

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.25 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs. B. Deacon, P. Tibbs, M. Thew, C. Wickens

**In Attendance:** Mrs. E Reece (Clerk)  
Four members of the general public

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

The meeting was scheduled to start at 7.15pm but started at 7.25pm due to the finish time of the Planning Committee immediately before.

**1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for this committee**

It was agreed that Cllr. Thew should be elected Chairman for this committee (nominated by Cllr. Wickens and seconded by Cllr. Deacon). It was agreed that Cllr. Deacon should be elected Vice Chairman for this committee (nominated by Cllr. P Tibbs and seconded by Cllr Thew).

**2. Apologies for Absence** - No apologies had been received.

**3. Co-option of any non-councillor committee members** - it was agreed that Mr Ken Wrench should be co-opted as a non-councillor committee member (unanimous). It was noted that non-councillor members do not have voting rights.

*Mr Wrench joined the committee at the meeting table*

*A member of the general public joined the meeting bringing the total to four*

**4. 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 none declared

**5. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were no questions or Statements by Members of the Public at this stage but Mr. J. Simmons was invited to talk during item 7.

*It was agreed to bring agenda item 10.1 forward*

**10.1 Litter picking group** – It was proposed that the committee would start a new litter picking group within the village. Mr C Saunders has agreed to be involved in the new project. The committee stated they hope to involve some younger members of parish by speaking to school, scouts, guides etc. Cllr. Thew reported that LDC has a recycling section which supports litter picking groups. The committee noted it would be important to communicate with the handyman who also collects litter within his role. Cllr. Thew is seeking advice on health/safety and how to advertise. **Action Cllr. Thew**

*It was agreed to bring agenda item 7 forward*

**7. Update on Newick Sports Pavilion Development Project** - Mr. Simmons. A presentation was circulated prior to the meeting. Mr. Simmons outlined how the Sports Pavilion Management Committee was in the process of applying for charitable status and that the new organisation would be seeking a 30-year lease from the Parish Council. The committee discussed potential avenues of fundraising including the CIL pots at Parish and District Level. Cllr. Thew also stated that the remaining capital from the recent land sale would also be available for the community to decide how it should be spent. It was agreed to start investigating process of lease drafting – **Action Clerk**

*20.02 three members of the general public left the meeting*

- 6. Review of Terms of Reference for this committee** – a draft Terms of Reference was previously circulated. Minor amendments were agreed for the Clerk to type up for consideration by the Parish Council – **Action Clerk ER.**

Cllr. Tibbs stated his concerns about the condition of Newick Parish Council Noticeboards. Cllr. Deacon agreed to refurbish – **Action Cllr. Deacon.**

- 7. Update on Newick Sports Pavilion Development Project** - Mr Simmons – this item had been brought forward to earlier in the meeting.

**8. Environment Issues: -**

8.1 To note arrangements for annual inspection of The Green and other PC owned open spaces – It was noted that the arrangements were agreed at the June Parish Council Meeting and that the process was underway.

8.2 Complaints of dog fouling and consideration of any action required – It was agreed to add this item to the Autumn newsletter with reference to users having to clear it up before using KGVPF and that CCTV is in place.

8.3 To note grounds maintenance contract due to be renewed for 2020 and to agree arrangements – It was agreed that the frequency should remain the same. The weeds growing in various parts of the village were discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would look at whether this was covered in current maintenance contract and discuss the issue with Village Handyman. It was also agreed to speak to the village handyman about the overgrown vegetation at the 40mph sign coming into the village - **Clerk to action.**

Cllr. Deacon reported back from the Anti-social behaviour focus group he attended and stated he was going to liaise with the users of the skate ramp to gain insight as to what they want going forward.

**9. Playing Fields Issues**

9.1 To note arrangements for annual inspection of KGVPF & Manwaring Robertson field – It was noted that the arrangements were agreed at the June Parish Council Meeting and that the process was underway.

9.2 To note annual and monthly play area inspection reports and consider any work required – Cllr. Deacon gave a report on the usability of the Skate Ramp – It was agreed to approach the village handyman to discuss filling in the gaps in the concrete. Page 8 recommended cleaning moss, Page 11 recommended rust being repainted and page 20 of skate park report recommended cleaning the basketball facility. It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss with the village handyman undertaking this work. Cllr. Deacon agreed to look at the trampoline litter. All other recommendations were noted.

9.3 To consider possible replacement of picnic bench – It was agreed not to replace the picnic bench at KGVPF as a vandal proof/graffiti proof option was prohibitively expensive. It was agreed to include this matter in the Autumn Newsletter.

9.4 To consider complaint regarding lack of shade in children's play area – This complaint was noted by the committee. It was discussed that whilst the playground itself does not have a man-made shade structure or natural materials, the KGVPF offers several shaded tree areas and the design of the park was voted for by parents in the community.

**10. Update on possible future projects: -**

- 10.1 **Litter picking group** – Cllr Thew – this item had been brought forward to earlier in the meeting.
- 10.2 **Outdoor Gym Equipment** – It was discussed that this is likely to be CIL application at Parish and District level and the location needs to be considered in line with the Sports Pavilion Redevelopment.
- 10.3 **Skate Park** – Cllr Deacon reported he has been engaging with local resident and has more work to do with engaging students at local primary and secondary schools. Cllr. Deacon is also hoping to meet with Chris Bibb and will be including minutes of the Anti-Social Behavior Focus Group in the next youth engagement report.
- 10.4 **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – it was agreed to recirculate last SLR meeting minutes.

**Other projects discussed;**

- Meet the councillor – To include CIL application process relaunch – Parish Clerk to invite District Councilor and all Parish Councilors. The event is to be held 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 – 10am –12pm. Parish Clerk to draft poster and book Community Centre.
- Parking issues – to include in next newsletter how to park/where to park.
- Tree planting project – Cllr. Wickens stated free trees available – to go on future projects list.

**11. Strengthening Local Relationships** – To agree agenda items for SLR meeting 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - It was agreed to look at last meeting's agenda.

**12. Request from Uckfield Grasshopper Under 8's for permission to use KGVPF for training** – it was agreed to approach Chailey and Newick Colts/Football Club to discuss. In principle the committee had no objections but needed them to hire the pavilion for toilet facilities

Items for next agenda - to come from the future projects list

*Meeting closed at 21.07*

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