

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 14th February 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs. C. Armitage, V Marchant, M. Thew (Chair), C. Wickens
Jenny Smerdon (non Councillor).

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

Cllr. Thew thanked the Committee for their work over the last four years as this was the last meeting before the end of the Council term.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Councillors B & T Whitlock. Councillor Penfold was not present.
- 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. V Marchant stated an interest in item 11.1
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
- 4. Update on Newick Sports Pavilion** – Clerk updated the Committee on the latest maintenance issues.
- 5. Update on Skate Park** – Cllr. Thew gave an overview of the recent meeting with neighboring properties. She also updated the Council on the research and quotes for fencing. The access road into Manwaring Robertson was also discussed and the suitability of types of top dressing.
- 6. Update on Outdoor Gym Equipment** – Cllr. Thew gave the Committee an update on progress, she stated that top soil was needed and different fencing was discussed.
- 7. Spring Clean litter pick** – The Clerk agreed to start advertising this event.
- 8. To discuss plans for the Coronation in June including commemorative gifts** – The Clerk/Cllr. Thew/Jenny Smerdon. A plan of events had been circulated prior to the meeting. The detail of plans were discussed Mrs Smerdon suggested the idea of streaming the concert on the Sunday afternoon/evening. Additional food options on Sunday night were also discussed and it was agreed to wait for the outcome of the Cricket Club's committee meeting. The Big Help out ideas were discussed for the Bank Holiday Monday.

Commemorative gifts were looked at and it was agreed to recommend to Full Council that bookmarks are presented to children of Newick. It was agreed to discuss how many to purchase in Full Council.

It was agreed to put up bunting and it was agreed to recommend to the Full Council that this was purchased for this event and future events.

- 9. Paving on Green** – to discuss wording of the survey. Question 2 the options for alternative projects were discussed and it was agreed to add tarmac, flooring of playground separate to play equipment and the option of 'other'.
- 10. Wildflower meadow residents letter – to review wording.** The wording of the draft wording was discussed and it was agreed to discuss with Councillor D Marchant whether dog fouling should be included. Councillor V Marchant questioned the use of the word 'bombing' in paragraph 3.

11. Maintenance issues

- 11.1 Bench Maintenance -Cllr. V Marchant stated that Peter and Nick are going to walk around surveying the benches and come back with list of actions.
- 11.2 Replacement bench on The Green – Cllr. Thew advised the Committee that the base has been laid by the contractor and the bench will be fitted soon.It was suggested that the 21st April 2023 could be a good date for official dedication.

12. Items for next agenda

It was noted that the next E&R meeting would be in June after the elections.

Meeting closed at 7.53pm

Signed:

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