

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th July 2022 at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick

Present: Councillors B. Hodge, D. Marchant, V, Marchant, M. Thew, B. Whitlock, T Whitlock, C. Wickens and K.Wrench.

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)
Seven members of the public

Cllr. B and T Whitlock had given their apologies for the start of the meeting as they would be arriving late.

Councillor Wickens chaired this meeting in Cllr. Armitage's absence.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Armitage, Penfold and Sippetts. Apologies had also been received from Maria Caulfield and Matthew Milligan.
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
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** – It was agreed that Cllr. Thew would write this.
5. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** –

MOP1 spoke against the application at the Telephone Exchange. He shared concerns about the application being an outline application and as such, subject to change. He stated they still have the same objections since the last application as nothing changed to a material degree.

MOP 2 stated that this application had generated a number of questions and felt underhand so it was more of a concern.

MOP 3 stated they had no confidence that the reduction in number of units is legally binding and that the applicant is trying to avoid the scrutiny from LDC Planning Committee which sounds underhand. They stated that if Parish Councillors can provide any technical legal advice, it would be very welcome.

MOP 4 stated that when the last application was considered by the LDC planning committee, the Chair was keen for the developer to speak to neighbours – She stated that they still have not had that opportunity

MOP 5 stated that he wanted to amplify concerns on lighting for the Telephone Exchange application. He stated that the last thing he wanted to see is a beacon even with a cowl or cap on. Newick Parish Council have previously stated this is a post planning issue, and once planning granted it will be determined by Highway authority. He stated that as a Parish Council, Councillors should stick to their guns and insist on no illumination. If LDC still go for it then the Parish Council has still upheld their side.

6. **Report from Lewes District Councillor Roy Burman** – Roy Burman was not present.

- 7. **Report from County Councillor Matthew Milligan** – Matthew Milligan was not present.
- 8. **Report from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield including discussion on newsletter article received 11th July 2022** – Maria Caulfield was not present, and a report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Wickens noted that Maria Caulfield stated in her comments on house building that she had met with all local Parishes on this issue. Cllr. Wickens disputed that. Cllr. Hodge suggested writing back, noting her comments but stating that Newick was not included in her discussions. It was agreed to proceed on this basis.

- 9. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28th June 2022** – These were considered and approved.
- 10. **To discuss climate change including Dark Skies policy and OVESCO – Cllr. V Marchant**

A draft Dark Skies policy had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs. Thew, Hodge, D. Marchant and Wickens all stated that they supported the proposal. It was agreed that the policy would be restructured for final consideration in the August Parish Council meeting.

Cllr. Marchant stated that she had spoken to OVESCO who are really keen to work with Newick. She stated they like to tag on the back of something. It was agreed to invite OVESCO to the 10th September open day at the Sports Pavilion.

- 11. **Planning:**
 - 11.1 Planning Applications (If plans available on LDC website)

