

## 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, Newick on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7pm.

**Present:** Councillors: B. Horsfall, J. Smerdon, C. Wickens, K. Wrench, and M. Thew (taking notes)

Non Councillor: Mr J Lucas (Chair),

**In attendance:** One member of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies had been received from Cllr Armitage.
- 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 no disclosures. It was agreed that there was no confidential matter that would make it necessary to exclude any members of the press and public.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Member of the Public.** None
- 4. Parish Council owned land between Vernons Road and The Rough.** The group reviewed the advice from the Solicitor regarding the documents, land title and his initial opinion. His comments are very clear and indicate that there are no restrictions in terms of Land Registry. Mr Lucas offered to draft an application to send to Lewes District Council. Items to be included in this should be that the Village now has far more play / recreational space, and that it is proportional to the new developments that have been built. Cllr Wickens suggest that we should also mention Reedens Meadows, which will shortly be opening, as an additional recreational space giving substantial space for the use of the Village. The solicitor has asked LDC to confirm in writing to him how we need to proceed and he will update us in due course, so we can finalise our application. **Action: Mr Lucas**  
  
*A member of the public left the meeting at 7.15pm.*
- 5. Neighbourhood Plan Policies and Community Actions – EN5, EN6, HO1.8. TC2, TC3, TC4 and CF3**  
The group discussed EN6 (re spending of CIL monies to preserve and enhance Newick's green spaces and roadside verges). It was agreed that parking is still a key issue in the village with several problem areas. East Sussex County Council is not happy to pay for private parking or agree to 'match funding' projects to provide more off road spaces. Cllr Smerdon offered to bring this up again at the next SLR meeting. The group discussed how to reduce the parking issue, asking residents to consider where and how they parked. There are many dangerous places on corners with examples of bad parking. It was agreed that the group would ask the Council to put an article in the next newsletter (due January) asking people to offer empty driveways to neighbours if they don't have a car, and to assist others; to avoid parking badly, on verges or across pavements. **Action: Cllr Smerdon**
- 6. Newick Common - Community Action EN5.** The report on Newick Common prepared by Mr Turk had been circulated to the group. It was agreed that this was a very thorough and clear report and that the Council should write to thank Mr Turk for his admirable work. **Action: Clerk**  
Cllr Wickens suggested that the report should be sent to all Councillors for their information.

**Action: Clerk.** Cllr Smerdon suggested that, under delegated powers, the report should be submitted to LDC to enable it to be considered by the relevant committee as soon as possible.  
**Action Cllr Smerdon/ Mr Lucas**

7. **Reports of items being monitored by the committee** (where available)
  - 7.1 The Housing White Paper – nothing to update
  - 7.2 The Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 – nothing to update
  - 7.3 DLA Legal Challenge – This has now been delayed until early 2018.
  - 7.4 Emerging Planning applications in line with Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Armitage had circulated a list of applications which was reviewed.
  - 7.5 Emerging Planning applications in neighbouring areas – as above.
  - 7.6 Progress of Lewes District Council Joint Core Strategy
    - 7.6.1. Part 2 Housing allocation. The consultation date for Part 2 is still to be confirmed.
    - 7.6.2. Progress on meeting national expectations.... LDC still has a 5 year housing stock and is building at a sustainable level.
8. **Planning Resource Articles** Cllr Armitage is monitoring this publication for November. The group agreed that the articles are interesting and informative.
9. **Consultation on Plumpton Neighbourhood Plan.** Cllr Wickens reported that she had looked at the plan in detail. It was agreed that there was no effect on Newick and that we would submit “No Comment” to the consultation.
- 10 **Proposed Dates for future committee meetings.** It was agreed to keep the date of the next meeting (12<sup>th</sup> December 2017) in the diary at the present time, and reconsider nearer the time, if it was felt not necessary. The January meeting date would be dealt with similarly.

**The meeting closed at 8.10pm**

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

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