

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee of Newick Parish Council held at Newick Sports Pavilion, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: C. Armitage, B. Horsfall, J. Smerdon, M. Thew, C. Wickens and K. Wrench.

Non-Councillor: J Lucas (Chairman of this committee).

An audio recording was made of the meeting

*In the absence of the Clerk, notes of the meeting were taken by Councillor Thew.*

1. **Apologies for Absence** – No apologies had been received.
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** – There were no members of the public present.
4. **Newick Neighbourhood Plan Policies and Community Actions – EN5, EN6, H01.8, TC2, TC3, TC4 & CF3** – Cllr Smerdon updated the committee regarding the last SLR meeting re speeding. Two black box speed recording devices had been placed on Western Road by East Sussex County Council to record how effective the 30mph speed limit was. A request would be made to obtain the data from these recordings to assist with the provision of Speed Indicator Devices.
5. **Reports on items being monitored by the committee (where available)**
  - 5.1 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – There was nothing to report.
  - 5.2 DLA Legal Challenge – There was nothing to report.
  - 5.3 Emerging Planning applications in line with the Neighbourhood Plan – There was nothing to report.
  - 5.4 Emerging Planning applications in neighbouring areas – Cllr. Armitage advised that an application for 12 houses for the over 55s had been submitted in Plumpton Green and that this was in line with their Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.5 **Progress on Lewes District Council Joint Core Strategy**
  - 5.5.1 Part 2 Housing Allocation – Several councillors had attended the examination hearings at County Hall. Mr Lucas reported that the inspector appeared to be very fair. Cllrs Armitage and Wickens had attended on the day of the meeting and reported that the issue of coalescence had been discussed in detail with the policy DM1 (which replaces CT1). Lewes District Council will be reviewing Part 1 of the Joint Core Strategy next year and will be looking again at planning boundaries. It was agreed that Dr. John Kay, who had represented both Ringmer Parish Council and Campaign for the Protection of Rural England had supported Newick with regards to the use of gaps between settlements. It was agreed that the hearing had provided a good opportunity for discussion with attendees being given the chance to speak. The hearings would continue until the end of the week and Mr Lucas advised that he intended to attend on the last day for the summing up.

Lewes District Council had confirmed that it was challenging the housing delivery figures. It did not accept the accuracy of the numbers and was considering a legal challenge if necessary. It was noted that Uckfield had been allocated an extra 1000 homes which would have an effect on Newick in respect of increased traffic movement and air quality. Discussion was also taking place regarding the possible requirement for developers to provide electric vehicle charging points.

**5.5.2** Progress on national expectations – consideration of issues surrounding new housing delivery test – as above.

**6. Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meetings 2019/10** – It was agreed to keep the current frequency of Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meetings in the coming year until further notice, subject to review by the newly elected Council.

**7. Items for the next Agenda** – Items marked \* to appear on every agenda until further notice.

The Committee unanimously thanked Mr Lucas for chairing this committee for the last four years.

**The meeting closed at 7.34 p.m.**

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

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