

## Newick Parish Council

**Minutes** of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7p.m. on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick

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

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

The meeting started at 7.00pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from 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** – There were none.
4. **To consider co-option of up to two applicants 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 was not present.
7. **Report from County Councillor (CC.) Matthew Milligan** – CC. Milligan was not present.
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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – These were considered and approved.
10. **Planning:**  
**10.1 Applications:**

<b>LW/26/0032</b>	<b>104 Allington Road</b> Non-material amendment relating to approval LW/23/0511 - CIL phasing plan  It was unanimously agreed to <b>object</b> on the basis that the applicants have not yet started to meet the multiple planning conditions yet with only 6 months until expiry of planning permission. The application is incorrectly completed for CIL due and the current declaration is false.
<b>LW/26/0012 and LW/26/0013</b>	<b>Hurstbourne Cottage Cornwell's Bank</b> Relocation of a proposed free-standing glasshouse sited on a dwarf brick wall (relating to approvals LW/25/0505 and 506)  It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>
<b>LW/25/0665</b>	<b>1 Chapel Grove</b> Replacement front door

	There were no documents on the planning portal, there is no valid application.
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**10.2 Approvals/Refusals:**

It was noted that the following had been approved by Lewes District Council:  
 LW/25/0727 | 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 | 4 Newick Drive Newick East Sussex BN8 4PA

**10.3 Tree Works Applications –**

It was noted that the following application has been refused by Lewes District Council:  
 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

**10.4 To discuss mobile home on Newick Hill site –** Cllr. Wickens stated that photos had been circulated of the site prior to the meeting. The applicants applied for planning permission in 2023 to put small bungalow on the site and this application was accepted on appeal with many conditions. Councillors shared concerns about the existing barn which has been dismantled poorly despite the presence of asbestos. This is now running into the water course, and the plot is right beside Newick Common. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact LDC with these concerns.

**10.5 55 Allington Road appeal –** It was agreed Councillor Wickens would write the response.

**10.6 Lewes Local Plan consultation including open morning outcome –** Cllr. Wickens thanked Councillors who attended the drop in event. It was agreed that Cllr. Wickens would write the response from Newick Parish Council for this consultation.

**10.7 To consider subscription to Planning Resource –** Cllr. Wickens stated that as an alternative Steve Tilbury could be a good resource in his capacity as Planning Consultant. She stated that he was running some training on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February and would like a Councillor to attend. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the details.

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

- Diary
- SLR actions
- Annual leave

*A member of the public left at 7.24pm*

**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 February 2026 -** It was agreed that Cllrs. Armitage and Impey would authorise the following payments:

## List of Payments made between 01/02/2026 and 28/02/2026

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
28/02/2026	HM Revenue & Customs	188210862	880.42		NI & Tax
28/02/2026	East Sussex Pension Fund	995320671	737.18		Pension
28/02/2026	Emma Reece	415347411	2,063.93		Clerk
28/02/2026	Hallmark Engraving and Signs L	51494686	171.60		Hallmark Engraving and Signs L
28/02/2026	Qik Group Ltd	902871744	78.00		Portaloo
28/02/2026	Lewes District Council	965946467	18.00		Play area inspection
28/02/2026	Treewise Tree Services	343349690	4,380.00		Tree works
28/02/2026	Two Build (Sussex) Ltd	52759326	11,963.47		Pavilion
28/02/2026	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	BACS	316.00		Subs
28/02/2026	Paul Antrobus	698458990	654.63		Paul Pavilion works
28/02/2026	Paul Antrobus	492464574	392.00		Handyman
28/02/2026	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	2,000.00		Top up
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>23,655.23</b>		

**13.2 To receive statement of performance against budget as at end of January 2026 –**  
This was received and noted.

**13.3 To consider transferring monies from Unity Trust bank account into PSDF/C&C savings account –** it was agreed that the Clerk was authorised to move monies back into the Cambridge and Counties account and the PSDF as she saw fit.

**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 –** Cllr. Hodge outlined the status of the pavilion and the outstanding actions remaining including the fire assessment sign off. He outlined some works that may need to be done including additional lighting. It was agreed that Cllr. Hodge and George Pottinger would continue to move this forward and that Cllr. Hodge and the Clerk could spend up to £5,000 from general reserves to complete works required by legislation.

**15. To consider residents' concerns about the GP surgery, roads and water sewerage –** Cllr. Wickens stated that Cllr. Keenan had asked for this to be an agenda item but in her absence had given her the details. Cllr. Wickens stated that Cllr. Keenan receives so many comments about the same things, and it was agreed that the Parish Council could write to the Member of Parliament and the various agencies to try and improve things. Cllr. Kerr agreed to take ownership over water/sewerage. Cllr. Hodge agreed to take roads. It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to join the GP patient participation group to have their voices heard.

**16. To confirm arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 –** The Clerk gave an overview of the plans so far. It was agreed that Cllr. Wickens would cover a planning session including the local plan. Cllr. Hodge will further appeal for new Councillors for 2027.

*The following item was brought forward*

**21. Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee –** Cllr. Whitlock stated that the AGM for the village hall is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and that they are looking for new committee members.

17. **Report from Cllr. Armitage on LDALC meeting** – Cllr. Armitage stated that he attended and LDALC meeting and they have a new Chairperson. He stated that smaller parishes attended and they had a presentation from District Councillor O'Connor. Future meeting date TBC.
18. **To consider request from Newick Bonfire Society to use The Green for Bonfire Celebrations on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and for the Parish Council to pay for portaloos** – This was agreed.
19. **To consider request from Newick Food Fair to use The Green and/or The Playing Fields on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and request permission to put banners up two weeks beforehand** – This was agreed for the Green only as the Playing Fields are in use on this date.
20. **To consider resident request for a grit bin to be installed on the corner of Cricketfield/Newick Hill** – It was unanimously agreed to decline this request. Councillors stated that they felt Cricketfield itself was flat, the road is not a main route. Currently Newick Parish Council owns no grit bins in Newick. Cllr. Hodge stated that the cost of the bin, licence and ongoing filling was a concern and that this would set a precedent for other roads which could result in an unsustainable financial situation.
21. **Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee** – this item was covered earlier in the meeting.
22. **Items for next agenda** - None

*The meeting closed at 8.05pm*

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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