

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 February 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: C. Allen, N. Berryman, C. Jago, J. Lucas (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mrs J Sheppard, Mrs J Smerdon, Mrs DJ Sprackling, and Mrs C Wickens.
In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given,** Apologies had been received from Cllr. R. Houghton (prior family engagement) and Cllr. Mrs M. Thew (prior family engagement). 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.** No disclosures were made.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public.** There were no members of the public present
- 4. Exclusion of the press and public** – It was resolved that the press and the public should be excluded for item 8 of the agenda in order to allow discussion of a confidential item (commercial).
- 5. Planning Applications**
There were no planning applications to be considered

5.1 Tree Works Applications

There were no Tree Works Applications for consideration, however, the Clerk reported that an ash tree at 9 The Pagets which was subject to a Tree Preservation Order had been felled for reasons of public safety.

5.2 Approvals/Refusals etc.

The following decisions made by Lewes District Council were noted:-

LW/13/0756 30 Leveller Road – Demolition of single storey rear flat roof extension and erection of ground floor and first floor side extensions – Permission granted.

LW/13/0796 1 The Pagets – Erection of single storey and two storey extensions to rear, alterations to garage roof, insertion of window at first floor south elevation and conversion of garage to habitable room – Permission granted.

LW/13/0826 & 0827 New Greenfields, 34 Church Road– Demolition of garage, store and kitchen extension and erection of single storey service wing plus additional alterations to house – Permission granted.

Cllr. Jago stated that he would be standing down from his position as Lead Councillor for Planning as it appeared that for applications LW/13/0796, 0826 and 0827 above Lewes District Council had not followed its own stated procedures regarding the treatment of applications where the comments made by the Parish Council differed from the planning officer's recommendation. It was agreed that Cllr. Jago would draft a letter of complaint to be sent to LDC Chief Executive and Planning Director.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – Progress Report from Steering Group –

Notes from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 6th February 2014 were circulated at the meeting and were noted. It was reported that the Neighbourhood Plan should be ready for publication at the end of March 2014.

- 7. LDC Core Strategy** – It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Lewes District Council to confirm that the Parish Council would like to send a representative to give evidence at the Oral Examination of the Core Strategy. It was confirmed that evidence given would be in support of 100 additional dwellings on sites identified in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that Newick Parish Council should make it

clear to LDC that it did not wish to be associated with comments made by Newick Village Society in its letter dated 17th January 2014 in response to LDC's Local Plan part 2.

- 8. **Confidential Item** – in accordance with the resolution made under item 4 above, this item was discussed in confidence.

The Meeting Closed at 7.05 pm

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

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