

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th November 2019 in the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick

Present: Councillors C. Armitage, B. Deacon, B. Hodge, D. Marchant, V. Marchant, P Tibbs, B. Whitlock, T. Whitlock and C. Wickens

In Attendance: Mrs E. Reece (Clerk)
District Councillor Roy Burman
Thirteen members of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting

Meeting commenced 7.02pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. K Tibbs and Thew.
- 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** – Cllr. D Marchant disclosed an interest in item 8.2 LW/19/0809. Cllr. Deacon disclosed an interest in item 8.2 LW/19/0806 and LW/19/0807.
- 3. Exclusion of the Press and Public** – It was agreed that any members of the press and public still present may be excluded for agenda item 8.8 if the Council's discussions became commercially sensitive.
- 4. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** –

Mr West, owner and developer of the land between Vernons Road and the Rough spoke about the latest application for planning permission on the site. He stated that this further application was smaller than the outline consent originally granted. He advised the Council he has now lodged an appeal for his most recent application which was recently declined by Lewes District Planning Committee. He stated that his planning consultant felt this appeal would be successful and that if the Parish Council did not agree the application being considered tonight then he would get planning permission for the larger properties at appeal.

Mr Strachan spoke regarding the parcel of land for sale in the Ashdown View Estate. He said that he planned to bid in conjunction with his neighbour. He stated he has been mowing weeding etc the land and that it gives his property access to his back garden. He said he is not wishing to develop it and has a letter from 1980 giving him permission to look after the land.

Mrs Afford of Oldaker Road spoke regarding item 8.2 LW/19/0809. She stated that the building would overshadow her bungalow and that the new plans were only slightly tweaked. Mrs Afford stated that the building planned would be overbearing and she would accept two retirement bungalows or one detached bungalow. She said that the current plans would have an adverse value to her property and urged the Council members to consider how they would feel if it was their elderly relative living next door to the development.

Mrs Cox spoke representing her mother at 6 Vernons Road, who has recently returned from care home. She raised concerns regarding effect on daylight that the plans at Vernons Road/The Rough would have. She said plans still do not take this into account. Mrs Cox said whilst there is some size reduction in the dwelling plans at the front there needs reduction at back. She stated the plans had not materially changed, they had the same wall positioning and the footings and slab is already in place.

Mr Turk spoke regarding reviewing the Newick Neighbourhood Plan. He said he hopes the council will keep up firm resistance to keep to 100 new houses limit. He raised concerns about reserve site provision/rural acceptance site, and he was worried that NNP review would be used as a means of providing further homes. He stated the District Council will encourage the review and he expressed fears that Newick will become so large that it would no longer be a village. He said the Council is not near 2030 end date.

Mrs Stockwell spoke regarding NAESSA's plans for VE day 75 next year. She circulated a document of what monies NAESSA were asking for. The items requested were to pay for four toilets, use of public liability insurance and for the Parish Council to pay invoices that include VAT.

Mrs Harrison spoke regarding the food fair in 2020. She advised that it was just Mrs Smerdon and herself remaining, she confirmed Harris's fair won't be in attendance but they had lots of ideas to include the village. She stated she would like to include the Parish Council in the working party.

Item 12 was brought forward

12. Environment & Recreation:

12.1 SPMC – Written report from Cllr. Thew – this was circulated before the meeting and noted. Mr K Wrench was asked to confirm if there were any other points to raise and he advised that there was a further meeting on 27th November.

12.2 To agree initial Heads of Terms information to enable SPMC to pursue charitable status – A draft document was circulated prior to the meeting and the terms were unanimously agreed. Cllr. V Marchant raised a question about the Scouts potentially using any new building and the Clerk confirmed that the Heads of Terms only related to the current building.

12.3 To note Food Fair 2020 date (20th June) and agree minimum 2 named Councillors to join Food Fair working group. – Cllr Armitage stated he was opposed to having councillors on the food fair committee, that by using its funds accumulated to date it can stand on its own. He said that other groups use their own Public Liability Insurance. Cllr. Wickens stated that the Parish Council was incredibly busy with NNP, planning, litter picking, youth development, the Sports Pavilion redevelopment and that she has reservations about it being a council run thing. Cllr. Hodge agreed and said there are great people in village who organise events but didn't see it needed to involve the Parish Council. Cllr. Deacon agreed. The date of 20th June 2020 was agreed for use of the green. A vote was then made as to whether the council were involved in the organisation and put forward named councillors. 8 Councillors voted against Council involvement and one Councillor abstained.

It was agreed to bring item 11.9 forward

11.9 To consider the finance for NEASSA VE 75 celebrations – it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £275 for 4 toilets and that the Clerk would amend the budget to show that money coming from General Reserves in next year's budget. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to SALC/Internal audit regarding the reclaim of VAT for other invoices. It was agreed at the last meeting that the Council's Public Liability cover could be used providing members of the Parish Council were organising the event.

