

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 13th July 2026 at the Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick

Present: Councillors, B. Hodge (Chair), M. Hughes, P. Impey, J. Kerr, D. Marchant, L. Mudford, B. Whitlock, C Wickens, O Williams.

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 had been received from Cllr. Armitage. Cllr. Keenan 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** – None.
4. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were none.
5. **Report from Lewes District Councillor and East Sussex County Councillor Charlotte Keenan** – Cllr. Keenan was not present.
6. **Report from Member of Parliament Mims Davies** – the Member of Parliament had not sent a report.
7. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 8th June 2026** – These were considered and approved.

8. **Planning:**
8.1 **Applications:**

LW/26/0235 and 0236	7 The Green Newick East Sussex BN8 4LA Removal of existing canopy, repair existing timber sash windows and front glazed window, replacement of existing timber window cill, repaint external walls, removal of existing wall linings replaced with moisture resistant plasterboards, installation of rear WC, replacement of existing external stairs with metal stairs, and addition of rear pitched tiled roof It was unanimously agreed to make <i>no comment</i>
LW/26/0333	Barbary House 15 High Hurst Close Newick East Sussex BN8 4NJ Demolition of existing outbuilding, erection of single storey side extension, replacement and enlargement of front porch, hip to gable roof conversion with rooflights, removal of existing south facing dormer window at first floor level, addition of 1 no. rear dormer and alterations to fenestration Cllr. Mudford thanked Cllr. Wickens for her assistance over the past few months. It was unanimously agreed to make <i>no comment</i>

8.2 Approvals/Refusals:

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

Hip to gable roof extension and addition of 1no. rear flat roofed dormer
18 Cricketfield Newick East Sussex BN8 4LL LW/26/0297

Two storey side extension
34 Leveller Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4PL Ref. No: LW/26/0276

Removal and replacement of existing conservatory with single storey flat roof rear extension, alterations to side fenestration and addition of porch roof
4 Godden Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NE Ref. No: LW/26/0249

Hip to gable roof extension with loft conversion into habitable space, alterations to fenestration to existing detached house, conversion of the existing shed into garage and additional accommodation
Quineys Cornwell's Bank Newick East Sussex BN8 4SD
Ref. No: LW/26/0147

Erection of 1no. attached dwelling with associated parking provision
99 Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NH
Ref. No: LW/26/0140

Variation of Condition 1 (Plans) in relation to approval LW/23/0716 to amend the dwelling design, materials, fenestration and elevational treatment
89 Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4ND
Ref. No: LW/26/0134

Non-material amendment relating to approval LW/23/0511 - CIL phasing plan
104 Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NH
Ref. No: LW/26/0032

Variation of Conditions: 5 (External Lighting), 7 (Sustainability and Energy Management Measures) and 8 (Waste Water Reinforcement) and removal of conditions 21 (Transport - EV Charge Points) and 24 (Removal of PD Rights) in relation to approval LW/23/0511
104 Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NH
Ref. No: LW/25/0729

It was noted that the following application for a camping licence was referred for a full planning application:

Prior notification for use of land as a 60 day campsite between the following dates: May 29-31, July 21-27 and August 27-28
Rock House Tilehouse Lane Newick East Sussex BN8 4RD
Ref. No: LW/26/0280

8.3 Tree Works Applications –

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

TW/26/0041/TCA | T1 - Ash - Fell to ground level, removal of stump/roots - Diseased tree causing structural damage | 10 Church Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4JU

TW/26/0037/TCA | T1 - Yew - Reduction of branch lengths by 2 m to reduce shading to the property
T2 - Tulip - Raise crown by up to 3 metres to reduce shading to the property
T3 - Willow - Raise crown over neighbours hedge by 3 m to reduce shading to the property
T4 - White beam - Thinning upper crown by 30% to reduce shading to the property
T5 - Cherry - Fell to reduce shading to the property | 49 Church Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4JY

It was noted that the following applications had a split decision by Lewes District Council:

TW/26/0036/TPO | T1 - Sycamore - Reduction of height by 3.5m -To reduce shading T2 - Beech - Reduction to ground level - Diseased tree causing structural weakness | 8 The Pagets Newick East Sussex BN8 4PW (T1 approved, T2 refused)

Cllr. Mudford stated his disappointment at the outcome of the application at Godden Road given the concerns from the neighbouring property. Cllr. Wickens asked the Clerk to check the outcome of the planning enforcement from LDC.

