:

13.1 Newick Sports Pavilion – Cllr. Thew stated that the July trust meeting was postponed. It was noted that the planning application for renovations had been submitted to LDC and that the Parish Council would hear about the outcome of the funding application by the end of July.

13.2 Scout hut lease – The Clerk advised that she had spoken to local Scout treasurer.

13.3 Allotment site leases – It was noted that the Cricketfield site lease is with LDC legal department. The Cornwells Bank site lease has now been signed and returned by Mrs Fuller.

13.4 To discuss skatepark surface cracks – It was noted that Gravity were inspecting the site this month.

13.5 Update on wet pour repairs in the play area at KGVPF – it was reported that this work has now been completed.

13.6 To agree annual asset inspection including fingerposts and road signs – The following was agreed - Fingerposts to be covered by Cllr. Sippetts. The Village Green and open spaces – Cllr. Armitage and Hodge. The Playing Fields – Cllrs. Thew, Wickens and Wheeler. It was agreed that the findings would be considered in the September meeting of the full Council.

14. To agree article for the next edition of the Parish News (submission deadline 7th August) – It was agreed to use a reduced version of the social media update.

15. To note follow up emails sent to ESCC Highways and Sussex Police to implement action in relation to Gold Bridge and parking in the village both on grounds of safety – Cllr. Hodge stated that an email was sent to Sussex Police regarding concerns over Gold Bridge and parking. Inspector John Adams replied to say that he would reply shortly. Cllr, Hodge noted that there would be some night closures to complete further assessment for repairs. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact them and request that this be spread over three nights starting at 9pm instead of 7pm.

16. Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee – this item was covered earlier in the meeting.

17. Items for next agenda

- ESCC Highways ditches
- Cllr. T Whitlock – Planning news RSS feed review.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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