

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 8th February 2022 at 7.22 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. C. Armitage, V. Marchant, M. Thew (Chair), B. Whitlock, T. Whitlock and C. Wickens
Non councillor – Mrs J Smerdon

In Attendance: Mrs S Berry (Locum Clerk)
Four members of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

- 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 Members of the Public** – There were no questions or Statements by Members of the Public at this point in the meeting.
- 4. Update on Sports Pavilion Meeting** – a report on the meeting of Newick Sports Pavilion Charitable Trust had been circulated prior to the meeting by Cllr. Wickens who had attended the meeting. The report included updates on the maintenance and improvements programme, the pavilion development project, and the Big Jubilee Lunch which would take place on the recreation ground on Sunday 5th June 2022 as part of HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The next meeting of the Trust would be held on 3rd May 2022.
- 5. Update on Skate Park including expression of interest form and pre-planning application** – Cllr. Thew gave an update on the project to renew the skate park equipment. She advised that some public consultation had already taken place and three companies had been invited to put forward designs and costings for the supply and installation of the new equipment. The projected costs ranged between £58k and £130k. It was noted that the Council have been communicating with several experienced skateboarders in the village who are reviewing potential designs from a user perspective to ensure the Council plan a practical and versatile facility for all abilities and ages.

The next steps would be to submit an expression of interest bid for partial funding of the project from the Lewes DC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) pot and to make a pre-planning application to Lewes DC Planning Department in order to ascertain that the project would be viable and deliverable before agreeing the final design.

It was intended that further information would be available at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 18th May 2022 and that residents living near to the site would be kept informed.

At 19.42 it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders in order allow the members of the public present at the meeting to ask questions regarding the Skate Park project.

Concern was expressed by members of the public about the location of the proposed new skate ramp, whether or not this would comply with current guidelines and how much noise and loss of privacy would result.

Standing Orders were resumed at 19.58

- 6. Outdoor Gym Equipment** – Cllr. Thew gave an update on the outdoor gym equipment project. She advised that this had been well supported following recent consultation

and that work was ongoing to develop the design, taking into account the need for the equipment to be accessible. It had been agreed that the new equipment would be located in the place where the youth shelter currently stands and that the shelter would be removed. The project would be funded with up to £10k from the Parish Council's CIL fund. It was noted that the CCTV equipment had recently been upgraded and that assurances had been received that the range of the cameras could be extended to cover the location of the outdoor gym equipment which would help to deter anti-social behaviour.

Four members of the public left the meeting at 20.04

7. **Newick Allotment Society AGM** – Cllr Marchant reported on the Newick Allotment Society AGM which she had attended. Two issues had been raised by the Society on which Cllr. Marchant sought clarification. One was the removal of a fallen tree on the Cricketfield allotment site and the other was the cutting back of trees on the boundary of the Cornwells Bank allotment site, both of which the Society believed were outside its remit. It was agreed that the Clerk would be asked to check the lease agreement and confirm the procedure for getting this work done to Cllr. Marchant. **Action Clerk**
8. **Climate Change** – Cllr. Marchant confirmed that she had contacted Lewes DC to ask for confirmation of what could and what could not be put into household recycling bins. A definitive list had been promised but had not arrived at the time of the meeting.
9. **Environment Issues** – Cllr. Armitage reported that he was arranging a meeting with the ESCC Strengthening Local Relations team to discuss the possible replacement of the cracked paving slabs on The Green with paving bricks.
10. **Items for the next agenda** – Agenda for the next meeting to contain the same items as for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.19

Signed:

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