5. Report from Lewes District Councillor Roy Burman – Councillor Burman spoke and said there was not a great deal to report other than all things the Council are already aware of. He said he had unfortunately been told Mitchelswood was back for public consultation and that an appeal for 45 Allington Road had been lodged. Cllr. Burman said the recent refusals were robust. He said there was a misunderstanding regarding the outline planning permission on the land adjacent to The Rough/Vernons Road as the lines on the plan approved are irrelevant. He stated he was pleased with the outcome of the Woods Fruit Farm application and that it was preserving the nature of the village. He said we want this to be a country village.

Three members of the general public left the meeting at 7.34pm

6. Report from County Councillor Jim Sheppard – no report had been received and Cllr. Sheppard was not in attendance.

7. Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 29th October 2019 – these were approved with one minor error to be amended by the Clerk before publishing.

8. Planning:

8.1 Approval of draft minutes of Planning Committee Meeting 12th November 2019 – these were approved

8.2 Consideration of Planning Applications: -

<p>LW/19/0809</p>	<p>36A The Rough Final design, appearance, access</p> <p><i>All councillors present who were able to vote (8) voted unanimously to object to the plans.</i></p> <p>Cllr. D Marchant did not vote due to a conflict of interest declared earlier on in the meeting. The reasons for objection were as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The council can see no significant changes to the plans - The clear guidance from the planning officer for the last application has not been followed - Concerns regarding loss of light and privacy for neighbours - No measurements that could be understood on the submitted plans <p>Mr West interrupted to state that he purchased the land with outline consent and then raised his voice at his dissatisfaction of the outcome above. Cllr. Armitage stated that Mr West was not permitted to speak at this point in proceedings and requested that he leave the meeting. At 7.40pm Mr West was removed from the meeting room.</p> <p>Cllr. V Marchant stated that she felt Mr West was threatening.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would ask LDC to consider the application at committee.</p> <p>It was noted that the most recent previous application on this plot has already gone to appeal with a closing date for responses being 23rd December 2019. The response will be approved at the Planning Committee meeting on 10th December 2019.</p>
<p>LW/19/0806 LW/19/0807</p>	<p>4 Church Road Single-Storey rear extension, conversion of outbuilding, new garage, various internal alterations</p> <p><i>All councillors present who were able to vote (8) voted unanimously to object to the plans.</i></p> <p>Cllr. Deacon did not vote due to a conflict of interest declared earlier on in the meeting. The reasons for objection are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the annex is a dwelling and therefore contravenes policy HO1.6 of the Newick Neighbourhood Plan. - The plans contravene policy EN1 as out of keeping in conservation area - The roof shape is out of keeping with the character of the area.

8.3 Approvals/Refusals etc. –

It was noted that the following applications had been **approved** by Lewes District Council;

LW/19/0677 39 High Hurst Close – Householder for Demolition of existing garage, erection of ground floor side extension and front porch.

It was noted that the following applications had been **declined** by Lewes District Council;

LW/18/0351 Woods Fruit Farm Goldbridge Road – Planning Application for Demolition of Oakside and erection of 69 residential homes, with associated access, car parking, cycle parking, refuse/recycling storage, landscaping and infrastructure

Cllr. Armitage thanked Cllr. Wickens for her hard work on the LDC Planning Committee statement. Cllr. Wickens thanked Tony Turk, Mel Goddard and Baroness Cumberledge for their support.

8.4 Tree Works Applications – there were none to report

8.5 Update on Mitchelswood Farm appeal - Cllr Wickens advised that she will update at next Planning Committee

8.6 Update on Woods Fruit Farm application – covered in item 8.3

8.7 Update on Lewes District Local Plan if available – Cllr Burman confirmed that there was no update to report.

8.8 Land for sale in Ashdown View Estate – Cllr. Wickens stated she had looked in detail at legal pack, and the comments from the Clerk and fellow Councillors. Cllr. T Whitlock explained concerns regarding cases in Milton Keynes where residents had been charged for access. The matter of the maintenance of the land by the Parish Council was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr. T Whitlock would draft a letter to the auctioneers.

8.9 To consider response for Lewes and Eastbourne Planning Policy Consultations - Statement of Community Involvement for Lewes District – no response received when Clerk requested link to participate – **Clerk to chase**

8.10 To consider review of Newick Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Wickens stated that the planning committee decided it would review the NNP at last meeting. She said that when plan was put together there were no trip wires, now there are many. She stated that the Parish Council know there are things on the NNP which would now change, we accept that and whether the Parish Council have reserve sites etc are to be decided during the review process. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Tondra Thom and Julia Edwards to the January Parish Council meeting

The remaining members of the general public (9 people) and District Councillor Burman left the meeting at 8.09pm

9. Clerk's Report – To note report from Clerk including correspondence received in November 2019. – This included;

- CCLA deposit fund update
- Barclays access
- Emergency plan
- Internal audit
- Newsletter content and plans for 2020
- Christmas Tree
- Annual leave
- CIL money received
- Feedback from author of Newick Retold
- The Bull pub's use of A board.

