

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd February 2016 in the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick.

Present: Councillors C. Allen, C. Armitage, N. Berryman (Chairman of the Parish Council), M. Halsey, B. Horsfall, R. Houghton, C. Jago, J Sheppard, J. Smerdon, M. Thew and C. Wickens.

In Attendance: Mrs S. Berry (Clerk)
One member of the public (for part of the meeting)

The extraordinary meeting had been called by the Chairman of the Parish Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12 9(1).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** No apologies had been received
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**
Mr Thomas spoke in connection with agenda item 4 (Exclusion of the press and public) and referred to Newick Parish Council's Standing Orders and to the Department for Communities and Local Government document entitled 'Open and Accountable Government'. He stated that he did not believe that the Council had the authority to exclude members of the public whilst discussion took place under agenda item 5.
4. **Exclusion of the press and public** – At the request of Cllr. Jago, the Clerk read out Standing Order 3c (NPC Standing Orders 28/10/14). Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group advised that they had confidential information to disclose to the Council. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that any members of the press and public present would be excluded from the meeting for consideration of agenda items 5 (Planning Appeal reference APP/P1425/3119171) because confidential commercial information that was not yet in the public domain was to be discussed in connection with this agenda item. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 S1 (2)).

One member of the public left the meeting at 6.36 p.m.

5. **Planning Appeal reference APP/P1425/3119171** – Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group advised that they had been working closely with Lewes District Council planning department to assist them to try to find a solution to the SANGS (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space) issue which was impeding progress on development sites identified within Newick's Neighbourhood Plan and which it was known would be brought up by the appellant during the forthcoming public inquiry. They advised that a suitable SANGS site that was acceptable to Natural England had very recently been secured but that information regarding the site was commercially sensitive and not yet in the public domain. It was agreed that members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group would represent the Parish Council at the public inquiry and that they would concentrate their preparation on three main subject areas. It was agreed that an email would be sent to Maria Caulfield MP by the Clerk on behalf of the Working Group to ask her to try to attend the public inquiry in support of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.09 p.m.

Signed:Chairman

Date:

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