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

- Pest concerns at KGVPF
- Annual leave
- HAGs site visit

Cllr. Hodge asked the Clerk to give an overview of concerns from residents of Allington Place about the Sports Pavilion back bar door. She outlined their concerns about noise and smoking and stated that she has spoken to the Trustees and asked them to remind users that there is a condition of the user agreement that there is no smoking or vaping at the back of the bar. She has asked that users are more considerate with keeping this door closed.

10. **Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman** – The Clerk reported that she arranged for repairs on some bollards which were damaged on The Green at a cost of £80.

11. **Financial Matters:**

11.1 To authorise Schedule of Payments for July 2026 - It was agreed that Cllrs. Hodge and Impey and would authorise the following payments:

List of Payments made between 01/07/2026 and 31/07/2026

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
31/07/2026	HM Revenue & Customs	751510417	939.21		NI & PAYE
31/07/2026	Emma Reece	744954010	2,240.97		Clerk
31/07/2026	East Sussex Pension Fund	582811320	735.22		Pension
31/07/2026	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd	125405018	552.00		Mowing/GM
31/07/2026	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd	651871407	2,088.00		Mowing and GM
31/07/2026	Information Commissioner	DD	47.00		ICO DP fee
31/07/2026	Lewes District Council	523573162	83.09		Play inspection
31/07/2026	Lewes District Council	35733785	83.09		Play inspection
31/07/2026	Lewes District Council	293923923	160.80		Play inspection annual
31/07/2026	Lewes District Council	526689292	98.90		Bins KGVPF
31/07/2026	Lewes District Council	397955469	98.90		Bins KGVPF
31/07/2026	Lewes District Council	679711412	98.90		Bins KGVPF
31/07/2026	Lewes District Council	313159978	98.90		Bins KGVPF
31/07/2026	Lewes District Council	468815224	98.90		Bins KGVPF
31/07/2026	Newick Sports Pavilion Charita	846104757	999.51		Return of Go Fund Me monies
31/07/2026	East Sussex ALC Ltd	545864973	48.00		L Mudford training
31/07/2026	Unity Trust Bank	BANK CHG	8.20		Bank Charge
31/07/2026	NACCA	588711584	600.00		Rent Parish Office
31/07/2026	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	85.19		Top up
31/07/2026	BWP Creative Limited	678113491	21.60		BWP Creative Limited
31/07/2026	Castle Water	DD	205.23		Water KGVPF
31/07/2026	Paul Antrobus	30396477	757.50		Handyman
Total Payments			10,149.11		

11.2 To receive statement of performance against budget as at end of June 2026 – this was noted.

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

11.4 To consider quotations— a quote for cut to measure magnetic stainless steel at a cost of £195.55 was considered and agreed.

11.5 To consider grant applications received - an application from VHMC was reviewed and Cllr. Whitlock gave an overview. Cllr. Wickens suggested a grant of £750 and this was unanimously agreed. Cllr. Whitlock did not vote on this motion.

11.6 To consider revisions to Risk Management document – Cllr. Impey suggested some proposed changes, and it was agreed that these suggestions would adopted and the policy updated.

11.7 To review Dark Skies policy – It was agreed to continue with this policy and to add an article in the Newick Parish Council Newsletter (Clerk to write with copy approval from Cllr. Marchant). Cllr. Wickens had some suggested updates to the policy around light pollution maps. It was agreed to make these amendments and when updated ask former Councillor Vix Marchant to review the policy. It was noted that when the Neighbourhood Plan is updated then a Dark Skies policy will need to be included.

11.8 To review signatories for Unity Trust – it was agreed that Cllrs. Impey and Marchant would be removed as signatory and Cllr. Mudford and Kerr would be added.

12. Report from Cllr. B Whitlock on Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr. Whitlock stated that as meetings are alternative months, she did not have an update.

13. To agree response to consultation on Statement of Community Involvement for Lewes District (deadline 6th August) – It was agreed that Cllrs. Mudford and Wickens would respond to this, if it was possible to save the submission in the portal, then this would be shared with Councillors and on Newick Talk.

14. To agree inspection of assets to be completed by end of August 2026 – It was agreed that Cllr. Kerr would survey the Fingerposts, Cllrs. Armitage and Hodge would do The Green, Cllrs. Wickens and Hughes the playing fields and that Cllr. Mudford would cover both as much as possible. It was agreed to complete the survey on the 17th of August.

The Clerk shared some information about ESCC not renewing fingerposts and closing the matched funding scheme. It was agreed to add this to the next agenda.

15. Items for next agenda

- Fingerpost replacement.
- 'People walking' sign on Newick Hill into Fletching Common.

The meeting closed at 7.41pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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