

## Newick Parish Council

**Minutes** of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick

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

**In Attendance:** Emma Reece (Clerk)  
One member of the Public  
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. Armitage 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. Wickens would write this.
5. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – None.
6. **Report from Lewes District Councillor (DC.) Charlotte Keenan** – DC. Keenan was not present but a report had been circulated.
7. **Report from County Councillor (CC.) Matthew Milligan** – CC. Milligan was not present, his report had been circulated.
8. **Report from Member of Parliament Mims Davies** – the Member of Parliament was not present; it was noted that the Clerk had sent her an email inviting her to future Parish Council meetings but the Clerk has not received a response.
9. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024** – These were considered and approved.
10. **Planning:**

### 10.1 Applications –

LW/24/0494	<b>87 Western Road</b> Erection of two-storey rear extension following demolition of existing structures, erection of front porch, conversion of existing garage into a habitable space, addition of two side dormers and front timber terrace with steps, including alterations to fenestration.  It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b> .
LW/24/0495	<b>55 Allington Road</b> Erection of 3no detached dwellinghouses with car parking.  It was previously agreed to object to this application under Newick Parish Council's scheme of delegation.

	<p>It was agreed <b>to object</b> to the application for the following reasons;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is a lack of detail in the application particularly SUDS.</li> <li>○ Concerns about access and safety on Allington Road. This would be further exacerbated with the lack of adequate parking spaces for all six dwelling</li> <li>○ Concerns were raised about the rest of the plot in the first application and the Ecological survey for this application emphasises the importance of this area.</li> <li>○ This plot was considered for inclusion in Newick Neighbourhood Plan and it was rejected. The plot was graded as undeliverable and undevelopable in the latest Land Availability Assessment from LDC.</li> <li>○ The emerging Local Plan is aiming at increasing the housing stock with two bedroom homes and bungalows in particular in Newick. We do not need any more 4 bedroom homes which are for the open market.</li> <li>○ The infrastructure in Newick is at maximum capacity.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LW/24/0514</b></p>	<p><b>Tanglewood Farm Jackies Lane</b>  Application under Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA - Change of use from office to dwelling</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>.</p>

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

LW/24/0396 | Infill under bay window | 28 Oldaker Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4LW

**10.3 Tree Works Applications** -Tree Approvals;

TW/24/0031/TPO | T1- Oak - Cut back of lower branches by approx 3-4m T2 -Oak - Cut back of lower branches by approx 3-4m | 36 Newick Drive Newick East Sussex BN8 4PA

**10.4 Lewes Local Plan update including letter from Zoe Nicholson to Labour government and input required by East Sussex Highways** – Cllr. Wickens reported that DC Keenan had advised the Parish Council that the local plan will now need to pause to include larger housing targets. A letter to Zoe Nicholson was drafted and it was agreed to send this letter. It was agreed to write to the Secretary of State regarding the NPPF and Lewes' Local Plan. Cllr. Wickens agreed to write this letter and circulate to Cllrs. Sippets and Hodge before sending.

*The member of public left 7.28pm*

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

- Internal audit booked

- SLCC meeting
- Inter council planning group

It was also noted that there was a Lewes District Council Clerk Steering group meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> September and that Parish Council laptop may need replacement.

- 12. Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman** – It was reported that the Clerk registered an initial objection with LDC for case LW/24/0495 in consultation with Cllrs. Hodge, Sippetts and Wickens.

**13. Financial Matters:**

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

**List of Payments made between 01/09/2024 and 30/09/2024**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
30/09/2024	Stephen Comber	760282192	150.00		Fence repair The Green
30/09/2024	Lewes District Council	230619709	18.00		Play inspections
30/09/2024	East Sussex Pension Fund	626841205	698.10		Pension
30/09/2024	Emma Reece	506223871	2,045.56		Clerk Salary
30/09/2024	HM Revenue & Customs	137585451	664.89		Tax & NI
30/09/2024	Zurich Municipal	147928695	1,847.00		Insurance premium
30/09/2024	NACCA	576225718	900.00		Parish Office 9 months rent
30/09/2024	Paul Antrobus	24680947	468.00		Handyman
30/09/2024	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	448.22		Top up
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>7,239.77</u>		

It was noted that the following payments have already been made:

**List of Payments made between 01/08/2024 and 31/08/2024**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
31/08/2024	WEL Medical Ltd	DC	267.60		Defib battery
31/08/2024	Viking	DC	78.44		Printer paper & poly pockets
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>346.04</u>		

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

- 13.3 To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972)** – An application had been received from Singing Roots. This application was discussed and Councillors concluded that the application did not demonstrate that it was a non profit organisation. As such the application was declined and it was suggested that the PCC may have alternative funds available.

