

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Newick Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. G. Clothier, M. Halsey, J. Sheppard, J. Smerdon and J. White

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – There had been no apologies for absence
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** – No disclosures were made.
3. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
4. **Environment Issues:-**
 - 4.1 Update on issues identified following inspection of The Green and other PC controlled open spaces – A list of issues reported at the previous committee meeting updated with action taken was circulated at the meeting. The following was noted:-
 - Newick Green – As a result of heavy rain at the time when John Lawson Circus had been on The Green, some damage had been sustained. It was noted that Mr Lawson had contacted Barcombe Landscapes direct to arrange for remedial work to be carried out and it was understood that this work had already been completed. The Clerk was asked to thank Barcombe Landscapes for their co-operation. **Action Clerk**
 - Replacement windows for bus shelter – still outstanding **Action Clerk**
 - Community Centre Car Park – Clerk to ask Village Handy Person to remove leaf and other debris and to weed spray beside wall. **Action Clerk**
 - 4.2 Modification of Village Survey – It was reported that this was still a work in progress. **Action Cllr. White**
 - 4.3 Consideration of quotations received for maintenance of wooden seats and benches – It was reported that Mr Antrobus was no longer self- employed and, as a result, did not carry the required public liability insurance for working on the Parish Council's benches. He had, however, offered to do the work free of charge in his spare time. The Clerk confirmed that she had checked with the Parish Council's insurance company and that this work would be covered under the Council's insurance policy. It was agreed to ask Mr Antrobus to proceed. **Action Clerk**
 - 4.4 Update on damaged bench at The Point – The Clerk reported that she was in the process of gathering the required information in order to submit an insurance claim for the damaged bench at The Point. It was noted that a £250 excess would apply.
5. **Playing Field Issues**
 - 5.1 Update on issues identified following inspection of Playing Fields – A list of issues reported at the previous committee meeting, updated with action taken, was circulated at the meeting. The following was noted:-
 - Metal five bar gate was once again off its hinges. The Clerk advised that she would pass this information to the residents at Ketches as this was their gate. **Action Clerk**

- Play area wetpour surface – The Clerk was asked to check whether it was still under guarantee following installation in 2015 and, if so, ask the supplier to rectify the cracking of the surface – this was still outstanding.
Action Clerk
 - Fallen chestnut paling alongside track to Twitten House – It was noted that the Clerk had identified the location for this fencing and it was agreed that she would remove it with the help of Cllr. Halsey – this was still outstanding. **Action Cllr. Halsey**
 - New signs for the play area were now in place.
 - The Clerk had been asked by a member of the Council to find out who had sprayed blue paint on to one of the oak posts at the entrance to the recreation ground car park and to get them to remove the paint. This was still outstanding as the Clerk had not yet had the time to pursue this.
Action Clerk
- 5.2 Recent Play Area Inspection Reports – It was noted that the most recent monthly play area inspection report from Lewes District Council had highlighted that the perimeter fence to the play area had some loose fixings and that the concrete surface at the multi-goal was breaking up. Cllr. Clothier agreed to check the concrete surface and report back to the Clerk. **Action Cllr. Clothier**
- 5.3 Skate Park Working Group – There had been no meeting and there was nothing to report. Cllr Smerdon agreed to contact Chris Bibb at Lewes District Council to ask for details of any companies that could help with design and location of a potential new skate park facility given the constraints that were currently causing difficulties. **Action Cllr. Smerdon**
- 5.4 Complaints about anti-social behaviour – It was noted that various complaints about anti-social behaviour at the recreation ground and other places in the village had been received. It was agreed to continue to monitor the complaints and advise complainants to report all incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of providing some activities at the recreation ground for young people. Cllr. Halsey agreed to approach a local resident who has connections with Brighton & Hove Albion to find out whether anything could be arranged. **Action Cllr. Halsey**
It was also agreed that the sports clubs should be encouraged to promote the various youth activities that they already offer.
- 5.5 Effectiveness of monthly mole treatment – The Clerk detailed the work she had carried out in 2015 when this issue was last raised. It was agreed that the existing contractors should be asked to provide a report on the effectiveness of the mole treatment they currently carry out and that additional quotes for routine mole treatment should be obtained for further consideration. **Action Clerk**
6. **Sports Pavilion Update** – It was reported that meetings had taken place between the various sports clubs and the design company engaged by the Pavilion Management Committee. Plans for the new pavilion would be available for viewing at the CIL consultation event to be held on 30th June.
7. **Queen’s Trees** – It was agreed that there were no suitable sites for planting additional trees on the Parish Council’s land but that this scheme could be advertised in the next edition of the Parish Council newsletter. Cllr. Smerdon agreed to obtain the details. **Action Cllr. Smerdon**
8. **Items for the next agenda** – It was agreed that the following items should be on the agenda for the next committee meeting:-
- Redundant phone box in High Street
 - Annual inspections of Parish Council owned land
 - Monitoring of grass cutting

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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