

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PARISH HELD ON TUESDAY, 14th MAY, 2013 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION, KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD ALLINGTON ROAD NEWICK COMMENCING AT 7.10 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs. Jenny Smerdon (Chairman for this Committee)
Cllr. Ross Houghton (Vice-Chairman for this Committee)
Cllr. Mrs. Jean Sheppard
Cllr. Mrs DJ Sprackling

The Clerk Mrs. Sue Berry

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Cris Allen and Cllr. Nick Berryman
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. Mrs Sprackling declared an interest in item 5 (Marbles Road garages).
3. **Questions or statements from the public:** No members of the public were present.
4. **Action taken by the Clerk and the Chairman for the Committee:**
Inspection of The Green 13th May 2013 following the departure of John Lawson's Circus. There had been no problems. It was agreed that the deposit should not be withheld.
5. **Matters arising from previous meeting:**
Marbles Road Garages – No action had been taken by residents in response to the letter sent by the Clerk. It was agreed that Cllrs. Mrs Sprackling and Mrs Sheppard would try to find out who owns each garage in the block and report to the Clerk. On receiving this information, the Clerk would write to the owners of the garages with defective guttering asking them to repair before the winter.
Grit bins, litter bins, private roads, & schedule of work for Village Handy Person – it was noted that information requested by Councillors at the previous meeting had been supplied by the Clerk.
6. **Update from SLR Meeting with East Sussex Highways 12th April 2013:**
Copies of the Email response from Rob Stevens, ESCC Highway Steward, had been circulated to members of the Environment Committee and was noted. It was further reported that an ESCC officer had visited 100 Allington Road and been advised by the resident that the verge was to be seeded and that he had no intention of using it for parking.
7. **Confirmation of grass cutting contribution from ESCC for 2013/14:**
The contribution from ESCC towards the cost of cutting the highway verges was noted. It was agreed that Barcombe Landscapes should be approached in order to find out how many times they cut the verges each season and when they were next due to do so. It was further agreed that the Clerk should find out whether or not Barcombe Landscapes had the capacity to cut the verge to the tarmac near the medical centre more often and, if so, what would be the additional cost.
8. **Provision of new footway and kerbing on The Green:**
The costs supplied by ESCC Highways for installing a paved footway and kerbing on the south side of The Green were noted. It was agreed to make a recommendation to the Parish Council that this work should be done by ESCC using the S106 transport fund from the Alexander Mead development. It was further agreed to recommend that additional kerbing work, estimated to cost £4500, be done at the same time and paid for by the Parish Council.
9. **Parking on High Street:** The costs supplied by ESCC Highways for installing three sections of layby in High Street were noted, as was the fact that ESCC had stated there were no funds to carry out the work. It was recommended that this work should be considered in the future if funds were made available under the Community Infrastructure Levy.

10. **The Green – Report from Cllr. Houghton:** The report was given verbally by Cllr. Houghton and made recommendations for improvements to the village green in the short, medium and long term. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a parking space near to the shops on the north side of The Green be reserved for the use of delivery vehicles and that an agronomists' report at a cost of £300 to £400 be commissioned in order to inform future management of The Green. It was recommended that hirers of The Green, such as the circus and the fun fair, should be booked at least a month apart in future.
11. **Items for the next meeting:** It was agreed that the condition of the footpaths in Leveller Road, particularly near to number 18 and 20 should be raised at the next SLR meeting with ESCC.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed:

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