

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee of Newick Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick on Tuesday 12th August 2014 at 7.10 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. C. Allen, N. Berryman, R. Houghton (for part of the meeting), Mrs. J Sheppard, and Mrs. J Smerdon (Chairman of this committee)

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given** - No apologies had been received.
- 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** – No disclosures were made.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – No members of the public were present at this meeting.
- 4. Inspection of Parish Council land carried out 2nd June** – The inspection report had been circulated prior to the meeting and updates were noted. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for work that still needed to be carried out.
- 5. Overhanging hedges and vegetation** - It was noted that the Parish Council had already agreed to adopt the standard letter issued by East Sussex County Council and the procedure for recording complaints received, issuing the letter, and carrying out follow up inspections was discussed and agreed.
- 6. Grass Verges** - It was noted that complaints previously received about grass cutting had been discussed with Barcombe Landscapes and that there had been no further complaints.
- 7. Renovation of Seats and Benches** – Cllr. Allen reported that he had completed the renovation of 13 benches within the village and that he would be starting work on seats and benches on the recreation ground. He recommended that the existing Policy Statement for Memorial Seats in the Parish (adopted 2010) should be updated and amended. It was agreed that Cllr. Allen should redraft the Statement adding an appendix containing more detailed information on each bench and a maintenance record. It was agreed that no work would be done on the picnic bench which had been vandalised, and that Cllr. Allen would make recommendations as to how the three log benches on the rugby field should be treated.

Cllr. Houghton joined the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

- 8. Renovation of Church Road notice board** – It was agreed that the Church Road notice board had been renovated to a good standard and that the contractor should be asked to proceed with the renovation of the notice board near to the shops in Newick Drive.
- 9. Proposed bench in memory of the late Mr Kester** – Consideration was given to the location of the memorial bench that had been requested by Mr Kester's family. It was proposed that an additional bench could be placed in the King George V Playing Field and that the location and design of the bench should be discussed with the family.
- 10. Community Working Group** – It was noted that East Sussex County Council had suggested that a Community Working Group could be set up to raise community awareness of the danger of speeding. It was agreed that in view of the problems experienced with getting volunteers to join the existing speed watch team this proposal would not be pursued.
- 11. Report on launch of Community Self-Serve initiative** – There was no report.

12. Items for the agenda of the Strengthening Local Relationships meeting with ESCC (27/08/14) – It was agreed that the following items should be on the agenda for the next SLR meeting:-

- Clarification of who is responsible for cutting back vegetation growing in Powell Road to High Hurst Close twitten
- Request for the installation of a sign which flashes up the speed of vehicles travelling on the A272
- To report that the gullies in Church Road outside Burnt House are full again following recent heavy rain.

13. Consideration of requests from residents to work from Parish Council land

A request from the residents of 39 Oldaker Road to use Parish Council land near to their fence to store materials and mix cement while work was being carried out in their garden was agreed.

14. Items for the next agenda – There were no items for the next agenda

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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