

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th September 2021 at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick

This meeting was postponed from its original date of 31st August 2021 due to COVID 19 issues

Present: Councillors C. Armitage, B. Hodge, V. Marchant, A. Sippetts, M. Thew, B. Whitlock, T. Whitlock, C. Wickens.

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)
One member of public

The meeting commenced at 7.02pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – apologies had been received from Cllr. D Marchant, Maria Caulfield and Matthew Milligan. Cllr. Wrench was not present, Councillor Armitage agreed to contact Cllr. Wrench via email.
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 none.

Cllr. V Marchant joined the meeting at 7.04pm
3. **Exclusion of the Press and Public** – There was no reason to exclude the Press or members of the public from any part of the meeting.
4. **To agree author and content of monthly Social Media update** – Cllr. V Marchant agreed to write this
5. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were none.
6. **Co-option of up to one new councillor (if candidates have put themselves forward)** – There were none.
7. **To agree who will prepare the next informal update to be posted on social media** – this item was a duplication and covered earlier in the meeting.
8. **Report from Lewes District Councillor Roy Burman** – Cllr. Burman was not present and there was no report. Cllr. Armitage agreed to ask Cllr. Burman regarding frequency of grass cutting by LDC.
9. **Report from County Councillor Matthew Milligan** – Cllr. Milligan was not present.
10. **Report from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield** – a report had been circulated prior to the meeting and this was noted.
11. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 27th July 2021** – These were considered and approved with one amendment to the date – Clerk to amend.

Item 16 was brought forward

16. Environment & Recreation:

- 16.1 Annual independent play inspection report, repairs to playground and results of Councillor asset inspection report including any remedial work required and skate

ramp graffiti – Councillor Thew reviewed the asset list and discussed action points including a field maple. It was agreed to apply for a TPO for this tree. The Clerk agreed to send the tree map to Cllr. Thew to identify the correct tree and look for the number of a further tree which appeared to have died. Cllr. Thew agreed to draft letter to LDC regarding planning application consultation letters being displayed inappropriately. A tree stump near the Royal Oak was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk would contact Treewise for quote to grind the stump out. It was agreed to get quotes for repairs to the fencing near the Village Stores and to the metal bar on the wall between the bakers and the community centre.

- 16.2** Skateboard Ramp project including questionnaire and consultation day – Cllr. Thew gave a summary of the surveys returned and the open day. An ideas wall and map for locations were well used and there was a lot of information collected. Joshua Hayden introduced himself at the open day and has kindly offered to give some advice as he has previous experience in skate park planning. Cllr. Thew agreed to arrange another working party meeting to look at next steps to move the project forward including examining drainage on Playing Field. It was noted that the safety inspections received from Lewes District Council show that both the Skate Park and the Playground passed checks. Cllr. Armitage thanked the Councillors which organised the open day. CIL money was discussed and the conversation turned to the pavement on the Green – it was agreed to add this to October PC meeting agenda.

The member of the public left the meeting

- 16.3** Report from Cllr. Thew on meeting of NSPCT held 3/8/21, Pavilion Development and update on lease for Pavilion – The notes from the meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. Issues with the playing fields that were relevant to the clubs from the asset inspection were discussed. It was reported that the lease has been signed by both parties and is with NPC's solicitor.
- 16.4** To discuss ongoing reports of anti-social behaviour – there were many reports of anti-social behaviour at the Skate Park Open Day but residents are not reporting via 101. It was agreed the Clerk would ask the PCSO if there were any signs that the police already have. Having a video on newick talk was discussed. Cllr. Wickens suggested having a minor celebrity do the video. The recent safety search was discussed and the interest levels on social media. Cllr. Armitage gave a summary of actions and discussions with Sussex Police. The graffiti on the skateboard ramp was discussed and it was agreed to leave the current graffiti at present as it is not offensive in terms language or symbols at present.
- 16.5** To discuss planning a litterpicking event – Cllr. Thew researched Keep Britain Tidy events and intends to run the next event in the spring.
- 16.6** To consider missing bench (number 15) and what action to take – it was agreed to take no action at this stage in terms of replacement and Cllr. V Marchant agreed look into the matter further.
- 16.7** To consider street name signs which need attention – When Cllr. Armitage undertook the asset inspection he noticed a number of road signs that were in poor repair. Cllr. Thew reported one that was damaged and had reported it. Cllr. Armitage agreed to type a list up of signs that needed attention and send it to the Clerk.
- 16.8** To discuss reports of mole hills on the Green and what action to take – It was noted that the fair was now on the Green and it was agreed to review at a latter date.
- 16.9** To discuss a gate at the car park of KGVPF – Cllr. Armitage noted that a person at the open day suggested a gate for the car park but the Councillors all agreed the logistics of locking the gate at night meant that in was agreed to be not viable.

12. Planning:

- 12.1** Approval of draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 10th August 2021 – These were agreed as a true record.
- 12.2** Applications;

<p>LW/21/0487 & LW/21/0488</p>	<p>6 Church Road Variation of condition 1 in relation to approval LW/19/0121, to retain and refurbish the existing garage with a new, more robust structure in place of the existing carport</p> <p><i>Cllr. Whitlock left meeting at 8.21pm</i></p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to object to this application on the basis that it has not addressed <i>all</i> the issues from the previous application. Specifically the resultant incongruously large outbuilding in full view of the Conservation Area is considered contrary to Policy DM25 and DM25 of the Lewes District Local Plan Part 2.</p>
<p>LW/21/0674</p>	<p>Strawberry Cottage Jackies Lane Tennis court with 3m high fence</p> <p><i>Cllr. Whitlock re-joined the meeting at 8.24pm</i></p> <p>It was agreed to make no comment but to request that it was not made for commercial use and subject to satisfactory surface water draining being in place.</p>

12.3 Approvals/Refusals etc. - there were none.

12.4 To note withdrawal of application for Telephone Exchange site LW/20/0517 - this was noted.

12.5 To note submission of comments for Woods Fruit Farm appeal LW/20/0298 – this was noted.

12.6 Tree Works Applications including TW/21/0052/TPO (no comment), TW/21/0053/TCA (no comment) and TW/21/0056/TPO (no paperwork).

