

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PARISH HELD ON TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2012 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION, KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD ALLINGTON ROAD NEWICK COMMENCING AT 6.55 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Mrs. Jenny Smerdon (Chairman for this Committee)  
Cllr. Ross Houghton (Vice-Chairman for this Committee)  
Cllr. Cris Allen  
Cllr. John Lucas  
Cllr. Mrs. Jean Sheppard  
The Clerk Mrs. Linda Farmer

1. **APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies.
2. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE:** It was resolved that Cllr. Mrs. J. Smerdon be appointed as Chairman with Cllr. R. Houghton as Vice. This was agreed.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were no questions.
5. **ACTION TAKEN BY THE CLERK AND THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE:**
  - Village Maintenance** – A list of work for the Village Maintenance Teams had been prepared by the Clerk with additional information being provided by the members before Friday.
  - Flags for Newick Green** - The usual flags have been purchased with the exception of the St. Patrick Flag. It was resolved to fly the new Sussex Flag if a St. Patrick Flag could not be obtained however if one was available then the Sussex Flag would be flown instead of the New Zealand Flag.
  - Resurfacing of Church Road** – The Clerk had been informed that this would be undertaken during the next month.
  - Bushes/Shrubs** - These had now been cleared from the Green by Bretts and from the Green area at Powell Road/Oldaker Road. It was agreed that members would look again at the area outside Bretts now that the bushes had been cleared away to see if further clearance and/or seeding was necessary.  
It has already been noted that East Sussex County Council contribution towards the mowing for the financial year 2012/2013 will be in the region of £2600.00.
  - Hedging in front of the Car Park at the Community Centre** – This had now been cut and tidied.
  - Signs “Deer Warning” signs at little Bridge on Newick Hill** East Sussex Highways Department had been requested to erect signs for this area as concerns had been raised that deer crossing the roadway at this point could cause an accident and had almost done so.
  - Verge at Cornwell's Bank** – A letter about this had been forwarded to the Enforcement Officer at East Sussex County Council Highways Department to investigate. It had been confirmed that he was happy with the situation although some tree trunks edging the area had been removed.
  - Dog Waste Bin in Twitten alongside the Health Centre** – This had been vandalized and the matter reported to LDC
  - Grit Bin Allington Crescent** – The Clerk had received a letter from a resident of Allington Crescent enclosing an article about the provision of Grit Bins and requesting that the Parish Council re-consider providing a bin at Allington Crescent. The Clerk had contacted LDC Housing Section as this area still had a number of social housing properties mainly occupied by older people. The Housing Section had agreed to put a grit bin in this area. The Clerk would inform the gentleman concerned.
6. **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HIGH STREET GRASS VERGE:** The Clerk was asked to produce a “Timetable” for the project so that the matter could be speeded up.  
The main concerns at the moment were as follows:-
  - Funding – Waiting for Teresa Ford at ESCC to confirm if some of the Section 106 money could be used to carry out the proposals.
  - Planning Permission – Once approval for the project has been given by ESCC it would then be necessary to ascertain if Planning Permission is required from LDC.
  - Letter to residents about funding – Clerk to speak to Mr. Ramm about a letter being sent to residents to gauge who would support the scheme financially and how much they would be willing to contribute.

**A272/High Street and Newick Hill** – Newick Proposed Waiting Restriction relating to Planning Application LW/10/0994 – The Environment Committee supported the new proposals being made.

7. **FLAGS ON NEWICK GREEN:** This was partially dealt with above. The flags to be flown normally would be St. Georges Cross, Welsh flag, St. Patrick, Scottish flag, French flag and now the new Sussex flag. The Canadian or New Zealand flags would be flown occasionally.
8. **SPEEDING DRIVERS:**  
Two emails relating to speeding, one along Allington Road and the other through the Village were discussed by the Committee considering the merits of cameras and additional flashing 30mph signage. It was resolved that this matter should be discussed at the East Sussex Strengthening Relationships Meetings which the Clerk suggested could be reconvened again.  
The Clerk had written to Inspector Woolford about parishioners being trained on the Speed Gun and was awaiting a reply.
9. **SVS STORES:** It was resolved to send a further letter to the owner of the stores and that if this did not work to write to the Conservation Officer at LDC seeking his support. Cllr. Houghton offered to try to find the owners address.
10. **EAST SUSSEX STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS MEETINGS:** It was resolved that the Clerk arrange a meeting with those concerned at ESCC Highways Section so that various matters could be discussed with them.
11. **SNOW CLEARANCE:**  
The Clerk reported on information that she had been given relating to a company named Philip Corp who cleared snow and provided other services. It was resolved that this service was not required at the moment as the Village Handyperson had been asked to clear the snow from areas which the Parish Council were responsible for and this had worked satisfactorily during the last snow fall.
12. **ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE NEXT AGENDA:**  
Gated effect to entrance of village similar to Lindfield and Maresfield  
The Green – Wild Flowers  
Dropped kerbs
13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting was to be held in May.

**Items dealt with not on the agenda in order that the Clerk could progress.**

**The Green:**

The Clerk was reminded to inform Barcombe Landscapes not to mow the edge of the Green from the Bus Shelter to the entrance of Snells and the opposite verge by the signposts as they had been planted with crocuses

**No Waiting Sign Request for Reading Room:** The Committee agreed with the proposal to purchase 5 - A4 signs to be placed on the railings. The experiment of using temporary signs to deter parking at this point had been successful.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Signed: .....

Dated:.....

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