- 13.4 To consider quotations received** – It was noted that only one quote had been received for the storage areas for the Pavilion and therefore that matter would need to be considered in the October PC meeting.

- 13.5 To review signatories on CCLA PSDF** – It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillors Armitage, Hodge and Marchant would be signatories.

**14. Environment & Recreation:**

- 14.1 Newick Sports Pavilion including:** Councillor Thew reported that she attended a meeting in the Sports Pavilion Charitable Trust and that Theo McCann is now Chair of the trust. Councillors discussed the funding of the project and Cllr. Thew advised the Council that a new Go Fund me page was being set up by the Trust.

- 14.1.1 To consider reducing planned storage on left of Pavilion from 6 compartments to 5** – This was considered and agreed.
- 14.1.2 Having a new storage shed between the playground and the Pavilion building** – This was considered and agreed.
- 14.1.3 Temporary relocation of Rootz shed during planned works** – It was agreed not to move the shed.
- 14.2 Scout hut lease** – the Clerk stated that there was no update.
- 14.3 Cricketfield Allotment site lease** – the Clerk stated that there was no update.
- 14.4 Wildflower areas** – It was agreed that Cllrs. Thew and Marchant would meet with Barcombe Landscapes to discuss how the Wildflower areas can be managed.
- 14.5 To review asset inspection including rowan tree at KGVPF** – the inspection documents were reviewed and it was agreed that the Clerk would endeavour to get the fingerposts repaired. The fencing on the Green had already been repaired and the bus shelter tile repair was in hand.

*Cllr. T Whitlock left the meeting at 7.58pm*

It was noted that the Community Centre car park needed a pot hole repair and that a grit bin had a broken lid. It was agreed to ask Rootz if they would kindly be able to remove the rowan tree. Cllr. Thew agreed to contact Theo McCann regarding drainage at front of pavilion. It was noted that the public football sign near the skate park was not straight and agreed that the Clerk would let Rootz know to see if they may be able to straighten it.

- 14.6 To review tree survey** – the Clerk confirmed that the survey would be completed by the end of next week.
- 14.7 To consider resident suggestion of double yellow lines on Oldaker Road** – It was agreed to monitor the effectiveness of the lines outside the pantry for a while. It was agreed that Cllr. Hodge will raise the matter at a meeting he is attending where Sussex Police will be present later in September. It was agreed to add the matter onto the agenda for the November PC meeting.
- 15. To agree article for the next edition of the Parish News (submission deadline 7th October)** – It was agreed to use a summary of the social media report.
- 16. To agree content for the next edition of the Parish Council Newsletter (submission deadline 27th September)** – a draft content list was circulated and agreed. Cllr. Thew agreed to include an article on the Pavilion and that the front cover would be the artist impression of the new Pavilion.
- 17. To consider arrangements for Remembrance Sunday including purchase of poppy wreath from RBL poppy shop and attendance at service on 10th November 2024** – It was agreed that Cllr. Hodge would attend the service and the Clerk would order a wreath as usual.
- 18. To consider email from Mr St.John Mantle regarding flooding at 5 The Green** – The cause of the flooding was discussed and it was suggested by Cllr. Marchant that now the road has been resurfaced the dropped kerbs are not high enough to funnel water into the drainage.

*Cllr. T Whitlock rejoined the meeting at 8.23pm*

- 19. To consider letter from Dr R Gumbert regarding speeding vehicles** – It was noted that Dr Gumpert was contacting the County Council and Cllr. Wickens asked about a speedwatch on Church Road. Cllr. Hodge stated that more volunteers were needed for speedwatch.
- 20. Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee** – Cllr. B Whitlock stated that there would be a race night on 5<sup>th</sup> October and a Christmas panto with the primary school. She also stated that there was a one working policy in place and that the floor on the stage would be sanded and revarnished in the future.
- 21. Items for next agenda**
  - Kamsons Chemist van parking.

*The meeting closed at 8.34pm*

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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