

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Newick Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 6.47 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs. C. Allen, B. Horsfall, R. Houghton, J Sheppard, and J Smerdon

**In Attendance:** Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)

One member of the public was present for part of the meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies had been received from Cllrs. M. Thew and C. Wickens.
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 questions or statements by members of the public.
4. **Environment Issues:-**
  - 4.1 It was noted that an inspection of Parish Council owned land had been carried out by Cllrs. Allen, Sheppard and Smerdon, accompanied by the Clerk, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015. The report detailing issues that needed to be addressed had been circulated in advance of the meeting and actions to be taken were agreed by the committee.
  - 4.2 It was agreed that the priorities would be the repair/replacement of broken and rotting fencing on The Green and the removal of vegetation and broken signs from the Community Centre car park area.
  - 4.3 Following an inspection of the new footway on The Green, it was proposed that, although the finished path was not as had originally been envisaged by some councillors, no changes should be made at the present time because of the high cost that would be involved.

*A member of the public left the meeting at 7.18 p.m.*

- 4.4 It was agreed that projects to be budgeted for would include the replanting of the hedge and other work in the Community Centre car park, the tidying up of the area near to the telephone box on The Green, a programme for maintaining fingerposts within the Parish, the replacement of damaged or missing village signs and a proposed gateway feature on the A272.
5. **Playing Fields Issues:-**
  - 5.1 It was noted that an inspection of the King George V Playing Field and Manwaring Robertson Field had been carried out by Cllrs. Horsfall, Sheppard and Smerdon on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015. The report detailing issues that needed to be addressed had been circulated in advance of the meeting and actions to be taken were agreed by the committee.
  - 5.2 It was agreed that the main priority was to make safe the area near to the Church Road pedestrian gate as there was a gap which children could run through on to the road. The remaining work would be a medium term priority to be carried out during the current financial year.
  - 5.3 It was agreed that the budget requirements for 2015/16 should reflect the increased cost of mole treatment on the Playing Field and potential repairs to the Skate Ramp.
  - 5.4 It was noted that there were no findings on the monthly Play Equipment Inspection carried out by Lewes District Council at the end of August 2015.

- 5.5 An email dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015 from a resident of Allington Place regarding antisocial behaviour at the Skate Ramp had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was noted. Cllr. Sheppard had been advised by the local PCSO that, owing to other pressures, the police would be unlikely to attend for this kind of complaint. The Clerk was asked to respond to the resident, draft letter to be approved by Cllr. Smerdon.
- 5.6 It was noted that the Clerk had received a telephone complaint regarding litter in the play area following a well-attended Cricket Club event. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach the Cricket Club to discuss this.
- 5.7 There was nothing to report in connection with the drainage work at King George V Playing Field. It was noted that the Clerk had arranged a site meeting with a third contractor for the following day.
- 6. Items for the next agenda** – It was agreed that the following items would be on the agenda for the committee meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November:-  
Setting up a Working Group to consider the future of the Skate Ramp,  
Proposals for signage on the Playing Fields – Cllrs. Smerdon and Sheppard  
Proposals for a survey of the village – Cllr. Wickens

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed: .....

Dated:.....

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