LW/22/0456	<p>Land At The Telephone Exchange Goldbridge Road Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of up to 30 dwellings (including 40 % affordable)</p> <p><i>A seventh member of the public arrived.</i></p> <p>It was agreed to object for the following reasons;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The two previous applications refused</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Design & Access Statement unchanged from previously refused application</p> <p>NPC are concerned this is an attempt to circumvent further consideration by the LDC Planning Committee. Firstly by obtaining outline permission by use delegated powers and then by submitting their previous application to the Planning Department, again with a suggestion that delegated powers be used again.</p> <p>NNP policy HO3 is very clear. HO3.3 states that 30 homes may be constructed on the site and along with HO3.4 requires a genuine mix of housing types. HO3.4 adds that 12 of the homes shall be affordable and should be reasonably representative of the site mix. It states that the advice of the LHA concerning current needs should be taken into account. The previous application referred to affordable housing being delivered via 12 one bedroom flats and 2 two bedroom houses. There is no breakdown of how the affordable housing provisions will be met in this application. The preponderance of 1 bedroom homes, rather than a more</p>
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	<p>proportionate mix of two bedroom homes, does not match either the needs of the village to retain its young families in the village; nor would it match the requirements of HO3.4.</p> <p>LDC's rules for submitting an outline planning application stipulate various items. One is a statement of community involvement. There has been no community involvement. The rules also ask for a planning statement for a major development. NPC do not consider that any such statement has been received.</p> <p>Policy EN3 supports the extension of footpaths and twittens. We request that a condition of this application includes pedestrian access between the neighbouring Woods Fruit farm site (policy HO4) and this site, so that all residents have access to this twitten as they do to all other twittens within the Village. Similarly the existing but overgrown path to Church Road should be considered for inclusion as an unlit twitten as opposed to being thought of as a footpath.</p> <p>Policy HO1.5 concerns off-road parking. We would desire that any full application matches this policy and also that of HO1.8 in regard to there be no street lighting.</p> <p>NPC are concerned about having two vehicular exits onto the A272 in close proximity from this site and the adjacent Woods Fruit Farm site (LW 22/0220) site and have previously requested that these two sites be considered together.</p> <p><i>Cllrs. B and T Whitlock arrived 7.51pm</i></p> <p><i>Five members of the general public left at the end of this discussion.</i></p>
<p>LW/22/0464 LW/22/0465</p>	<p>Hurstbourne Cottage, Cornwell's Bank Construction of a pool house to rear with associated hard and soft landscaping</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make no comment</p>

11.2 Approvals/Refusals etc.

It was noted that the following have been agreed by Lewes District Council;
 LW/22/0369 Former Stables Of The Old Rectory Church Road Conversion of existing toilet facilities to create Changing Places, extension
 LW/21/0828 Land To The Rear Of Oldaker Road erection of 3-bedroom detached dwelling with associated access and on-site parking (resubmission of LW/20/0842)

11.3 Tree Works Applications TW/22/0055/TPO 4 Acerlands – it was agreed to make no comment

11.4 To note letter sent to Leigh Palmer in July 2022 and discuss reply received 12th July 2022 – This was noted. Disappointment in this response was discussed but it was agreed to make no further comment at this stage.

11.5 To review Planning Resource cover schedule – It was agreed that Cllr. Thew would cover August and Cllr. T Whitlock would cover September.

12 Clerk's Report – To note report from Clerks including correspondence received in June/July 2022.

This included:

- Parking on Allington Road
- Back gate in fence at Manwaring Robertson Field
- Hedge on Green
- Bench maintenance
- Annual leave
- Audit
- Grant application to safer communities
- Zoe Nicolson reply on Issues and Options

13 Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman including Food Fair Banners – it was noted that emergency repair works had been undertaken at the Playground in consultation with the Chair of the E&R committee and the Vice Chair (acting as Chair) Councillor Wickens.

14 Financial Matters:

14.1 To authorise Schedule of Payments for July 2022. It was agreed that Cllrs. Armitage or Sippetts and Thew would authorise the following payments;

Time: 12:50

Unity Trust Bank

List of Payments made between 01/07/2022 and 31/07/2022

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
31/07/2022	East Sussex Pension Fund	170523515	490.29		Pension contributions
31/07/2022	HM Revenue & Customs	272845435	396.69		NI & Tax
31/07/2022	Mrs E Reece	707934230	1,480.58		Clerk Salary
31/07/2022	Newick Bonfire Society	466845691	300.00		Jubilee Fireworks
31/07/2022	Information Commissioner	DD	35.00		Data protection renewal fee
31/07/2022	Hayleigh Horscroft	886330807	150.00		Refund on rent for marquee use
31/07/2022	NACCA	520065037	600.00		Community Centre office rent
31/07/2022	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	153.80		
31/07/2022	Lewes District Council	461672482	18.00		Play inspections
31/07/2022	Telefonica UK Ltd	DD	18.17		Mobile phone
31/07/2022	Peter Howes	700267452	396.00		Handyman July
31/07/2022	Pottinger Design Engineering	617515817	624.00		Pottinger Design Engineering
Total Payments			4,662.53		

It was noted that the following payments had also been made;

Time: 12:50

Barclays Debit Card

List of Payments made between 01/07/2022 and 31/07/2022

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
31/07/2022	Online Playgrounds	DC	153.80		Online Playgrounds
Total Payments			153.80		

Both Cllr. Armitage and Sippetts were not present and it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to both the following day to ask one of them to login and authorise the payments.

