## **NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee of Newick Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.05 p.m.

Present: Councillors: C. Armitage, B. Horsfall, C. Jago,

M. Thew and C. Wickens

Mr. J. Lucas

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)

One member of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting

- 1. Apologies for Absence There had been no apologies for absence
- 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. There were no disclosures.
- **3.** Questions or Statements by Members of the Public There were no questions or statements from members of the public.
- 4. Lewes District Joint Core Strategy There was nothing to report.
- 5. Update on Newick Hill Development
  - 5.1 Cllrs. Jago, Thew and Wickens reported on a meeting that they had attended with Thakeham Homes during which updates had been given regarding both the Newick Hill development and the SANG site. The following matters were noted:-
    - Ecological and archaeological surveys had been carried out and a professional ecologist was monitoring the site to ensure the safety of the bats, reptiles and dormice which had been found on site.
    - Cables would shortly be buried underground
    - Demolition of existing buildings had begun
    - Construction work was expected to begin at the end of September, but this was dependent on planning permission being granted for the SANG site
    - Parking and car sharing arrangements for construction workers would be put in place to minimise disruption to residents
    - Excess soil from the development site would be transferred to the SANG site and used to form bunds. Soil testing would be necessary.
    - The Parish Council would be given contact details for the site manager
    - A section 106 agreement had been negotiated with Lewes District Council
    - The affordable housing would be available on a shared ownership basis and would be sold through Landspeed. Cllr. Thew agreed to check on the eligibility criteria for purchasers of the affordable housing. Action Cllr. Thew
    - There was a query over why the pedestrian footpath would not be extended from the site entrance to meet footpath 11. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from Dan Witcher at ESCC. Action Clerk
    - Any future extensions or additions to the properties would require consent from Thakeham Homes
    - It had been confirmed that the proposed name 'Mantell Close' had been accepted
    - Thakeham Homes would provide monthly updates for publication in the Parish magazine. Cllr. Jago agreed to send sample copies of the magazine to Thakeham for information. **Action Cllr. Jago**
  - 5.2 It was noted that a Stage 2 Safety Audit had been undertaken and that concerns had been raised regarding visibility to the proposed northernmost priority working traffic calming feature on Newick Hill. As a result, this feature had been removed from the scheme for safety reasons. Dan Witcher of ESCC had confirmed that he was comfortable with this

amendment and had advised that the Parish Council would shortly be consulted on proposals for a 30 mph speed limit.

## 6. SANG

- 6.1 Updates were given on the action points arising from the committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016. It was confirmed that, in respect of agenda item 7.2, contact had not been made with Lewes District Council or Thakeham Homes and it was understood that the issue of the future ownership and management of the SANG site was still under discussion between the two parties. It was noted that any enquiries concerning the SANG should be addressed to Lewes District Council until further notice. It was noted that the SAMM levy had been set and that this levy would be passed direct to Ashdown Forest. It was understood that the SANG levy had not yet been confirmed.
- 6.2 It was noted that the planning application for the SANG site would be considered by Lewes District Council's Planning Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- 6.3 Naming of the SANG site Cllr. Armitage advised that there had still been very few suggestions for the name of the SANG site. It was agreed to allow more time for suggesions to be made.
- 7. Items for the next agenda There were no items suggested for the next agenda. It was noted that a response to Mr Loveman's email would be sent within the timescale stated in the Council's policy for handling correspondence.

|         | The Meeting Closed at 8.00 p.m. |
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