

## Newick Parish Council

**Minutes** of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick

**Present:** Councillors, C. Armitage (Chair), B. Hodge, D. Marchant, V. Marchant, A. Sippetts, M. Thew, and C. Wickens.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. B & T Whitlock, and Maria Caulfield.
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 declared an interest in item 18.4
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. Sippetts would write this.
5. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were no statements.
6. **Report from Lewes District Councillor Roy Burman** – Cllr. Roy Burman was not present.
7. **Report from County Councillor Matthew Milligan** – Cllr. Milligan had previously sent an update and he stated there were no further updates.
8. **Report from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield** - Maria Caulfield was not present at the meeting, however, her written report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
9. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023** – These were considered and approved with two minor amendments.
10. **To discuss climate change** – Cllr. Marchant reported there was a toolkit that she is still looking at and will come back to the council in due course.

*Item 15 was brought forward*

15. **Environment & Recreation:**
  - 15.1 **Skateboard Ramp project update including official opening ceremony, landscaping, and acoustic management** - Cllr. Thew reported that Peter Howes has laid the turf, which has taken well. She formally thanked Peter for his work on this project. Cllr. Thew noted there was one panel damaged that the Parish Council will have to pay for. She stated the fencing will come down in the next seven days and there will be an official opening on the 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Cllr. Thew stated that she continues to look at and gain advice about screening or planting, she stated she has spoken to Rootz who may be able to assist. Cllr. Thew discussed acoustic shielding and monitoring ramp the sound level once opened. An acoustic engineer has quoted £1500 for an official survey so she intends to also speak to LDC about noise monitoring. Cllr. Wickens suggested looking at a previous noise survey undertaken by the Parish Council. Cllr. Thew went on to discuss the access road into Manwaring Robertson Field. The Council has received a quote from Tim Tapp for £2788 including

his labour. The Councillors voted and it was unanimously agreed to proceed with this quote.

**15.2 Outdoor Gym Equipment update** – Cllr. Thew stated the fencing will be coming down at same time as the skate park, as the grass is taking well. The Clerk reported the pathway has been improved by Peter Howes.

**15.3 Update on Scout hut lease** – The Clerk reported there was no update.

**15.4 Update on The Coronation in May including decision on the funding of NBS fireworks display on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - Cllr. Thew stated that she attended a final planning meeting today with The Clerk and she hoped it was going to be good weekend. She thanked all the clubs & societies involved. She also stated that there were plans to try and stream the Coronation concert and thanked Malcolm Smith for his help with this. Cllr. Thew outlined some issues raised by Newick Bonfire Society and proposed that there was an increase in the budget for fireworks by £1000, using money from the E&R committee budget. Councillors voted and this was unanimously agreed.

**15.5 Update on Pavers consultation to date and to note feedback from residents** – it was noted that of 480 votes, 93% were against the project. It was also noted that a majority would like to see the money spent on the Sports Pavilion. Councillor Hodge suggested adding paving to the annual inspection and looking at the planning obligations of the two developers in respect of the paving. The other comments from residents were noted and it was agreed to add the matter to the next SLR meeting agenda

**15.5 To discuss maintenance of bay tree on The Green next to Pound Cottage** – It was agreed that the Clerk will chase Barcombe Landscapes.

### **3 members of the public left at 7.37pm**

## **11. Planning:**

**11.1 Planning Applications** (If plans available on LDC website:

<b>LW/23/0085</b>	<b>The Corner House Beechlands Cornwell's Bank</b> Continuing remedial works of partial removal of cellar wall due to kerosene spill and replacement of cellar wall to Grade II Listed Building  It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>
<b>LW/23/0191</b>	<b>Woods Fruit Farm Goldbridge Road</b> Installation of 10no. non-illuminated signs to include 4 x banner flags, 1 x post mounted V board sign, 2 x post mounted sales sign, 2 x fence panel and 1 x small post mounted sales sign  It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>
<b>LW/23/0204</b>	<b>Tanglewood Farm Jackies Lane</b> Demolition of storage barn and erection of 1no. 3 bed dwelling house  It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>

**11.2 Approvals/Refusals etc. including outcomes of LDC planning committee 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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

Garage conversion  
26 West Point Newick East Sussex BN8 4NU  
Ref. No: LW/23/0124

Part Discharge of Condition 2 (Photographic report details) in relation to approval  
LW/21/0346  
73 Church Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4JZ

Ref. No: LW/23/0120/CD  
Variation of condition 1 (Plans) relating to approval LW/21/0819 and LW/21/0936 - to  
increase height of detached garage by 0.75m to enable more efficient use of first floor  
(roof) internal space  
Founthill Farm Font Hill Newick East Sussex BN8 4RT  
Ref. No: LW/22/0829

It was also noted that in the April LDC Planning Application committee an application for  
4 Bungalows (LW/22/0071) was agreed and that there is potential for the back of the plot  
to be offered to the village in the future. It was also noted that the applications for 61a  
Allington Road and the 'Chagley Corner' development had been refused by Lewes District  
Council in the same meeting.

