

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 13th May 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. R. Houghton, Mrs. J Sheppard, Mrs. J Smerdon (Chairman of this committee), and Mrs DJ Sprackling

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given** - Apologies had been received from Cllr. C Allen (work commitments) and Cllr. N. Berryman (prior family engagement). It was resolved to approve the reasons given for absence.
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. **Update following Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting held 2nd April 2014**

The following information had been received from East Sussex County Council Highways Department following the SLR meeting on 2nd April 2014:-

 - The planned maintenance work due to be carried out in Allington Road was surface dressing, this would take half a day to complete and was scheduled for 7/8/14 but the date could change.
 - Routine drainage clearance would take place every twelve months
 - The granite kerb stones near to Allington Place had been replaced
 - The Community Self Serve launch event would take place on 16th June 2014. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs Smerdon would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - The reports from the ESCC Traffic Signals Engineer were noted.
 - It was agreed that the use of slurry treatment on pavements would be raised again at the next SLR meeting as the committee had doubts about the effectiveness of this treatment.
5. **Damage to Grass Verges** - It was reported that Maresfield Parish Council had provided details of their 'Pavements are for People' initiative, but that this was aimed at those parking on pavements rather than driving across or onto verges. It was agreed that the committee would draft a letter to be delivered to those residents whose actions are known to result in damage to verges.
6. **'A' Boards and Banners on The Green** - It was agreed that the current policy for Signs, Notices, 'A' Boards etc., did not need updating other than to add a maximum size for 'A' Boards in paragraph 11. It was agreed that the existence of the policy and the requirement to seek the Parish Council's permission prior to erecting a sign or board on The Green should be publicised in the next edition of the newsletter
7. **Litter and general appearance of the village** – It was reported that there were some minor ruts on the southern side of The Green following the departure of the circus. It was agreed that a decision about how to deal with this should be deferred until after the departure of the Fun Fair at the end of the month.

It was noted that Cllr. Allen had volunteered to carry out some renovation work to the benches around the village. It was proposed that this offer should be accepted and that the Parish Council should pay for the costs of any necessary materials. Cllr Houghton and Cllr Mrs Smerdon also offered to assist.
8. **Update on proposed Centenary Stone** – It was noted that the Royal British Legion (RBL) had asked for a Parish Councillor to attend its Centenary Stone sub committee meeting on Wednesday 21st May. Cllr. Mrs Sheppard agreed to attend. The Clerk reported that an alternative proposal for a centenary memorial had been made by Mr Cumberlege and advised that he would also be attending the RBL sub committee meeting to promote this.

- 9. To agree dates for inspections of Parish Council open spaces** – It was noted that an inspection of Parish Council owned open spaces (not including the Playing Fields) was due in order to complete the risk assessment. It was agreed that this would take place on Monday 9th June.
- 10. Repair of Parish Council Notice Boards** – A report from the Clerk regarding the poor condition of the Parish Council Notice Boards was noted and it was agreed to recommend that the notice board in Church Road should be renovated as per the quotation received. The other two boards could be renovated at a later date if the quality of work proved to be acceptable.
- 11. Items for the next agenda** – The following items were suggested for the agenda of the Environment Committee meeting in August 2014:-
Report on Community Self-Serve
Update on bench renovation
The footpath on The Green
The Centenary Stone project

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

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