

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, 11th November, 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: C. Armitage, N. Berryman (Vice-Chairman Chaired the meeting), R. Houghton, G. Parker, Mrs J Sheppard, Mrs J Smerdon, Mrs M Thew, and Mrs C Wickens. Apologies for late arrival were received from Cllrs. Parker and Smerdon.

In Attendance: Mrs. Linda Farmer (Locum Clerk)
Three members of the public.
The meeting was recorded by two members of the public and one council member using audio equipment.

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given – C. Allen, C. Jago, J. Lucas (Chairman of the Parish Council), had sent apologies. It was agreed to approve the reason 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. Ross Houghton declared an interest in the Planning Application for Tilehouse Farm, Tilehouse Lane and did not vote when this application was discussed.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public.** Mr. Turk referred to his two emails to the Council, which had been circulated, reiterating his concerns about possible windfall sites which could increase the number of housing units in the Village. He urged the Council to speak to the examiner about the possibilities of overcoming the possible problem of windfall sites to see if there was a way of putting a clause in the Neighbourhood Plan to prevent this.

4. Planning Applications

The following applications were considered.

Newick LW/14/0815 Case Officer: Mrs Sarah Sheath	Pinecroft 2 Allington Road Planning Application - Erection of a first floor extension to front for Mrs D Thomas It was agreed to make no comment on this application
Newick LW/14/0811 Case Officer: Miss Michelle Gardiner	1 Vernons Road Planning Application - Erection of single storey side and rear extensions for Mr J Harman It was agreed to make no comment on this application
Newick LW/14/0808 Case Officer: Miss Michelle Gardiner	1 Allington Place Planning Application - Demolish existing garage and erection of side and front two storey extension for Mr & Mrs Rodgers It was agreed to make no comment on this application
Newick LW/14/0818 Case Officer: Mrs Alyson Smith	4 Powell Road Planning Application - Construction of a ramp leading up to the front door for Mrs D Di Marco It was agreed to make no comment on this application
Newick LW/14/0826 Case Officer: Mrs Alyson Smith	Tilehouse Farm Tilehouse Lane Certificate of Lawful Use/Dev (Existing) - Use of outbuilding as a detached annexe for Mr & Mrs Newman It was agreed to object to this application. It was agreed that this retrospective application appeared to conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan, and that there might be other implications, such as the payment of Council Tax, resulting from possible commercial use prior to the application

4.1 Approvals/Refusals etc.

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

TW/14/0089/TPO 8 The Pagets - 1 x Holly (T19 of Order, T1 on plan) - Cut back the branches overhanging garden of no.19 to boundary line 1 x Sycamore (T20 of Order, T2 on plan) - Reduce branch lengths over garden of no.19 by approx. 1.5m to suitable growth points

TW/14/0090/TPO 7 The Pagets - 3 x Copper Beech (T16, T17 and T18 of Order, T1, T2 and T3 on plan) - Reduce branch lengths over the garden of no.20 by approx. 1.5m to suitable growth points.

4.2 Tree works applications – There were no tree works applications to be considered.

4.3 LW/14/0531 Outline Planning Application for Residential development for up to 7 dwellings at Oaklea Warren, Station Road, North Chailey, East Sussex – Notice of Refusal was noted by members. It was further reported that whilst the application of Oaklea Warren had been refused it should be noted that officers from LDC were ready to hold discussions on how to suitably modify the application

5. Neighbourhood Plan – Report from Steering Group given by Cllrs. Mrs. Thew and Mrs. Wickens.

It was noted that representations to LDC concerning the Neighbourhood Plan could now be seen on LDC's website.

It was reported that under the Freedom of Information Act copies of letters and notes of meetings had been provided to Mr. Loveman subject to payment of the copying, postage etc. Mrs. Lightfoot had also requested information which was in the process of being dealt with.

The Council was informed of an informal meeting held with the representatives of the owners of 45 Allington Road (notes of which were handed to Councillors). Whilst the possibilities of provision of land for sporting use and/or allotments might be welcome, it was made clear that even the possible sheltered housing suggested as a way of funding the project could not be discussed at this time. The agents for this site may request a further meeting after the results of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum are known.

Cllr. Mrs. Thew stated that the members of the Steering Group had prepared all the documentation relating to the Neighbourhood Plan ready for inspection.

Members of the Council had been circulated emails from Mr. Turk dated 13th and 28th October, 2014 relating to Windfall Sites which he spoke about at the beginning of the meeting. It was reported that unfortunately Windfall growth is not permitted to be counted as part of the planned growth but Cllr. Mrs. Thew stated that the Parish Council would try to speak to the examiner about the concerns of Windfall sites and the impact this could have on the village. It was suggested that the Examiner be invited to the village sooner rather than later so that concerns could be flagged up.

6. Meeting at Lewes District Council 23rd December, 2014 – Local Plan Part 2 (Site Allocations and Development Management DPD) It was confirmed that this would be held at the Telscombe Room, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes from 14.00 to 15.00 p.m. It was hoped the representatives would be Cllrs. Mrs. Thew, Mrs. Wickens, Lucas and the Clerk if available.

It was also agreed that a representative from the Council would attend the meeting being held on Friday, 14th November – “Lewes District Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Strategy – Notice of Pre-hearing Meeting” beginning at 9.30 a.m. in the Chamber Suite at Pelham House Hotel, Lewes.

7. **Public consultation on proposal to develop land to the west of Oxbottom Lane, North Chailey** – The proposal was for the development of approximately 37 family homes by Persimmon Homes South East. It was noted a general letter seemed to have been sent to most of the parishioners of Newick informing them of this meeting to be held on Wednesday, 12th November, 2014 at the Chailey Village Hall between the times of 4.15 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. Members were encouraged to try and go along to this meeting so that the response could be discussed in full at the Council Meeting to be held on 25th November. Members asked that this matter be put back on the Agenda for 25th November

The Meeting Closed at 7.10 p.m.

Signed: Dated:.....

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