

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7p.m. on Monday 12th January 2026 at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick

Present: Councillors, C.Armitage, B. Hodge, M. Hughes, P. Impey, C. Keenan, J. Kerr, D. Marchant, B. Whitlock, T.Whitlock, C Wickens.

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)
A recording was made of the meeting for the purposes of minute taking
One member of the public

The meeting started at 7.00pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – No apologies had been received.
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** – There were none.
4. **To consider co-option of up to one applicant to fill Parish Councillor Vacancy** – There were no applicants present.
5. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were none.
6. **Report from Lewes District Councillor Charlotte Keenan** – Cllr. Keenan had sent an update prior to the meeting. She spoke about a local action day on the 18th April with Community Planning Alliance as part of a national Day of Action taking place just before the local elections. She stated this will be an important opportunity to show that government must start listening to local voices. The event is about supporting good-quality, affordable housing that puts communities and nature first rather than developer-led housing targets that show little regard for either.
7. **Report from County Councillor (CC.) Matthew Milligan** – CC. Milligan was not present, but a report had been circulated in his absence.
8. **Report from Member of Parliament Mims Davies** – the Member of Parliament was not present.
9. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 8th December 2025** – These were considered and approved.

10. Planning:
10.1 Applications:

LW/25/0642	Former Stables Of The Old Rectory Church Road Newick BN8 4JX Minor amendments to approval LW/23/0279 - Re-organisation of ground floor accommodation to provide toilet facilities and new front entrance porch. It was unanimously agreed to make <i>no comment</i> .
LW/25/0727	4 Newick Drive Newick East Sussex BN8 4PA Part retrospective application for conversion of garage into living space with raising of roof height, addition of 2no. rooflights, alterations to fenestration and front porch. It was unanimously agreed to make <i>no comment</i> .

10.2 Approvals/Refusals:

It was noted that the following had been approved by Lewes District Council:

LW/25/0523 | Erection of detached garage | 3 Bannisters Field Newick East Sussex BN8 4JS

It was noted that an appeal for 55 Allington Road had been received by the Planning Inspectorate. It was agreed that Councillor Wickens would make further comment on this application and to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. The land at the back of the plot was discussed and compared to 45 Allington Road. Cllr. Hodge noted that the precedent of allowing unlimited parking during the building phase was concerning and that during the building on the plot of 55 Allington Road the road has been dangerous.

Cllr. Wickens queried the use of exterior lights at 55 Allington Road, the Clerk agreed to look at the planning approval.

10.3 Tree Works Applications – one application refused - TW/25/0111/TCA | G1 - Group of 5 No. Sycamore stems and G2 - Group of 3 No. Sycamore stems- Coppice at approximately 70cm above ground level. To reduce decay and avoid collapse of the trees. (Original 2 No. Sycamores covered by TPO, No conservation area present) | 18 Newlands Park Way Newick East Sussex BN8 4PG.

Cllr. Wickens stated she had been consulted in her capacity as Tree Warden on an application at Pippens, High Street and as the roots have invaded the drains she registered no objection.

10.4 Lewes Local Plan Consultation – Cllr. Wickens stated the drop in event is confirmed as 10 – 1pm 7th February. Councillors to arrive at 9.30am. All Councillors agreed they were available to attend. Some guidance documents were reviewed and discussed, and it was agreed that a group of Councillors would look further at the materials. Cllr. T Whitlock agreed he was happy to create a short video on how to complete the consultation. There was a discussion on what resource materials to produce, and it was agreed that an email would be sent to the Clerk. The Clerk asked what number limit would be applied to visitors into the Community Centre and it was agreed that numbers would be limited to 25 members of the public in the room at any one time.

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

- Diary reminders

It was also noted that the SLR meeting has been deferred, the Clerk will be working in the Pavilion week commencing 19th January and a request for a grit bin has been received and will be added to the agenda for February.

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

13. Financial Matters:

13.1 To authorise Schedule of Payments for January 2026 - It was agreed that Cllrs. Armitage and Impey would authorise the following payments:

Time: 13:35

Unity Trust Bank

List of Payments made between 01/01/2026 and 31/01/2026

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
31/01/2026	Barclays Debit Card	TOP UP	1,000.00		
31/01/2026	P FULLER	510611730	500.00		RENT CORNWELLS BANK
31/01/2026	EMMA REECE	203080766	2,063.93		CLERK
31/01/2026	HM Revenue & Customs	3104064535	880.42		TAX & NI
31/01/2026	East Sussex Pension Fund	103661189	737.18		PENSION
31/01/2026	Castle Water	DD	52.98		WATER
31/01/2026	Qik Group Ltd	749559465	138.00		PORTALOO
31/01/2026	PAUL ANTROBUS	368765589	490.00		HANDYMAN
31/01/2026	UNITY TRUST	BANK CHG	7.95		BANK CHARGE
31/01/2026	NACCA	131656763	1,200.00		RENT PARISH OFFICE
31/01/2026	PROTECT OUR PLACE LTD	756244248	816.00		PROTECT OUR PLACE LTD
31/01/2026	Lewes District Council	943425906	187.20		BINS
31/01/2026	Lewes District Council	107782507	18.00		PLAY INSPECTION
31/01/2026	BWP CREATIVE LTD	366421061	350.64		BWP CREATIVE LTD
31/01/2026	Newick Village Hall	BACS	136.00		APM HALL HIRE
31/01/2026	Two Build (Sussex) Ltd	7810976452	18,076.11		Two Build (Sussex) Ltd
Total Payments			26,654.41		

13.2 To receive statement of performance against budget as at end of December 2025 – This was received and noted.

13.3 To note quarterly bank reconciliation and VAT return – This was received and noted.

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

13.5 To consider any quotations received – There were none.

14. Newick Sports Pavilion including final wording on plaque – The Clerk gave an overview of the work so far and stated that there was a lot of small remaining tasks that she was working on herself, with the trustees and with the builders.

Cllr. T Whitlock left at 7.56pm

One Member of the public left 7.56pm

Cllr. Hodge gave an outline of the Trust's plan to open the social side on the 24th January. This was discussed in length by Councillors who queried whether all fire, food regulations and other legal requirements would be met by then. The terms of the lease on the Pavilion were discussed as was the insurance currently in place. It was agreed that the social space should not be used until everything was in place. Cllr. Hodge agreed to speak further with the Trust on this matter.

Cllr. T Whitlock returned to the meeting

A plaque commemorating the opening of the Pavilion was discussed. It was agreed to order an A4 at the cost of £143 using the word memory (not honour).

The Chair thanked the Clerk for her extensive work on this project and the Councillors agreed.

- 15. To agree agenda for Annual Parish Meeting on 16th March 2026** – It was agreed to include presentations from the District Councillor, the Chair, Cllr. Wickens (planning) and the Chair/Clerk on the Sports Pavilion. Cllr. Impey agreed to run the bar.
- 16. Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee** – The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated and Cllr. B Whitlock stated that she had nothing to add.
- 17. Items for next agenda**
– Local plan

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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