

## MISCELLANY

May I again remind you all that the four year term of the present Parish Council ends next Spring. Eleven new Councillors will have to be elected in May 2015. No doubt some of the existing Councillors will be prepared to stand for election for a further term, but some will not. People of all backgrounds are welcome and indeed having Councillors from a wide cross-section of the community makes for a better Council, as the varying needs and views of all can then be better represented. Please consider standing for election yourself, and please push forward others who you think could contribute to an energetic new Council. For an indication of what is involved in being a Councillor, please ask our Clerk, Sue Berry, or any of the existing Councillors.

You will probably have noticed the greatly improved appearance of many of the benches around the Village. The materials have been paid for by the Parish Council but we must thank Councillor Cris Allen for generously donating his time and expertise for this project. There are many more benches that need the same treatment, so if you wish to volunteer to help Cris I'm sure he would appreciate it.

The British Legion's request for permission to place a memorial on the Village Green for all of those who died in the two World Wars and other conflicts is still under consideration. However, the proposal that a tree be planted for each Newick resident who died in the two wars appears to be not feasible. Consultation with the interested parties has shown there to be a lot of opposition to use of the planting area proposed and no other area is available.

*Cllr. John Lucas, Chairman of the Parish Council*

## ACCESS ON TO PARISH COUNCIL LAND

Please be aware that if you are having work done, and you, or your contractor, need to access your property by driving across or working from Council owned land, you need to obtain the Council's permission to do so. You will also need to ensure that the appropriate level of public liability insurance is in place. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

## TREES

The public open spaces in Newick are favoured by the presence of some 70 substantial trees which greatly enhance the appearance and charm of the village. Some of these are covered by Tree Preservation Orders and others are within the Conservation Areas and no work may be done on these trees without consent. You are reminded that no work of any kind on trees on Parish Council land should take place without first contacting the Clerk to ensure compliance with the existing safeguarding arrangements. Your assistance in helping to preserve the village trees is much appreciated. *Cllr. Ross Houghton*

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# *Your Newick Parish Council Newsletter Summer 2014*



## NEWICK FESTIVAL 2014

We do hope you enjoyed the weekend of festivities. The weather was very well behaved, despite the forecast, and everyone who came along embraced everything and just indulged in the relaxed family atmosphere.

There was a definite BUZZ around the village which seemed to begin the moment the festival flags went up on The Green, and continued all weekend with the fantastic 'story walk' for the school children on Friday, the sport and 'arty' activities and Big Picnic on the Saturday and the Open Gardens and Art Exhibitions on the Sunday.

It was wonderful that so many local Clubs, Societies and Individuals supported the idea and made it happen. Thank you to everyone.

We hope there will be photographs displayed on the website in due course at : [www.newickfestival.org](http://www.newickfestival.org) and if you would like to contact us with feedback and ideas for the next one, we would welcome and value them.

*Cllr. Jenny Smerdon, Chairman of the Festival Organising Committee*

## PLAY EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

Exciting proposals are afoot to upgrade the King George V Playing Field's play equipment, providing fantastic new play opportunities for the 0-12 age range within the current enclosed play area. Having carried out some informal consultation and taken into consideration the responses received, we are also investigating play and exercise options for the teenage, adult and elderly park users, and are awaiting quotes for a table tennis table and a range of outdoor fitness equipment to be placed near the enclosed play park. We will be inviting you to comment on the proposals later this summer, so keep an eye out for posters for the Play Equipment Consultation! Funds are being used from contributions made by the developers of Alexander Mead, and it is hoped the new equipment will be installed this autumn/winter.

