

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Planning Committee of Newick Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road on Tuesday, 9th April, 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors: C. Allen, C. Armitage (Chairman for Planning), N. Berryman, C. Jago, J. Lucas, Mrs DJ Sprackling, Mrs M. Thew, Mrs. C. Wickens, and Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Councillors R. Houghton and Mrs. J. Sheppard
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Questions from the public, if any.** No members of the public attended this meeting.
4. **APPLICATIONS:**

**Barcombe / Chailey /
Newick – Split Parish**
LW/13/0197

Church Road Newick

Overhead Lines Notification - Rebuild existing 11kV overhead line for Freedom Group. The Parish Council supported this application.

Case Officer:
Miss Michelle Gardiner

APPROVALS: None received

REFUSALS: None received

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Copies of the notes from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 2nd April 2013 had been circulated for information. Cllr. Lucas reported that the Sustainability Appraisal (Scoping Report) was nearing completion. Telephone calls were being made to local businesses that had not responded to the letter which had been sent to them. Cllr. Mrs Sprackling advised that she hoped to finish the calls by the end of the week. The next Consultation Day would be held on Saturday 8th June, Councillors were asked to make themselves available to help on the day if possible. Letters would be sent to Landowners and Developers inviting them to attend the Consultation Day to show residents their proposals. Concern was expressed that a local landowner and a developer had stated their intention to make a planning application for a large development outside the current planning boundary in May or June 2013. Councillors felt strongly that this application should not be considered by Lewes District Council whilst Newick was still preparing its Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Armitage proposed that a letter should be sent to Lewes District Council, with a copy to District Councillor Jim Sheppard, asking them not to consider any such application until Newick's Neighbourhood Plan had been completed. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs Wickens and Cllr. Lucas agreed to draft the letter. Cllr. Jago stated that there still appeared to be some misunderstanding by members of the public as to the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan and how this differed from the District Council's Core Strategy. It was agreed that the opportunity should be taken at the Annual Parish Meeting to emphasise the difference between them. It was reported that the Steering Group was still trying to discover Lewes District Council's intentions regarding sites which it owned within the village. It had been decided not take any further action regarding contacting property owners to ask whether or not they might wish to build in their gardens. Cllr. Lucas advised that the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) would be running a Neighbourhood Plan Workshop on 30th April and that he would be attending this with either Cllr. Mrs Smerdon or Linda Farmer. Cllr. Jago reported that he had spoken to the Chairman of Cuckfield Parish Council who had advised that Cuckfield had found it difficult to produce the Housing Needs Survey required for their Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Lucas advised that Newick would be addressing this within the questionnaire which would be sent to households after the Consultation Day. It was confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan was still on track for a referendum in June 2014.

Meeting Closed at 6.55 pm

Signed: **Dated:**.....

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