12.7 To discuss and agree actions on the decision from Lewes District Council to no longer send decision notices to Parish Councils – Cllr. Armitage agreed to discuss further with LDALC.

13. Clerk's Report – To note report from Clerks including correspondence received in August/September 2021.

This included;

- Missing bench – Bench number 15 has been confirmed as missing
- Sports Pavilion Lease – This has now been signed by both parties and sent everything to Ian Davison
- Oak Survey – The annual survey of the Oak on Powell Road/Oldaker Road was completed 6th September
- Bonfire night - NBS committee meeting on the 22nd September 2021

The following was also noted;

- An inspection of the Green is required after the fair leaves – Cllrs. Armitage and Hodge agreed to do this
- Electric vehicle charging and general power of competence
- Drugs reported by local resident found in hedge
- A complaint regarding a dog near Reedens Meadow
- External Audit completed and to be formally noted in next PC meeting
- Further update from Newick Bonfire Society plans

14. Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman

The following actions were undertaken under Delegated Powers these were reported to Councillors via informal meetings or email prior to being actioned;

General

- Final version of Issues and Options, Lewes Local Plan review has been sent to LDC
- Payments authorised as per payments listing circulated
- Bronja Whitlock nominated to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee
- Bonfire road closure consultation completed – no objections from NPC
- To consider request from Newick Cricket to erect their marquee Friday 24th September for an awards ceremony (dismantling on Saturday morning) – This was agreed
- It was agreed to allow Shaylers Fair to rent the Green week commencing 13th September 2021

Planning comments

LW/21/0629 LW/21/0630	Sarah's Cottage, The Green Single storey rear extension No comment
LW/21/0637	36 High Street Two storey rear extension with related internal alterations, fenestration improvements and associated hard and soft landscaping works No comment
LW/21/0638	55 Allington Road Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of 4 dwelling houses Objection
LW/21/0645	1 Vernons Road Single storey rear extension and two-storey side extension with mansard roof Objection

Payments

Time: 10:35

Barclays Debit Card

List of Payments made between 01/08/2021 and 31/08/2021

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
31/08/2021	Printerland	DC	61.54		Black Toner
31/08/2021	Amazon UK	DC	9.77	Consultation morning	Post it notes for Skate Park
31/08/2021	Amazon UK	DC	4.99		Sticky Dots Skate Park
Total Payments			76.30		

Time: 10:35

Unity Trust Bank

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31/08/2021	Fields in Trust	125042022	360.00		Fields in Trust
31/08/2021	East Sussex Pension Fund	162719484	489.35		Pension Contributions
31/08/2021	Mrs E Reece	472701508	1,442.16		Clerk Salary
31/08/2021	Telefonica UK Ltd	DD	16.86		Mobile Phone
31/08/2021	Mrs SE Berry	218799004	512.17		Locum
31/08/2021	Lewes District Council	719559547	18.00		Play Inspection
31/08/2021	Lewes District Council	922315253	18.00		Play inspection
31/08/2021	TG Tapp	931496671	1,106.40		Wall repair Community Centre
31/08/2021	HM Revenue & Customs	274136274	385.04		Tax & NI
31/08/2021	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	76.30		Top up
31/08/2021	Mr P Howes	390633156	495.00	Village Handyman	Mr P Howes

15. Financial Matters:

- 15.1 To receive statement of performance against budget as at end July 2021 – This was considered and noted
- 15.2 To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972) – There were none
- 15.3 To consider quotations received (if received) – There were none
- 15.4 To note receipt of second instalment of the Precept from Lewes District Council – This was noted

16. Environment & Recreation

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

17. Committees' and Councillors' Reports:

- 17.1 Newick Village Hall Management Committee (NVHMC) – Cllr. B Whitlock was unable to attend the AGM due to rehearsals with NADS. It was noted that the ceiling work has been completed but the redecorating needs to be completed.

18. Consultations:

- 18.1 Consultation on Lewes District Council licensing and gambling policies - Lewes and Eastbourne Councils (lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk) – This was completed by Cllr. Armitage and noted that this was mainly targeted at more urban area.
- 18.2 Bus Service consultation from ESCC - This was completed by Cllr. Armitage and noted again that this was mainly targeted at more urban area - for example, bus lanes.

- 19. To consider request for public electric car charging facilities – As the Parish Council does not pay the electric for any building or have the power to provide electricity it was agreed not to pursue this further.

- 20. To consider plans for Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations 2022 – Cllr. Thew gave an overview of what is planned nationally. It was agreed that the Parish Council should look into celebrating the occasion. It was agreed to include this in the social media update.

21. To discuss membership of South East Climate Alliance (<https://seclimatealliance.uk/>) – Cllr. V Marchant – It was agreed to move this to next meeting

22. Items for next agenda

Changes to white paper and letter to Maria Caulfield
South East Climate Alliance
Update on Jubilee Celebrations 2022

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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