Additional items reported to the Council included;

- Change of interest rate for Cambridge and Counties
- Refurbishment of noticeboards
- Request from Handy man for equipment

It was agreed that the Clerk would approach the Pantry to see if they were willing to sell the book and if there are that the money would be split between the Pantry and NAESSA.

10. Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman. - There were none to report.

11. Financial Matters:

11.1 To consider final budget for 2020 including minor amendments from draft – It was agreed to apply for a precept of £66,000.

11.2 To authorise Schedule of Payments for November 2019 and arrangements for approving payments – It was agreed Cllrs. Armitage and Deacon would authorise the following payments;

List of Payments made between 01/11/2019 and 30/11/2019

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
30/11/2019	Telefonica UK Ltd	DD	16.20		Mobile Phone November
30/11/2019	Mrs E Reece	401863699	2.80		Clerks Expenses
30/11/2019	East Sussex Pension Fund	126283455	426.00		Pension for November
30/11/2019	HM Revenue & Customs	648905967	275.50		HM Revenue & Customs
30/11/2019	Mrs E Reece	120622295	1,245.28		Mrs E Reece
30/11/2019	Mr P Frost	54608331	105.30		Mr P Frost
30/11/2019	D. Sankey Ltd	37816679	100.80		D. Sankey Ltd
30/11/2019	Newick Window Cleaning	414767293	100.00		Newick Window Cleaning
30/11/2019	Lewes District Council	93542212	18.00		Lewes District Council
30/11/2019	Treewise Tree Services	689788953	480.00		Treewise Tree Services
30/11/2019	Mrs SE Berry	630611811	321.25		Mrs SE Berry
30/11/2019	Qik Group Ltd	98964145	408.00		Qik Group Ltd
30/11/2019	SPORTS PAVILION - Barclays C/A	864389164	752.36		VAT reclaimed for SP
30/11/2019	CCLA Public Sector Fund	TRANS	50,000.00		CCLA Public Sector Fund
30/11/2019	Peter Howes	919443256	294.00		Peter Howes
Total Payments			<u>54,545.49</u>		

11.3 To agree arrangements for approving payments in December – It was agreed the same people would approve in November and December.

11.4 To receive statement of performance against budget as at end October 2019 – this was received with no issues.

11.5 To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972) (if any) – there were none.

11.6 To consider quotations received including results of Grounds Maintenance tender – it was agreed to continue with Barcombe Landscapes until 2023.

11.7 To consider final draft of Capital Policy – this document was approved

11.8 To agree Petty Cash account spending limit/balance - a running balance/spending limit of £500 was agreed

11.9 To consider the finance for NEASSA VE 75 celebrations – this was covered earlier in the meeting.

12. Environment & Recreation: *this agenda item was covered earlier in the meeting*

13. Committees' and Councillors' Reports:

13.1 SLR – Cllrs. Armitage and Thew – Cllr. Armitage confirmed the road closure start time has moved back. There was a suggestion of silt removal being recycled which Highways have since advised is not possible. Cllr. Armitage advised that the Highway Steward was going to speak to the Water Board regarding the sink hole outside Newick Tandoori.

13.2 VHMC – Cllrs B Whitlock & T Whitlock – Cllr. B Whitlock gave a summary of items discussed in the last meeting. VHMC minutes to follow.

13.3 Newick Rootz – Report from Cllr Wickens - Cllr. Wickens reported that 120 tree whips have been planted along Jackie's Lane in Reedens Meadow. These trees had been received free of charge. Cllr. Wickens stated that Friday 29th November was a mixed workday and that Rootz were hoping to repair the log bench on Manwaring Robertson Field if time permitted.

14. Speedwatch – Cllr. Armitage – it was agreed to place an article in next newsletter

15. To consider policy for procedure in the event of the death of the Monarch or other significant figure – the policy was agreed with minor amendments on flag wording.

16. To agree articles and content for the Winter edition of Newsletter –

- Post Office – Clerk
- Mitchelswood and Woods Fruit Farm – Cllr. Wickens

- New Newsletter format – Clerk
- Autumn litter picking and Speedwatch – Cllr. Armitage
- Vacancy for Lollipop volunteer at school – Clerk
- Meet your Councillor event January 2020 - Clerk

Cllr. Armitage reported that he had spoken to the owners of Newick News recently and he confirmed there was no Parish funding available.

17. To agree who will prepare the next informal update to be posted on social media – Cllr. P Tibbs agreed to prepare the next update to include 45 Allington Road, Woods Fruit Farm, NEASSA, and thanks to Tom Stovold, Southern Events for Christmas Tree.

18. To agree single point of contact responsibilities - SPOC roles were agreed and the Clerk agreed to type up and circulate.

19. Items for next agenda - None

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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