

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, 12th November, 2013 at 6.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors: C. Armitage, R. Houghton, C. Jago, J. Lucas (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mrs J Sheppard, Mrs J Smerdon, and Mrs C. Wickens.

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk) and four members of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given,**
Apologies had been received from Cllrs. C. Allen (work commitments), N. Berryman (prior engagement), Mrs DJ Sprackling (illness), Mrs M Thew (personal reasons). It was resolved to approve the reasons given for these absences.
- 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. Armitage declared that he was a member of Newick Village Society (items 4 & 8), and Cllr. Jago declared an interest in tree application TW/13/0089/TCA.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public.** Mrs Roberts stated that she wished to address the Parish Council in connection with her tree application TW/13/0089/TCA.

Cllr. Jago left the room whilst this item was discussed.

Mrs Roberts showed photographs of the trees detailed in her application and gave the reasons as to why her application had been made. She stated that she was now aware that the information given on the application form, which had been completed on her behalf, had not been sufficient and that she had attended the meeting because she wished to give the Parish Council further information on which to base its decision. The Parish Council's tree officer recommended that Mrs Roberts should supply this additional information to Lewes District Council as soon as possible. It was agreed that, based on the information given by Mrs Roberts at the meeting, there appeared to be justification for approving the application, and it was recommended that a site visit by the LDC tree officer should take place.

Mrs Roberts left the meeting and Cllr. Jago returned to the room at 6.25 p.m.

- 4. Approval of late Autumn newsletter for publication and distribution**
As agreed at the Parish Council meeting held on 29th October 2013 (p37 item 7.5), a newsletter had been drafted and circulated in advance. The draft newsletter was approved for publication following a vote, the result of which was 5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. It was noted that the delivery would be done over two weekends.
- 5. Neighbourhood Plan – Progress Report from Steering Group**
The notes from the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 31st October 2013 were distributed at the meeting. It was noted that the Chairman would be calling an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 19th November and that it would be necessary to exclude the public and press from part of that meeting in order to discuss confidential items of a commercially sensitive nature.
- 6. Approval of Minutes of Parish Council Planning Meeting held 8th October 2013.**
It was agreed by those who had been present that the Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 8th October 2013 could be signed as a true record.
- 7. Planning Applications**

Newick LW/13/0697 Case Officer: Miss Amanda Collison	Rock House Cornwells Bank North Chailey Planning Application - Change of use of garage/store to holiday let. Cllr. Lucas declared an interest in this application. The Parish Council supported this application with the recommendation that permission should be conditional on the proposed holiday lets being for a maximum of two weeks at a time. This was because LDC had previously reported that the
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flats had been, and perhaps still were, in use for residential purposes and that Council tax had not been paid.

Agreement to allow full residential use would be contrary to present Planning Restrictions and outside the Development Boundary which LDC had respected for many years.

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Case Officer:

Ms Samantha Prior

Silvergrove Allington Road

Planning Application - Erection of a two storey side extension.

The Parish Council opposed this application on the grounds that it would be an over-development of the site, out of keeping with the immediate area, and would overlook adjacent properties in Allington Crescent. It was noted that the Parish Council opposed consent being given for the present building for these reasons as it represented an increase of 44% of the footprint of 44 West Point in whose garden this development took place. Application for a larger building was rejected by LDC as being too much for this site but it was clear that the owner had always intended to apply for an extension as all the building materials had been on site since the existing house was built. It was hoped that LDC would keep to its original view that any larger building would be inappropriate for the site.

Tree Works Application – TW/13/0089/TCA – The Manor House, 75 Church Road

This application had already been dealt with under item 3 above.

Approvals/Refusals etc.

It was noted that the following applications had been approved by Lewes District Council:-

LW/13/0585

21 Western Road – Erection of single storey extension with side return pergola and internal alterations

TW/13/0086/TPO

4 Acerlands – Tree works application

It was noted that tree works application **TW/13/0078/TPO – 32 Allington Road** had been refused by Lewes District Council.

8. Discussion with representatives of Newick Village Society.

Three members of Newick Village Society (NVS), including the NVS Chairman and Secretary, attended the meeting at the invitation of the Parish Council. The NVS Chairman addressed the Parish Council, he raised the Village Society's concerns about the number of houses being planned for in the Neighbourhood Plan, the period of time that the Neighbourhood Plan would cover, and the fear that the Neighbourhood Plan referendum would be held before Lewes District Council's Core Strategy had been adopted. A heated discussion followed the presentation.

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave his apologies and left the meeting at 7.08 p.m., Cllr. Jago agreed to chair the remainder of the meeting in his absence.

The NVS Chairman gave a copy of his presentation to the The Clerk. It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond to the Village Society once councillors had had the opportunity to consider the presentation.

The Meeting Closed at 7.20 pm

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

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