

MISCELLANY

To step into the shoes of a successful chairman, in any organisation, is never easy. To step into those of John Lucas, doubly so. John's knowledge of Newick affairs and its residents was invaluable in his role as Parish Council Chairman; knowledge which I, as a relative newcomer, have yet to acquire. Under John's dedicated leadership, the talented and incredibly hard-working Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group produced one of the earliest neighbourhood plans to go to referendum in East Sussex. I trust that the time, effort, and personal sacrifice invested by this entirely voluntary group is fully appreciated by all the residents of this special village.

I do indeed consider Newick "special". During my 27 years as a pilot in the RAF, I lived a pretty nomadic life - moving home every few years in and around the UK and Europe. This was followed by another 17 years living near Gatwick Airport; all the time looking for the perfect village in which to settle. When I discovered Newick, with its three pubs, shops, post office, Tandoori, garage, plethora of clubs and societies, and friendly inhabitants, I could hardly believe my good fortune.

Perhaps those of you who have lived here for a long time are no longer aware how unique the village really is, and maybe you take it largely for granted. I sincerely urge you not to, as there are few communities as fortunate as ours. If you don't already do so, please give some thought to volunteering just a little of your spare time to helping our societies and clubs continue to thrive.

Now that the Neighbourhood Plan has been overwhelmingly supported by Newick residents at the referendum, and is shortly to be adopted by Lewes District Council, the Parish Council intends to address other issues. We are aware that parishioners are concerned about parking problems, and that they would like more allotments and better facilities for young people.

We all, not just the Parish Council, have a role to play in addressing these, and other matters. Please come along to a Council meeting, get to know your Councillors and Parish Clerk, and share with us your thoughts and ideas.

I believe that we all wish to preserve everything that makes Newick such a special place. However, we must look to the future to ensure that the council, in partnership with Newick residents, strives to enhance our environment, our community and our village still further.

Cllr. Nick Berryman, Chairman

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Mr. Chris Armitage (Vice Chairman)
Mr. Cris Allen
Mr. Nick Berryman (Chairman)
Mr. Mario Halsey
Dr Ben Horsfall
Mr. Ross Houghton
Mr. Chris Jago
Mrs. Jean Sheppard
Mrs. Jenny Smerdon
Mrs. Melanie Thew
Mrs. Cathy Wickens

NB All correspondence for Newick Parish Council should be sent to the Clerk (see contact details below)

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Your Newick Parish Council Newsletter Summer 2015



Your New Parish Council

You will, no doubt, be aware that local council elections were held on 7th May at the same time as the General Election. The following candidates were elected to serve on the Parish Council:-

Chris Allen	Jean Sheppard
Chris Armitage	Jenny Smerdon
Nick Berryman	Melanie Thew
Mario Halsey	Cathy Wickens
Ben Horsfall	Chris Jago
Ross Houghton	

At the first meeting of Newick's new Parish Council, held on 19th May, Cllr. Nick Berryman was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and Cllr. Chris Armitage as Vice Chairman. New councillors, Mario Halsey and Ben Horsfall were welcomed to the Council.

Parish Council meetings will continue to be held at the Sports Pavilion on the last Tuesday of every month (with the exception of December), and committees, including the Planning Committee, will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Agendas for these meetings are published on the Parish Council's three notice boards around the village and on the village website (newickpc@newick.net) usually on the Thursday before the meeting. Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings and time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for them to make statements or ask questions about any item on the agenda.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Parish Council please contact the Clerk on 01825 722135 or newickpc@newick.net

Sue Berry
Clerk to the Parish Council

Newick Now to 2030

NEWICK'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Since the successful referendum held at the end of February 2015, which resulted in a majority "YES" vote, the Neighbourhood Plan has been officially in "purdah" whilst the processes of Parish, District and National Elections were followed. We now have new Councils, and a new Government. They are taking up the reins of office and moving forward.

The Parish Council has recently been informed that our Neighbourhood Plan will reach its final stage on 16th July 2015 when it will be formally adopted by Lewes District Council. This last step in the process brings the Plan into effect, so that it will be used to regulate the standard, size and location of developments and ensure that our village environment is sustained.

Cllr Melanie Thew

NEWICK FESTIVAL 2016

Following the success of the festival in June 2014 it has been proposed to do something along similar lines for 2016.

The Festival was another lovely 'Village Event' and the Parish Council would like to try and achieve that again with lots of support from everyone.

The weekend that has been chosen is Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May 2016.

All Clubs and Societies and individual members of the community are invited to come along to a meeting at **7.30pm on Wednesday 15th July in the Community Centre** where hopefully lots of ideas can be shared and a plan put together.

Please put the date in your diaries and come along to the initial meeting with ideas from your Clubs and Societies so we can plan to make next year's weekend of festivities

An Even Greater Village Event!

Cllr Jenny Smerdon



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE



On June 8th I had an email from a resident in Cornwells Bank. He said there had been a white pick up truck towing a 4 wheel trailer parked in a lay by opposite his home. When the occupants realised he had noticed them they drove off. There was no registration plate on the trailer but he thought the vehicle registration was NL06JSK. I contacted our P.C.S.O. who emailed back to say she had checked the police national computer and there was no trace of the vehicle, which could mean it was written down incorrectly.

I also had an email from Sally-Ann on June 24th about a stolen scooter. It belonged to a 9 year old boy and was stolen from the rear of the school sometime between the afternoon of Tuesday 16th and the morning of Wednesday 17th. Apparently it was quite distinctive, sky blue with blue pegs on the front wheel and the words "Grit Flux" written on it.

I still have a few shed alarms left and lots of round NHW stickers and warning cards for doorstep traders asking for them to go away. Please let me know if you would like any.

Cllr. Jean Sheppard, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

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Play Area Upgrade

The newly refurbished play area containing some exciting new equipment alongside the old favourites will soon be open.

This project was funded by contributions from the developer of the Alexander Mead development and from grants awarded by Newick Bonfire Society, The Lady Vernon (Newick) Educational Foundation, Gatwick Airport Community Trust, Loxfield Masonic Lodge and Sussex Masonic Charities. The Parish Council would like to thank all of these organisations for their generous support.

Thanks are also due to Chris Bibb of Lewes District Council for his help and support throughout the project and to former Parish Councillor, Deborah Sprackling, for her work in getting the project off the ground.