14.2 To receive statement of performance against budget as at June 2022 – this was noted

14.3 To note quarterly reconciliation of finances including bank statements – this was noted

- 14.4 To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972) – there were none
- 14.5 To consider quotations received (if received) – there were none

15 Environment & Recreation:

- 15.1 Skateboard Ramp project update from Cllr. Thew – Cllr. Thew stated that the planning permission is being considered by Lewes District Council and that there is an open day planned for 10th September.
- 15.2 Outdoor Gym Equipment update from Cllr. Thew – Cllr. Thew shared that the Clerk had contacted local Parish Councils to see what is well used and what machines are popular. Cllr. Thew reported that she would be looking at them in more detail and following a recommendation from Wivelsfield Parish Council, she would contact Fresh Air Fitness.
- 15.3 Playground wet pour damage report from Cllr. Thew – Cllr. Thew stated that an inspection recently identified big hole in the surface, so a repair was made using a repair kit. This surface will be monitored so more areas can be repaired if need be. Cllr. Thew also states that she had contacted Chris Bibb for advice on alternative surface as NPC need something that will last long term, be durable and there may be more choice now. Chris Bibb recommended Playsafe playgrounds and Cllr. Thew agreed to follow that up.
- 15.4 Pavilion Redevelopment update from Cllr. Penfold, Thew & Wickens – Cllr. Wickens attended the meeting and recommended that they get a project plan together. The Clerk stated that they intend to apply for funding. Cllr. V Marchant said that Ansty has had an amazing new pavilion built. Cllr. T Whitlock shared concerns about the project not being ready to fund at present. Cllr. D Marchant stated he would be reluctant to pass without plan and estimate as it would be throwing money something may not happen.
- 15.5 Update on paving on The Green from Cllr. Armitage – The Clerk stated that initial quotes have been received but they need to match with conservation officer advice.

16. Committees' and Councillors' Reports:

- 16.1 **Newick Rootz** – Cllr. Wickens gave an update from the latest workday on today which had been shared on Newick Talk.
- 16.2 **Village Hall Management Committee** – Cllr. B Whitlock shared that the VHMC had been successful with a CIL application for funding for the hall floor. Cllr. Whitlock also shared that there would be some redecoration in August.

17 Consultations:

- 17.1 **Newick Food Fair – request to use The Green with advertising board 24th/25th June 2023** – This was agreed. Concerns on the amount of rubbish that was left by the general public and how much work this had created for organisers was also discussed.

- 18. **To agree one page article for September issue of the Parish News** – it was agreed this would be the same as Newick talk

- 19. **To discuss ongoing concerns with parking in the village** – Discussions focused in on the corner of Allington Road/Church Road. It was felt that the three parking cones have helped and it was agreed to include the matter in the social media update.

20. To agree asset inspection for 2022 including fingerposts –

Open spaces – Cllrs. Armitage and Hodge
Playing Fields – Cllrs. Thew and Wickens
Fingerposts – Cllr. Sippetts

- 21. **To discuss ongoing concerns regarding the Newick branch of Lloyds Chemist** – Cllr. Wickens stated that the ongoing situation is a national problem, and that Newick is feeling it because the village is concerned about losing the pharmacy. Cllr. Wickens also stated that the Doctors Surgery is working differently so prescriptions can be sourced from alternative chemists.

- 22. **Items for next agenda** – Dark Skies, Paving Green, Capital funding.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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