

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee of Newick Parish Council held at Newick Sports Pavilion, on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors: J. Smerdon, M Thew, C. Wickens and K. Wrench.

Non-Councillor: J Lucas (Chairman).

In attendance: One member of the public.

An audio recording was made of the meeting

In the absence of the Clerk, notes of the meeting were taken by the Chairman for this committee.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. B. Horsfall and C 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.
3. **Questions or Statements by Member of the Public** – No questions were asked or statements made.
4. **Newick Neighbourhood Plan Policies and Community Actions – EN5, EN6, H01.8, TC2, TC3, TC4 & CF3** – The Village Hall application for CIL funding has been completed and will be submitted by the deadline.
5. **Reports on items being monitored by the committee (where available)**
 - 5.1 **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** – There was nothing new to report and it was agreed that this item can be deleted from future agendas.
 - 5.2 **DLA Legal Challenge** – See Item 7 below.
 - 5.3 **Emerging Planning applications in line with the Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr. Smerdon agreed to email District Cllr. J Sheppard requesting notification of the date for LDC's Planning Committee's consideration of the planning application for erection of 69 homes at Woods' Fruit Farm.
 - 5.4 **Emerging Planning applications in neighbouring areas** – There was nothing to report.
 - 5.5 **Progress on Lewes District Council Joint Core Strategy**
 - 5.5.1 **Part 2 Housing Allocation** – There was nothing to report.
 - 5.5.2 **Progress on meeting national expectations** – There was nothing to report.
6. **Lewes District Draft Local Plan Part 2** – It was agreed that Cllr. Wickens will check with LDC what response they had to the query regarding whether avoidance of coalescence of settlements could be built into the countryside protection policies. It was also agreed that once LDC's reply has been received, Mr. Lucas will draft a response to the Part 2 consultation for consideration by Committee members and eventual submission to Council for approval.
7. **Mitchelswood Farm Appeal** – Recent statements by the Housing Minister were noted. It was agreed that Mr. Lucas will produce an initial draft of a response to MHCLG concerning the letters submitted by DLA, making the case for not reopening the appeal enquiry. This will be considered by Committee members and finalized for Council consideration at the proposed extraordinary meeting of 23rd October.
8. **Neighbourhood Planning Review Briefing** – Various potential questions were discussed in preparation for the briefing of 23rd October and these will be raised at that meeting.

9. Proposals for future of Neighbourhood Plan Committee – It was agreed that this item should be moved forward to the next meeting as the outcome of the above-mentioned briefing would be likely to influence the future work of the Committee.

10. Items for the next Agenda - The next meeting of this Committee is to be held on Tuesday 6th November – the usual items should be on the agenda subject to the decision made under Item 5.1 and the addition of an Item covering Neighbourhood Plan Review and the future work of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.

Signed: **Dated:**

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