

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, 14th April at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: C. Armitage, N. Berryman, R. Houghton, J. Lucas (Chairman of the Parish Council), G. Parker, Mrs J Smerdon, Mrs M Thew, and Mrs C Wickens
In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)
One member of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given** – Apologies had been received from Cllr. C. Allen (work commitments), Cllr. C. Jago (prior family engagement), Cllr. Mrs. J. Sheppard (prior family engagement). It was agreed to approve the reasons 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. Mrs. Wickens declared a personal interest in agenda item 5.2 (tree works application TW/15/0024/TCA).
- 3. Exclusion of the press and public** – In accordance with Standing Order 3c, it was agreed that members of the press or public should be excluded from the meeting during discussion of agenda item 6 (Application for Judicial Review – legal matter).
- 4. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public.**
Mr Thomas made a statement in connection with agenda item 1 – apologies for absence. He highlighted Cllr. Jago's non-attendance at various meetings and the reason given for these absences (objection to being recorded). Mr Thomas stated that, in his view, by not attending meetings, Cllr. Jago was not adequately representing parishioners and that he did not consider that the reason given should have been approved by the Parish Council.

The Chairman confirmed that the matter would be on the agenda for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 28th April, 2015.

5. Planning Applications

Newick	The Village Green The Green
LW/15/0195	Planning Application - Erection of a centennial stone to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of WW1 for Royal British Legion (Newick Branch). It was noted that this application was for work to be carried out on land owned by Newick Parish Council and, in view of this, it was agreed that the Parish Council would make no comment .
Case Officer: Mr Andrew Hill	

5.1 Approvals/Refusals etc.

It was noted that permission had been granted by Lewes District Council in respect of planning application **LW/15/0176, 15 Harmers Hill** – Loft conversion and erection of rear extension and detached garage block.

5.2 Tree Works Applications

It was noted that the Parish Council's Tree Warden had made **no comment** on tree works application **TW/15/0025/TPO, 1 Springfields** – 2 x Holly (immediately to the left of the large Oak and Ash on the rear boundary when looking from the back of the house) to be reduced in height by approx. 5m to suitable growth points.

Tree works application **TW/15/0024/TCA, 24 High Street** - 1x Hawthorn - cut right back in order that it will grow to create a hedge over time 1x Cypress - remove as it is congesting the Sycamore, was considered at the meeting and it was agreed to make **no comment**.

Cllrs. Mrs Thew and Mrs Wickens declared a personal interest in this matter as close friends of the applicant and did not vote.

6. Neighbourhood Plan –

In accordance with the resolution made under agenda item 3 above, the member of the public who was present was asked to leave the meeting at 6.45 p.m.

The Chairman updated the Parish Council on new information that had been received from the Claimant's solicitors in connection with the application for permission to apply for a Judicial Review reference CO/818/2015.

The Meeting Closed at 7.00 p.m.

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

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