

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road on Tuesday, 10th December, 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: C. Allen, N. Berryman, R. Houghton, C. Jago, J. Lucas (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mrs J Sheppard, Mrs J Smerdon, Mrs DJ Sprackling and Mrs M. Thew.

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)
Dr. R Rajan and Dr. S Narasimhan (for part of the meeting)
Two members of the public were present

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given,**
Apologies had been received Cllr. Mrs Wickens (family bereavement). It was resolved to approve the reason given for absence. *It was later found that Cllr. Armitage had sent his apologies for absence (work commitments) by email but this had not been picked up by the Clerk prior to the meeting.*
- 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 Thew declared an interest in item 5 Planning Application LW/13/0776, and Cllr. Allen declared a pecuniary interest in item 5 Planning Application LW/13/0752.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public.** It was agreed to defer this item until Doctors Rajan and Narasimhan had arrived.
- 4. Exclusion of the press and public** – It was resolved that the press and the public should be excluded for item 7 of the agenda in order to allow discussion of a confidential item.

5. Planning Applications

Cllr. Allen left the room whilst planning application LW/13/0752 was discussed

Newick LW/13/0752	21 West Point Planning Application - Demolish existing porch, erection of a front extension and alterations to roof over garage for Mr C Allen. The Parish Council supported this application.
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Cllr. Mrs Smerdon joined the meeting at 6.35 p.m. and declared a personal interest in the following application.

Newick LW/13/0756	30 Leveller Road Planning Application - Demolition of single storey rear flat roof extension and erection of ground floor and first floor side extensions for Mr & Mrs J Tivey. The Parish Council supported this application.
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Newick LW/13/0776	18 Church Road Planning Application - Erection of a single storey extension to the side and creation of a first floor including the insertion of dormer windows for Mr D Chart. The Parish Council supported this application. It was noted that one letter of objection to this application had been received.
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Tree Works Application – TW/13/0097/TCA – 5 North Lodge

Ash - Removal of crown, leaving 'habitat pole' at 3 metres Yew - Reduce height of crown by 3 metres. The Parish Council had no comments to make and raised no objection to this application.

Approvals/Refusals etc.

It was noted that application **LW/13/0673 – Springfield, The Green** 'Demolish garage and replace with two bay timber frame carport' had been approved by Lewes District Council subject to conditions.

Questions or Statements by Members of the Public

Dr. Rajan and Dr. Narasimhan from Mid Downs Medical Practice had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss their proposal to seek approval to open a dispensary at South Chailey. Cllr. Jago gave some background as to why the Parish Council had opposed a similar application made five years previously. At that time, reasons for opposition had included the potential loss of the Lloyds Pharmacy and associated services, and resultant loss of custom for other shops around The Green. Dr. Rajan stated that the aim of the proposed application was to improve the service to patients living in South Chailey, Plumpton, Barcombe and parts of North Chailey, particularly the elderly and those without transport. He stated that the pharmacy in Newick was vital and provided a good service, but found it difficult to cope at times of high demand. The Doctors did not believe that their proposal would lead to the closure of the pharmacy. The Doctors were thanked for attending the meeting and warned that there may be some resistance to their proposed application from people in Newick.

Dr. Rajan and Dr. Narasimhan left the meeting after this item.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – Progress Report from Steering Group –

The notes from the previous Steering Group meeting were not available as they had not been finalised. The Chairman advised that discussions with representatives from some of the proposed development sites were taking place. It was noted that the Steering Group was attempting to identify potential windfall sites and that a full report would follow at the next meeting of the Parish Council in January 2014. It was agreed that the Steering Group should be given permission to write again to the Diocese of Chichester regarding its intentions for the Rectory after the retirement of the current Rector. It was noted that no response had been received to previous correspondence.

- 7. Confidential Item** – in accordance with the resolution made under item 4 above, the members of the public that were present were excluded from the meeting and this item was discussed in confidence.

The Meeting Closed at 7.35 pm

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

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