

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Salary £15-£18 per hour
23 hours per week including evening meetings

The Clerk to Newick Parish Council will be retiring in 2019 and the Council is advertising for a replacement.

This is an interesting, varied and demanding position working closely with Parish Councillors to secure the Council's aims and objectives.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate drive, determination, administrative and financial experience, IT, organisational and inter-personal skills and preferably have knowledge of local government.

Further details and an application pack are available from the job vacancies page at www.sussexalc.org.uk. Feel free to contact the Clerk (newickpc@newick.net) if you think that you might be interested.

Post Office Update

The Parish Council has been advised that someone has expressed an interest in taking on the Post Office service within their business. We have no further details at present but will keep you updated if we receive any further news.

Reminder to dog walkers

**NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL
RECREATION AREA**



**Dogs must be kept
on a lead**



Please clean up after your dog
Fixed Penalty Notice £50,
Maximum Fine £1,000

**Bag it and bin it,
most people in this area do!**

Please keep your dogs on a lead at all times when walking on the playing fields (this includes the rugby field).

Thank you



Remembrance Day

The village came together to remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives. This year, 100 years after the end of World War 1, we especially remembered all those young men from our village who died as a result of that conflict. The Remembrance services in the Church and on The Green on 11th November were very moving occasions and the torchlight procession and beacon organised by Newick Bonfire Society was a fitting tribute to all those brave young men. We will remember them.

Cllr. Jenny Smerdon

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS:

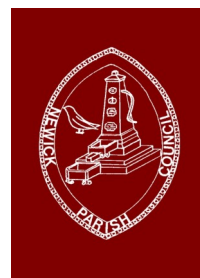
Mr Chris Armitage
Mr. Guy Clothier
Mr. Mario Halsey
Dr Ben Horsfall
Mr Iain Nesbitt
Mrs. Jean Sheppard
Mrs. Jenny Smerdon (Chairman)
Mrs Melanie Thew
Mr Joe White
Mrs Cathy Wickens
Mr Ken Wrench

NB All correspondence for Newick Parish Council should be sent to the Clerk (see contact details below)

Newick Parish Council

Mrs Sue Berry (Clerk)
18 Newlands Park Way,
Newick, BN8 4PG
01825 722135
Email: newickpc@newick.net
www.newick.net

You can also contact the Clerk in person by calling in to Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick from 10.00 to 12.00 on Monday or Thursday mornings. No appointment necessary, feel free to drop in during these times.



Your Newick Parish Council Newsletter Winter 2018/19



Improved walking route between Newick and Sheffield Park

As part of the National Trust River Ouse Restoration Project at Sheffield Park some of us were invited to the official opening of two new bridges. One is a rope bridge which allows walkers over Irongates Lock onto the small island in the River Ouse. The other crosses the Ouse gaining access onto National Trust parkland which is open to the public. Newick already has some of the most delightful rights of way in the country and



Cllr Cathy Wickens, Newick Rootz

it is now possible to do some lovely circular walks starting from The Green by crossing the bridge. Using the map on the centre fold of the Newick Directory you can easily navigate your way but the actual bridges can be found by taking footpath 14 which begins at the entrance to Rotherfield Wood. As you leave the wood a stile and a short walk further take you to the bridge which is to the east of the path and leaves the right of way. Once over the bridge the paths to different parts of the Sheffield Park estate are clearly signposted. Happy walking!

Christmas tree on The Green

The Parish Council would like to thank Tom Stovold and his team at **The Royal Oak** for erecting and decorating the Christmas tree on The Green this year. We would also like to give thanks to the anonymous donor of the tree and to Baroness and Mr Cumberlege, who once again provided the power source for the tree lights. Hopefully you will agree that the tree looked great and provided suitable festive cheer to the village centre.



Make a Difference Become a local councillor

Newick Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local elections in May 2019.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

How long does it take?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live or work in an area that is served by a local council

How can I get involved?

Contact Newick Parish Council at newickpc@newick.net to find out more

NB Lewes District Council has advised that the period for submission of nominations will be Tuesday 19th March to Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Village Correspondent

Do you have a finger on the pulse of Newick life?

Do you know what is going on in the village and when?

Do you enjoy writing articles?

If so, would you be interested in producing a weekly column for the "Village News" section of the Sussex Express to let people know about future events and perhaps review what has recently occurred? We have many clubs and societies in our village, some of which are mentioned in the Parish Magazine. In the Express you would be able to go into more detail and mention societies and events which would benefit from publicity.

Have a look at the Village News column of the Sussex Express which comes out every Friday. Should you decide to give it a go, please contact Colin Jenner at Sussex Express Email: Colin.Jenner@jpimedia.co.uk

Cllr. Jean Sheppard

Parish Council Budget 2019/20

At the end of November, the Council approved the budget for the 2019/20 financial year. Unfortunately there is a significant shortfall in income to cover expenditure. This is due to both an increase in costs (including those associated with hiring a new clerk e.g a transition period, training, new equipment etc.), as well as a reduction in income from LDC and ESCC grants. Whilst some of the additional expenses were expected to come out of the Council's reserves, the remaining shortfall would have required a precept increase of an alarming 46%. Although it was anticipated to reduce again in the following year, it was agreed that the Council would use further reserves in order to soften the impact on tax payers. In the final budget, we have managed to keep the increase down to 17%, which in monetary terms results in a band D increase from £48.66 last year, to £56.98. This results in the Council using around £30k of its reserves.

We would like to reassure you that we work hard to ensure the residents of Newick get the best value for money, and as with other Council documents you can inspect the budget yourself on the website - www.newick.net.

Cllr Ben Horsfall, Chair Finance & General Purposes Committee

Village Spring Clean Saturday 13th April 2019

The Parish Council is planning to hold a Spring Clean Day to coincide with the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean. We will be concentrating once again on the village twittens and your help would be much appreciated. Meet at 10.00 a.m. at Newick Community Centre, there will be further information in the next newsletter.

UK Power Networks Priority Service Register

Power cuts don't happen very often these days, but have you ever wondered how some people would cope if there were to be a power cut?

UK Power Networks own and run the electricity cables in most of our region and fix power cuts. They deliver the electricity which you buy through your choice of supplier. They provide a free priority service for anyone who might face extra difficulty in the event of a power cut including households with an elderly person, young children, someone less mobile or someone with a health condition.

By registering with UK Power Networks Priority Service Register you will be given a priority 24 hour phone number, receive extra information and regular updates during any power cut. In the event of a long power cut you could receive hot food, hot drinks and hot water, mobile phone charging and more. Those who rely on power to run medical equipment such as dialysis or breathing apparatus would also receive additional help.

More information can be found online at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services-register. It is quick and free to register by completing a short questionnaire. If you have friends or family who meet the criteria you can register on their behalf if they are happy for you to do so.