

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6.40 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: B. Horsfall, J. Smerdon (for part of meeting), K. Wrench, and M. Thew

Non Councillor: Mr J Lucas (Chair),

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

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies had been received from Cllrs. C. Armitage and C. Wickens.
- 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.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were no questions or statements by members of the public.
- 4. Consultation on Lewes District Local Plan Part 2** – Consultation on the Lewes District Local Plan Part 2 had opened on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and would run until 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It was noted that, as the consultation would have closed before the date of the next regular Parish Council meeting, it would be necessary to hold a Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 and to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council in order to agree the submissions to be made. It was agreed that comments should be made on the following issues:-

- The Local Plan Part 2 Sustainability Appraisal paragraph 9.17 refers to the potential loss of the green gap between Newick and North Chailey if certain sites in North Chailey are developed. The sites referred to are not allocated for development in the Local Plan Part 2, but there is no policy to protect the green gap should development of these sites be brought forward for any reason.

*Cllr. Smerdon joined the meeting at 6.47 p.m.*

- Policy DM30 – Backland Development – appeared to be in conflict with Newick's Neighbourhood Plan and should be queried.
- Removal of saved policy NW1 could mean the loss of the previous earmarking of land for recreational use. *(It has since been pointed out that there is an explanation for the removal of this saved policy contained in the Summary of Consultations and Options Topic Papers document pages 24 & 25).*
- Appendices 4 & 5 (Buildings of Local, Visual or Historic Interest and Parks and Gardens of Local Historic Interest) – it was agreed that the location of 'Baldwins' and 'High House' should be queried.

Further to an email dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 from Mr Turk, it was agreed that the planned level of housing growth for Newick as stated in the draft Local Plan submitted to the Lewes District Council Cabinet meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 should be queried as it was unclear as to how the figure of 176 units had been reached. **Action Clerk**

5. **Parish Council owned land between Vernons Road and The Rough**
  - 5.1 Consideration of estimates received for architectural services – It was noted that three estimates had been sought for the cost of preparing an outline planning application for the development of the Parish Council’s land between Vernons Road and The Rough and submitting the application to Lewes District Council. Only two of the companies approached had responded to the request and the estimates received were considered. It was agreed that Liz Tobitt Architectural Services should be asked to carry out the work as described in the specification on the assumption that this could be completed by the end of January 2018. The Clerk was asked to contact the Council’s Solicitor to make him aware that the application for the restriction of the Section 37 covenant to be removed would need to be submitted at the same time as the outline planning application. **Action Clerk**
  - 5.2 Procedure for notifying nearby neighbours of the Council’s intentions – It was agreed that a letter should be sent to residents with gardens abutting the Council’s land to advise them of the Council’s intentions and that this would, in due course, mean that the license agreements with certain residents would be brought to an end.
  
6. **Neighbourhood Plan Policies and Community Actions** – EN5, EN6, HO1.8. TC2, TC3, TC4 and CF3 – There were no updates.
  
7. **Reports of items being monitored by the committee** (where available)
  - 7.1 The Housing White Paper – There was nothing to report
  - 7.2 The Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 – There was nothing to report
  - 7.3 DLA Legal Challenge – It was believed that the Appeal Court hearing would take place in February 2018.
  - 7.4 Emerging Planning applications in line with Neighbourhood Plan – There was nothing to report
  - 7.5 Emerging Planning applications in neighbouring areas – There was nothing to report.
  - 7.6 Progress of Lewes District Council Joint Core Strategy
    - 7.6.1. Part 2 Housing allocation - This had been dealt with under agenda item 4 above
    - 7.6.2. Progress on meeting national expectations – There was nothing to report
  
8. **Planning Resource Articles** – It was agreed that the articles were continuing to be a useful source of information and that the discontinuation of the Planning ‘App’ would not have any impact.
  
9. **Date and Venue of next meeting** – It was agreed that the next meeting of this committee would be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, 6.30 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion.
  
10. **Items for the next agenda** – It was agreed that only two items should appear on the next agenda – 1) Proposed comments on Lewes District Local Plan Part 2 and 2) Any updates on planning application for land between Vernons Road and The Rough.

**The meeting closed at 7.26 p.m.**

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

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