

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of Newick Parish Council held at Newick Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick, on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: C. Armitage, M. Halsey, I. Nesbitt, J. Smerdon, J. White and C. Wickens

**In Attendance:** Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)  
One member of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting

### 1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman –

Two nominations were received for the position of Chairman of the Planning Committee; Cllr. Nesbitt (nominated by Cllr. Halsey) and Cllr. Armitage (nominated by Cllr. Wickens).

Before proceeding with the vote it was clarified that the Committee's Terms of Reference did not state that the Chairman of the Planning Committee also had to be a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and that there had not been any other resolution to this effect.

A vote was taken and the votes were as follows:- Cllr. Armitage 2 votes, Cllr. Nesbitt 4 votes. Cllr. Nesbitt was duly elected Chairman of this committee.

Cllr. Halsey was nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee. A vote was taken and three votes were cast in favour of Cllr. Halsey, one against and there was one abstention. Cllr. Halsey was duly nominated as Vice-Chairman of this committee.

### 2. Apologies for Absence – Apologies had been received from Cllr. G. Jones.

### 3. 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.

Cllr. Smerdon declared an interest in agenda items 5 (LW/17/0521 – user of village hall kitchen and member of village hall management committee) and 5.3 (LW/17/0293 – Chairman of Newick Lawn Tennis Club, Club has received a grant from the applicant), Cllrs. Wickens and Armitage both declared an interest in agenda item 5 (LW/17/0521 – friends of the applicant).

### 4. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public – There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

### 5. Planning Applications

#### Newick

LW/17/0506

#### Case Officer:

Mrs Sarah Sheath

#### Farmlough Fletching Lane Fletching Common

Planning Application - Replacement dwelling and garage (resubmission of planning application LW/17/0135) for Mr S Watling. It was agreed to make **no comment** on this planning application.

#### Newick

LW/17/0521

#### Case Officer:

Mr Andrew Hill

#### 1 Western Road

Planning Application - Installation of a cooker hood extraction system for an existing kitchen including a fan/silencer mounted on top of the flat roof for Mr M Smith. It was agreed to **support** this planning application in accordance with Newick Neighbourhood Plan policy CF1. Councillors Armitage, Smerdon and Wickens had declared an interest in this planning application and did not take part in the vote.

**Newick**  
LW/17/0528  
**Case Officer:**  
Miss Michelle Gardiner

**Flexerne Fletching Lane Fletching**  
Planning Application - Front porch extension, first floor side extension and single storey rear extension, recladding of external walls and roof for Mr P Mossman. It was unanimously agreed to **support** this planning application as it would improve the appearance of the property and would be in accordance with Newick Neighbourhood Plan Policies H01.1 and H01.2

**5.1 Approvals/Refusals etc.** – It was noted that the following applications had been **approved** by Lewes District Council:-

**LW/17/0351 – Tanglewood Farm, Jackies Lane** – Planning application for proposed first floor side extension over existing single storey kitchen to provide new bedroom and en-suite.

**TW/17/0022/TPO – 4 The Pagets** – 1 x Sycamore G3 of the Order (reduce in height to previous cut points and remove lower limb towards neighbour), 2 x Beech G3 of the Order (reduce in height to previous cut points).

**5.2 Tree Works Applications** - No trees works applications had been received. It was noted that Cllr. Nesbitt had reported the dead tree on the highway verge near to the telephone exchange to East Sussex County Council.

**5.3 Further information received – LW/17/0293 Street Record, Western Road** – It was noted that this application had been amended (deletion of single board from original proposal and siting of 'V' board moved to southern tip of site). It was agreed to **object** to this amended application on the grounds that the amendments did not address the Committee's concerns raised at its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 i.e. that the sign boards were still too large and obtrusive for this semi-rural location and the two year period for them to remain in place was considered excessive in view of the fact that local people already appeared to be well aware of the SANG and its purpose. It was considered that the proposal conflicted with Newick Neighbourhood Plan policy EN1 in that it would not respect the local landscape character or blend in well with the existing built environment. It was considered that, even in this revised location, the position of the boards would potentially distract drivers' attention and create a road safety hazard. The Committee agreed with previous comments made by East Sussex County Council with regard to paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Having declared an interest in this planning application, Cllr. Smerdon did not take part in the vote.

The Clerk was asked to check on whether or not permission is required from East Sussex Highways for temporary signage placed on the highway verge. **Action Clerk**

The Meeting Closed at 7.00 p.m.

**Signed:** ..... **Dated:**.....

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