The interim policy used by LDC and the desire to have villages represented on the  
planning applications committee was discussed.

**11.3 Tree Works Applications** – It was noted that the following had been agreed;

T1 - Cherry - Reduce the south eastern trunk (right hand trunk when viewed from house) to  
10 cm and reduce the north eastern trunk (left hand when viewed from the house) by  
approximately 2.5 metres by cutting to healthy growthy points - Same as TW/23/0014/TPO  
Just the address has now been corrected  
3 North Lodge High Street Newick East Sussex BN8 4LY  
Ref. No: TW/23/0029/TPO

**11.4 Report from Councillor Armitage on LDALC meeting** – this was noted.

**12. Clerk's Report** – To note report from Clerks including correspondence received in March/April  
2023 this was noted. The report included;  
The May PC meeting and Co-option  
Audit  
The Coronation bookmarks

**13. Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with  
Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman** – none

**14. Financial Matters:**

**14.1** To authorise Schedule of Payments for April. It was agreed that Cllrs. Sippetts and Marchant  
would authorise the following payments:-

Time: 13:36

**Unity Trust Bank**

**List of Payments made between 01/04/2023 and 30/04/2023**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
30/04/2023	East Sussex Pension Fund	255449806	498.50		Pension
30/04/2023	HM Revenue & Customs	118250593	419.02		Tax & NI
30/04/2023	Mrs E Reece	882196576	1,555.10		Clerk Salary
30/04/2023	Central Linemarkings Ltd	8017845824	420.00		Linemarking Comm Centre
30/04/2023	Fresh Air Fitness	990751914	2,326.06		Fresh Air Fitness
30/04/2023	Mrs SE Berry	591246520	278.33		Locum clerk
30/04/2023	Gravity Skateparks	784389992	5,400.00		Gravity Skateparks
30/04/2023	Protect our place	61878379	2,760.00		CCTV skatepark
30/04/2023	ESALC Ltd	874166407	720.65		ESALC subscripton
30/04/2023	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd	879323911	144.00		Playing fields slitting
30/04/2023	Chatterbox Social Club	726700637	200.00		Grant
30/04/2023	Andy Upton	298957175	200.00	Scouts paid twice	Refund scout rent
30/04/2023	Telefonica UK Ltd	DD	15.96		Mobile
30/04/2023	Barclays Debit Card	Fireworks	2,500.00		
30/04/2023	Peter Howes	697070426	1,248.00		Handyman and Landscaping
30/04/2023	Lewes District Council	131668224	18.00		Play inspections
30/04/2023	Haymarket Subscriptions	137562523	440.00		Planning resource
30/04/2023	Barclays Debit Card	Jewson	200.00		Jewson
30/04/2023	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	419.71		Top up

**Total Payments** 19,763.33

It was noted that the following payments had also been made

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**Barclays Debit Card**

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30/04/2023	Sussex Sign Centre	DC	73.20		Clips for OG sign
30/04/2023	Computer Risk Management Ltd	DC	82.86		Yellow toner for printer
30/04/2023	Mr Flag	DC	286.23		Seasonal flags and royal stand
30/04/2023	Amazon UK	DC	6.99		Ribbon SP opening
30/04/2023	Printerland.co.uk	DC	90.70		Printerland.co.uk

**Total Payments** 539.98

**14.2 To receive statement of performance against budget as at year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

– This was noted, Councillor Hodge asked a question on income gained which the Clerk clarified was CIL.

**14.3 To note quarterly bank reconciliation and completion of VAT return for Q4** – this was noted.

**14.4 To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972)** – there were none.

**14.5 To consider quotations received** – there were none other than the access road quote discussed in 15.1

**15. Environment & Recreation:**

*This item was covered earlier in the meeting*

**16. To agree article for the May edition of the Parish News (submission deadline 7<sup>th</sup> April) – It was agreed to use a reduced version of the social media update.**

**17. Update on paintings previously displayed at the Village Hall –** clerk confirmed the picture s being displayed and that the PC may receive grant request from the VHMC for renovation costs.

**18. Consultations, Requests and Permissions:**

**18.1** To consider request from Lee Buck of Newick Youth Club to use the Playing Fields during the summer – this was unanimously agreed.

**18.2** DLUHC consultation on Infrastructure Levy – It was agreed to make no comment.

**18.3** East Sussex Pension Fund consultation on policy changes – It was agreed that Cllr. Armitage would send this on to Cllr. Sippetts to look at.

**18.4** To consider request from The Sussex Peasant to use part of The Green on Saturday mornings – It was agreed to decline this request as the proposed location is too close to businesses, there is potential for damage to The Green, parking is difficult, and it is in the conservation area.

**19. Items for next agenda –**

Co-option

*The meeting closed at 8.15 pm*

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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