*Cllr. Deborah Sprackling, Chairman of Playing Fields Committee*

## SIGNS AND BANNERS ON THE GREEN

Many local clubs and societies like to advertise their events by putting a sign or a banner on the village Green. The Parish Council is keen to enable clubs and societies to promote their events, but please remember that you need to ask permission **before** erecting your banner. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

# Newick Now to 2030

Analysis of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation submissions is under way. Submissions were received from residents, developers, landowners, utility companies and various statutory authorities. Most submissions were made on the standard questionnaire form provided by the Parish Council,

but a number of letters and emails were also received, some of these being many pages long and covering numerous aspects. The results of the Yes/No voting of the consultation questionnaire are encouraging; every one of the 46 policies of the Draft Plan was supported by over 80% of those who returned a questionnaire, and the vast majority of the policies received well in excess of 90% support. This suggests that the various consultation exercises undertaken over the eighteen months from November 2012 were worthwhile, and have produced a Draft Plan that is in line with the wishes of the majority of residents. The numerous written comments made on the questionnaires and in letters and emails are now being considered, to determine what modifications need to be made to the Draft Plan. One issue that has emerged already is that it would be a good idea to reinforce the current policy of not having street lighting in Newick, by adding a policy on that subject to the Neighbourhood Plan. Other changes may prove to be either necessary or worthwhile. It is not yet clear whether there will be a need for a further consultation period on a revised Draft Plan, or whether the changes will be sufficiently minor for this to be unnecessary.

*Cllr. John Lucas, Chairman of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

## NEWICK WEBSITE

Much of the information, and many of the links, on the village website have not been updated for some time. As the website is currently being redesigned, please send any corrections or new information that you would like published to Nick Berryman at [nick@berryman.uk.com](mailto:nick@berryman.uk.com).

Ideally, if traders, clubs, societies and other organisations already have their own websites, we will link direct to those, so that the information is always current. Failing that, a link to a suitable 3rd party website having your organisation's details (yell.com, freeindex.co.uk etc.) would be appreciated.

Initially, the 'Traders' section of the website will be restricted to businesses located within the parish.

*Cllr. Nick Berryman, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council*

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Council's financial results for 2013/14 have now been finalised and can be viewed on our website. The headline is that we made a surplus of £8,800 during the year mainly due to higher than expected grants and an under spend on budgeted tree and environment work. The money has been passed into our Reserves which now stand at a total of £76,600.

*Cllr Chris Jago*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE



The good news is that Newick was free of reported crime in May. The bad news is that there was a spate of break-ins to out-buildings in the rural area in June, especially in Barcombe and Newick. Thieves are looking for lawn mowers, bikes and anything else they can sell, so please keep everything locked away.

17/18th June, a vehicle in Badens Close was broken into overnight. Nothing was stolen and it is thought it was an attempt to steal the vehicle.

25/26th June, a co-ordinator rang to say a mobility scooter had been stolen from the garage of a house in Woodbine Lane the night before. Luckily for the owner it was found dumped in Leveller End the next morning and reported to me. I spoke to a resident in Leveller Road who collected it and got it returned, courtesy of a builder working nearby, a good example of NHW co-operation. P.C.S.O. Sally-Ann Reed also attended the scene. She said that it was probably dumped because there was no key left in it, so it was no use. She also said other out-buildings had been broken into that night.

A few days earlier a resident parked his work van outside the post office, went in, and when he came out found a man sitting in the van. When asked what he was doing the man said he was looking for a business card. I believe he was sent on his way with a flea in his ear!

Just one other incident, about 6/8 weeks ago a man called at a house in Millfield Close claiming to be from EDF and wanting to read the meters. The home owner let him in but thought it odd he didn't have her details and although he held a gadget in his hand didn't appear to go close enough to read the meters. She recently contacted EDF on another matter and was told there had been no meter readers in the area at that time. She did get the registration number of the vehicle at the time but police say they have nothing on their system regarding the man or his vehicle. They stress residents must ask for I.D. before letting people claiming to be from a utility company into their home.

*Cllr. Jean Sheppard, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator*

## FLAGPOLES ON THE GREEN

The Council is conscious that some villagers believe the Green is becoming rather cluttered and a suggestion has been made that the flagpoles, which are normally used for about 5 months each summer, are only positioned at times of special events like the Twinning visits or the recent Festival weekend. Others have expressed the view that they are an inherent part of the village culture and should remain as they are. The Council would like to know what you think so if you have an opinion on this matter, please write or send an email to Sue Berry (address at end of this newsletter), giving your name and address.

*Cllr. Chris Jago*