

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 11th November, 2014 at 7.10 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. N. Berryman, R. Houghton, G. Parker, Mrs. J Sheppard, and Mrs. J Smerdon (Chairman of this committee)

In Attendance: Mrs. L. M. Farmer (Locum Clerk)
One member of the public was present
The meeting was recorded by one member of the public using audio equipment.

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given** – Cllr. C. Allen, the reason for absence was approved.
- 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 questions were asked.
- 4. Overhanging hedges and vegetation** – It was noted that most of the hedges that required cutting back had been done except the following:-
Bretts, The Green – Cllr. Parker was going to speak to the owner of this property to see if he could do the work.
9 Leveller Road – To be checked and if the work had not been undertaken then a further letter to be sent out.
Rectory Cottage – It was noted that most of the work had been carried out. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge Mr. William's letter. It was noted that this property was rented and therefore any work that was too much for the tenant should be the responsibility of the landlords. It was agreed to request the possible re-positioning of the road sign and for the 30mph roundel to be re-installed on the highway. Cllr. Mrs. Sheppard to take a photograph of this ready for the next SLR Meeting in December. It was also noted that the leylandii hedging around the village was causing some concerns, such as reducing the width of the pathways and making them uneven. It was agreed to monitor this.
- 5. Update on items raised at Strengthening Local Relationships Meeting with ESCC 27/08/2014:**
Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) Cllrs. Houghton and Parker indicated that they were happy to volunteer to be operatives for this scheme. The Clerk was asked to inform Graham Beattie of Highways ESCC.
Weed Spraying – Members asked that this be put back on the Agenda for SLR Meeting for December as members were still unhappy with the situation and wished to clarify how many times a year weed spraying would be undertaken in the village as it had not been very clear in the email received from the Highways Liaison Officer. It was noted that grass clippings did not help but that this was a separate issue. The Clerk was asked to enquire what weed spray was being used and what ESCC were spraying against.
The Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Smerdon, wondered if a community group could be formed that could be tasked with clearing the gutters around the village once the effect of the weed spraying was evident. This would need to be investigated.
Footway on Goldbridge Road to the east of the Telephone Exchange – It was noted that this was not considered a priority by ESCC. Members wondered if a community group would help to restore this so that it was walkable. It was mentioned that in the future perhaps some funding from future developments could be used to improve the footpath with a view to encouraging parishioners to use it as a circular walk joining up with Blind Lane.

6. **Items for the agenda of the Strengthening Local Relationships meeting with ESCC (3/12/14)**
 Arrange a new venue if the date cannot be changed
 Toning down of concrete pathway on the Green
 C. Allen Re-installing 30 mph roundels along Church Road
 Slow Signs at entrance to the village from the south by roadway to the Church
 'Beware Concealed Entrance' sign by the roadway to the Church
 Mirror opposite the roadway to the Church.
 Fingerposts around the village
 Removal of signage for Newick Park Hotel
 Drainage work at Jackies Lane / Harmers Hill
 Jetting out drain in the highway outside Burnt House, Church Road
7. **Renovation/Replacement of fingerpost on The Green** – It was reported that two prices had been received. It was agreed to accept the price of £70.00 for renovating the sign. In the meantime the Clerk would write to the owners of Newick Park to inform them that the Council would be removing the mention of Newick Park from the signpost on Newick Green and if they were in agreement to request Highways to remove the signage to Newick Park Hotel.
8. **Request for mirror to be placed on Church Road opposite entrance to Church** – An email had been received from a resident asking if it was possible to install a mirror opposite the roadway to the Church i.e. in the verge adjoining the King George V Playing Field. The Clerk informed members that this had been requested before but declined by ESCC as there were insurance issues if the Parish Council had it on its land. A copy of this email had been forwarded to Ian Johnson. It was also agreed to request that the 30 mph roundels be re-instated along with a "Slow" sign and "Concealed Entrance" sign. It was agreed to raise these matters at the SLR Meeting in December.
9. **Community Winter Plan** – The Chairman Cllr. Mrs. Smerdon reported that she had attended a meeting on this and felt that a Winter Plan should be implemented. It was highlighted that most of the details required were already in the Emergency Plan and perhaps this could be used to form a group which could be used to clear snow from Parish Council areas when needed. The following was agreed:-
 Map for Cllr. Parker for him to familiarize himself with the Parish.
 Check Grit Bins to see if they needed filling up.
 Check to see if there was any salt in the Parish Council Store Garage
 Arrange for a small supply of bags of Salt (if the Parish Council approves) to be given to the shops on the Green to use on the pathways outside their shops in the event of bad weather.
10. **Drainage work to Jackies Lane** – Correspondence from the Highways Department ESCC had been received concerning outstanding drainage work at the junction of Jackies Lane with Harmers Hill which indicated that the work may have been done as ditching work had been carried out in this area. This was to be checked.
 Another area that still needed work carried out was the drain in the highway outside Burnt House Church Road which was silted up and could not be jetted out. The Clerk and Cllr. Mrs. Sheppard were to inspect this and chase up the work.
11. **Items for the next agenda** – One item was identified for the next agenda and this was to verify the decision to Lisa Allday about the positioning of a "A" sign on the verge outside the Community Centre Car Park

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed:

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