

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, 8th July 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: N. Berryman, C. Jago, J. Lucas (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mrs J Sheppard, Mrs J Smerdon, and Mrs M Thew
In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)
Three members of the public (for part of the meeting)

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given,** Apologies had been received from Cllrs. C. Allen (work commitments), C. Armitage (prior family engagement), R. Houghton (prior family engagement), Mrs DJ Sprackling (illness), and Mrs C. Wickens (family commitment). 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.

Cllr. Mrs Smerdon joined the meeting at 6.35 p.m.

- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public.** Mr Rodd, resident of 6 High Hurst Close, spoke in connection with planning application LW/14/0449, 4 High Hurst Close. He advised the Parish Council that the rooflights on the side elevation had already been fitted at a lower level than had been shown in application LW/13/0727 and that they looked straight into his living room window, resulting in a great loss of privacy and amenity. Mr Rodd advised that he had been in discussion with the planning officer regarding proposed amendments to the current application but he was unhappy with the proposed compromises. Mr Rodd also pointed out some inaccuracies in the drawings for the original application and stated that a tree near to the access point had been removed, contrary to statements made in the original application.
- 4. Exclusion of the press and public** – It was resolved that that any members of the press and the public present at the time should be excluded when discussion took place under agenda item 7 in view of the commercially sensitive nature of the matter to be discussed (Standing Order 1c), and that this item should be dealt with at the end of the meeting.
- 5. Appointment of Lead Councillor for Planning** – It was reported that Cllr. Houghton, who was not present at the meeting, had offered to take over the role of Lead Councillor for Planning. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Houghton should be elected as Lead Councillor for Planning.
- 6. Planning Applications**
The following planning application had been received:

Newick LW/14/0444	7 High Street Listed Building Consent Application - New window to study on south of rear elevation to match existing adjoining window for Mr C Hume. The Parish Council supported this application. (4 in favour and 2 abstentions).
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Newick LW/14/0452	Strawberry Cottage Jackies Lane Planning Application - Rear ground floor extension and internal alterations for Mr & Mrs M Jones. It was noted that the next door neighbours had written to the Parish Council to advise that they supported the application as the proposed extension would afford them greater privacy. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.
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LW/14/0449

4 High Hurst Close

Planning Application - Amendments to approved application LW/13/0727, to include minor amendments to rear elevation, relocated rooflights and rendering to front elevation at first floor to replace existing tile hanging for Mr S Type. Taking into account the statements made at the meeting by the next door neighbour, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to **object** to this application on the grounds that allowing the rooflights to remain at a lower level than originally agreed in application LW/13/0727 would result in overlooking of the neighbouring property, leading to a loss of privacy for the occupants of that property. It was agreed that the District Councillor should be asked to call the application in to be considered by the District Council's Planning Committee. It was also agreed that Lewes District Council should be made aware that an ornamental tree had been removed from near to the front boundary of the property, contrary to statements made in the original application that no trees would be affected by the development.

6.1 Tree Works Applications

There were no Tree Works Applications for consideration.

6.2 Approvals/Refusals etc.

It was noted that application LW/14/0286 – Haven Cottage, Blind Lane (Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage) had been approved by Lewes District Council.

7. **Neighbourhood Plan – Report from Steering Group** – In accordance with the resolution made under item 4 above, this item was discussed in confidence at the end of the meeting.
8. **Approval of draft response to Lewes District Council Proposed Submission Core Strategy – Focussed Amendments** – Copies of a letter drafted by Cllr. Mrs Thew had been circulated in advance. It was agreed the letter of 30th November 2011 was out of date and that reference should be made to the Parish Council's letter of 7th March 2013 instead. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs Thew would make further amendments and send a revised draft to the Clerk in time for the letter to be sent to Lewes District Council by the closing date of 11th July.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 7.07 p.m.

9. **Internal alterations to the Bull Inn** – It was noted that internal alterations had been made to The Bull Inn, apparently without first obtaining the necessary consent for alternations to a listed building, and that District Councillor Jim Sheppard had already made contact with Lewes District Council regarding this matter. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the LDC Conservation Officer asking for the matter to be investigated and that, if this did not elicit a satisfactory response, a letter should be sent to the leader of Lewes District Council.

10. **Authorisation of payments** – It was resolved that the interim schedule of payments for July 2014 should be approved:-

Payee	Item	Invoice Amount	Cheque Number
Signed during the month			
CircusSeen	Circus Skills Workshop - Newick Festival	£150.00	200817
Waiting to be signed			
D. Sankey Ltd	Routine Mole Treatment	£50.40	200818
Gopak	New tables - village hall	£745.08	200819
SSALC Limited	Legal & Finance Day 8/7/14	£105.00	200820

RC Allen	Mileage expenses for attendance at meeting 9/6 & 27/6/14	£27.90	200821
Duncton Electrical Contractors	Supply of fencing & cable ties - Newick Festival	£118.88	200822
Lewes District Council	Dog Bin & Litter Bin Emptying 1/7/14 to 30/09/14	£306.54	200823
Alex Harrison	Printing of flyers for Newick Festival	£84.14	200824
CHEC	Printing of Parish Council newsletter	£221.50	200825
Total		£1,809.44	

The Meeting Closed at 7.18 pm

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

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