

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, 10th February at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors:, C. Allen, C. Armitage, R. Houghton, C. Jago, J. Lucas (Chairman of the Parish Council), G. Parker, Mrs J Sheppard, Mrs J Smerdon, and Mrs C Wickens
In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)

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. N. Berryman (pressing family engagement) and Cllr. Mrs. M. Thew (prior family engagement). It was agreed to approve the reasons for these absences.

Cllr. Mrs Smerdon joined the meeting at 6.32 p.m.

- 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. Allen disclosed an interest in agenda item 5 (planning application LW/15/0025) and Cllr. Mrs. Smerdon disclosed an interest in agenda item 5 (planning application LS/15/0047).

- 3. Exclusion of the press and public** – It was agreed that any members of the press or public present should be excluded from the meeting during discussion of agenda items 6 (legal matter, publicity of which would be likely to prejudice the legal position of the council) and 9 (consideration of LDC draft documents not for public consultation).

- 4. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public.** There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

5. Planning Applications

Newick

LW/15/0025

Case Officer:

Mrs Alyson Smith

1 Western Road

Planning Application - Disabled egress ramp on north elevation for Chairman, Newick Village Hall. It was agreed to **support** this application on the grounds that it would provide an essential facility for disabled users of the village hall. (Seven in favour and one abstention – Cllr. Allen did not vote).

Cllr Mrs Smerdon left the room at 6.38 p.m.

Newick

LW/15/0047

Case Officer:

Mrs Alyson Smith

35 Leveller Road

Planning Application - Demolition of existing bay window with flat roof and replace with bay window with pitched roof over for Mrs J Smerdon. It was agreed to make **no comment** on this application. (seven in favour and one abstention).

Cllr. Mrs Smerdon rejoined the meeting at 6.40 p.m.

5.1 Approvals/Refusals etc.

It was noted that the following planning application had been approved by Lewes District Council: - **LW/14/0930 54 Cricketfield** – Single storey rear extension.

It was noted that the following outline planning application had been refused by Lewes District Council: - **LW/14/0703 Mitchelswood Farm, Allington Road** – Erection of up to 63 residential dwellings (including affordable housing), open space and landscaping, new vehicular and pedestrian accesses and car parking, following the demolition of existing buildings on site.

5.2 Tree Works Applications

It was noted that the following tree works application had been approved by Lewes District Council:-

TW/14/0115/TPO 41 High Hurst close - 2 x Lime (T3 and T4 of the Order) - reduce top growth to previous pruning points. Shorten lateral branches by upto 2m.

TW/14/0116/TCA Marbles Barn, High Street - 3 x Lime and 3 x Maple - Re-pollard to prevent shading to garden and surrounding houses. 1 x Cherry - reduce branch lengths by approx 2m to suitable growth points to reduce shading.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – Report from Steering Group

It was reported that the delivery of the letter dated 4th February 2015 to all residents had been completed by councillors and other volunteers.

The draft poster/flyer to be distributed prior to the referendum, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was approved subject to the addition of a sentence highlighting the implications of a 'no' vote. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Danewood Press for the printing of the flyers.

An email regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and the proposed development site adjacent to Cricketfield had been received from a resident of Cricketfield, this had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a response.

It was noted that the Parish Council would be permitted to nominate observers to attend the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Polling Station and the Count. It was agreed that observers would not be nominated to attend the Polling Station, however, Cllr. Jago would be nominated to attend the counting of the postal votes at Lewes District Council offices, and all Parish Councillors plus the Clerk and Mrs Farmer would be nominated to attend the count of votes cast at the Polling Station.

The final matter to be considered under this agenda item was discussed in a confidential session immediately prior to agenda item 9.

7. Lewes District Council Site Allocations and Joint Core Strategy – A document containing reports from councillors who had attended the Joint Core Strategy Examination Hearings was circulated at the meeting and was noted.

8. Play Area Upgrade Project – Copies of the amended quotation and site plan for the Play Area Upgrade Project had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was noted that the design had been revised following consultation with members of the public and that this would cost approximately £3,000 more than the S.106 funds that were available. It was noted that Cllr. Mrs Smerdon and Cllr. Armitage would be making grant applications to cover specific pieces of equipment such as the trampoline and the extended goal area. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £2,000 from the Play Activity Reserve and that this amount could potentially be increased if grant applications proved to be unsuccessful.

At 7.18 p.m., in accordance with the resolution made under agenda item 3 above, the confidential part of the meeting commenced. There were no members of the press or the public present.

Neighbourhood Plan – Report from Steering Group (Confidential matter)

The Chairman gave an update on a legal matter concerning the Neighbourhood Plan which was being dealt with by Lewes District Council. It was agreed to ask for support from District Councillor Jim Sheppard.

9. Lewes District Council Local Plan Part 2 (LDC draft documents not for public consultation) – It was reported that a meeting of some members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group plus Cllr. Jago and Cllr. Houghton had taken place on 9th February 2015 to consider the draft documentation on Local Plan Part 2 site selection and assessments that had been received from Lewes District Council. It was agreed that the final drafting and

submission of the response to Lewes District Council should be delegated to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The Meeting Closed at 7.32 p.m.

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

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