

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee of Newick Parish Council held at Newick Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors: B. Horsfall, C. Wickens and K. Wrench.  
Non - Councillor committee member: Mr. J. Lucas (Chairman of this committee)

**In attendance:** Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)  
Three members of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies had been received from Cllr. Smerdon and Mrs. Thew.
- 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.** Although not connected with a matter on the agenda, Cllr. Horsfall disclosed an interest as he hoped to be able to purchase one of the properties currently being built as part of the Newick Hill development (Mantell Close).
- 3. Questions or Statements by Member of the Public.** There were no questions or statements from members of the public.
- 4. Wealden District Council case CO/3943/2016** – Cllr. Armitage was not present at the meeting, therefore, there was no report.
- 5. \* Parish Council owned land between Vernons Road and The Rough** – It was reported that members of the committee had been looking at the various documents connected with this land and that a list of the documents found had been created and circulated. Mr Lucas referred to a covenant which had been in force when various parcels of land on the estate had been transferred to Newick Parish Council in 1976, and to a copy of an agreement between the original landowners and Chailey Rural District Council made in 1968 under s.37 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962. The latter document had only recently been supplied by Lewes District Council and not all committee members had received copies. Cllr. Wrench queried whether there was any documentation showing the transfer of the responsibility for the open spaces within the estate to Newick Parish Council and it was noted that there were no documents other than the Land Registry Title document. It was agreed that Cllr. Wickens would ask Lewes District Council to check their records to see whether they had further documentation which would be of use.

### **Action Cllr. Wickens**

It was noted that there had been a previous, unsuccessful, attempt by the Parish Council to obtain planning permission to develop the land between Vernons Road and The Rough and that small pieces of this land had passed to private ownership, one by adverse possession and one through a sale to the owner of the adjacent dwelling. It was also noted that there were four licence agreements in place giving temporary access across the Parish Council owned land into the rear gardens of 36, 38 and 40 The Rough and 6 Vernons Road.

- 6. \*Newick Neighbourhood Plan Policies and Community Actions** – There was nothing to report.
- 7. \*Allocation of responsibilities for a watching brief** – The following subject areas had been allocated to individual committee members for monitoring:-  
7.1 The Housing White Paper – Mr. Lucas – There was nothing to report.

- 7.2 The Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 – Cllr. Wickens – There was nothing to report.
- 7.3 DLA Legal Challenges – Cllr. Wickens reported that a court hearing had taken place on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and that the outcome was expected to be announced on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
- 7.4 Emerging planning applications in line with Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Armitage – There was nothing to report.
- 7.5 Emerging planning applications in neighbouring areas – Cllr Armitage – There was nothing to report.
- 7.6 Progress on Lewes District Council Joint Core Strategy (including Policies SP1 and SP2, Part 2 Housing Allocation and Progress on meeting national expectations) – Cllr. Horsfall reported that the consultation on the LDC Local Plan Part 2 was expected to commence in September. He also reported that the South Downs National Park had received advice from DCLG that Neighbourhood Plans being prepared in Ditchling and Lewes would not be adversely affected despite the quashing of policies SP1 and SP2 of the Joint Core Strategy in respect of the National Park. This information had been found in a report presented to the South Downs National Park Planning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- 7.7 Wealden District Council directives as a result of Habitat Regulations Assessment and Nitrogen Dioxide, and implications for Newick Parish and Lewes District – Cllr Armitage was not present at the meeting to report on this matter, however, it was noted that a recent edition of Countryfile shown on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 had covered the issue of increased nitrogen dioxide emissions caused by current agricultural practices.

**8. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – Cllr. Wickens referred to a document from Lewes District Council received some time ago which contained guidance on the CIL process. It was noted that the figures in this document assumed that CIL would be payable on all 100 new properties planned to be built in Newick, however, it was now known that, apart from a small amount in respect of increased floor space, CIL would not be payable in respect of the Newick Hill development. It was agreed that the document should be forwarded to all committee members and that the Clerk should ask Lewes District Council for updated guidance. **Action Clerk**

**9. Consultation on Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston Draft Neighbourhood Plan** – Mr Lucas reported that he had been through the Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston draft Neighbourhood Plan and had noted that it contained policies similar to those which had been removed from Newick’s Neighbourhood Plan including reference to a green gap and a dark skies policy. There were also a number of aspirational policies similar to Newick’s Community Action statements. Overall, however, he considered that there was nothing that Newick PC would need to comment on. It was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council should make no comment. **Action – recommend no comment**

**10. Items for the next agenda** – It was agreed that items above marked with an asterisk\* should continue to appear as regular items on future agendas and suggested that all committee members should look at the policies and community action statements listed in agenda item 6 and agree how to prioritise any necessary work. **Action all committee members**

**The meeting closed at 7.50 pm**

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

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