

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th December 2016 in the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick.

Present: Councillors M. Halsey, B. Horsfall, J. Sheppard and J. Smerdon

In Attendance: Mrs S. Berry (Clerk)
Lewes District and East Sussex County Councillor, Jim Sheppard (for part of the meeting)
One member of the public (for part of the meeting)

An audio recording was made of the meeting

- 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: -**
There were no disclosures
- 3. Lewes District/East Sussex County Councillor Jim Sheppard's Report on matters affecting Newick –**
Cllr. Jim Sheppard had sent his apologies that he would not be able to attend the meeting and that he had nothing to report.
- 4. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public**
Mrs Collin spoke in connection with agenda item 6.1 (planning application LW/16/0820). She stated that it was her intention to ensure that the character of the house was retained and to try to make it more aesthetically pleasing by changing the flat roof on the garage to a pitched roof.
- 5. Approval of draft minutes of Extraordinary meeting of Parish Council held 7th December 2016 –** It was agreed that the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held 7th December 2016 could be signed as a true record, subject to the correction of Cllr. Sheppard's surname under item 1.
- 6. Planning:**

6.1 Planning Applications

Newick LW/16/0820 Case Officer: Mrs Sarah Sheath	Dumgoyne Jackies Lane Planning Application - Erection of first floor extension to side elevation for Mr R Collin. It was agreed to make no comment on this planning application.
Newick LW/16/0857 Case Officer: Mrs Sarah Sheath	Flat 2 The Bannisters 20 Church Road Planning Application - Replacement window and door to front elevation for Ms J James. It was agreed to make no comment on this planning application,
Newick LW/16/0916 Case Officer: Mr Andrew Hill	1 Chapel Grove Western Road Planning Application - Section 73A retrospective application for the demolition of existing lightweight metal frame storage tent and construction of timber shallow pitch roof shed to serve existing smallholding for Mr & Mrs Johns. It was agreed to make no comment on this planning application.

One member of the public left the meeting at 7.20 p.m.

Newick LW/16/0922 Case Officer: Mr Andrew Hill	3 Bannisters Field Planning Application - Erection of single storey extension (amendment to approved application LW/16/0099) for Mr R Boswell. It was agreed to make no comment on this planning application.
Newick LW/16/0823 Case Officer: Mrs Sarah Sheath	Re-advertisement – Amended Description Rock House, Tilehouse Lane Planning Application - Erection of new holiday let for Mr & Mrs J Baillieux. It was agreed to make no comment on this amended application.

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Mrs Sarah Sheath

Re-consultation – Amended plans received

2 Vernons Road Planning application (original description) removal of garage and replacement with two storey side extension. It was noted that one resident had contacted the Clerk by telephone to advise that she would still be objecting to the application. However, having viewed the revised plans, it was agreed to make **no comment** on this planning application.

6.2 Approvals/Refusals etc. – It was noted that the following applications had been **approved** by Lewes District Council:-

LW/16/0510 Land south of Jackies Lane – Planning application for change of use from Agricultural Land to a Site of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and associated works, including the creation of a new vehicular access from Western Road and the incorporation of car parking provision

LW/16/0774 16 Paynters Way - Planning application for new porch to front elevation

LW/16/0725 & 0726 9 The Green – Planning application and Listed Building Consent for internal refit and installation of air conditioning condenser to the rear elevation.

LW/16/0747 Penny Cottage, The Green – Listed Building Consent for replacement of windows and French doors.

LW/16/0845 12 West Point – Planning application for erection of a single storey gable end brick extension to replace UPVC conservatory.

TW/16/0124/TPO 11 Allington Road – T1 x Copper Beech – fell

TW/16/0128/TCA 2 Harmers Hill – 1 x Beech – crown lifting and crown reduction to reduce lower branches by 2.5 to 3m.

It was noted that the following application had been **refused** by Lewes District Council:-

LW/16/0793 Sharpsbridge Farm, Sharpsbridge Lane – Prior Approval for change of use of agricultural building to three dwelling houses (Class C3)

It was noted that East Sussex County Council Development Control had informed the Parish Council that it would not be possible to upgrade the westbound bus stop near to Woodbine Lane for technical reasons. However, the eastbound bus stop outside Nightingales would be upgraded and the westbound bus stop outside the Village Hall would also be upgraded.

6.3 Tree works applications – It was agreed to make **no comment** on any of the following tree works applications:-

TW/16/1360/TPO 23 Newlands Park Way – Remove basal and epicormic growth on main stem to height of first primary limb. Remove superfluous epicormic growth on main limb scaffold not exceeding diameter of 2.2 cm.

TW/16/0141/TPO 55 Western Road – 1 x Sycamore (T1) – reduce and reshape crown by no more than 2m and 1 x Ash (T2) reduce and reshape crown by no more than 2m, prune lateral branches by approximately 1.5m.

TW/16/0142/TCA 69 Church Road – 2 x Silver Birch – fell, and 1 x Gingko Biloba - prune

District and County Councillor, Jim Sheppard, joined the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

7. Financial Matters:

7.1 To approve draft budget for 2017/18 – A copy of the draft budget version 2 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk highlighted the main points of anticipated income, expenditure and transfers from reserves and explained that the precept figure of £53906 represented an increase of 2% on the precept amount received from Lewes District Council in 2016/17 as had been agreed by the Council on 25th October 2016 (item 10.7). It was resolved to approve a total budget of £61325, of which £53906 would be met by Council Tax precept from Lewes District Council.

7.2 To authorise Clerk to make precept request based on approved budget – It was agreed that the Clerk should be authorised to make the precept request for 2017/18 based on the approved budget once the necessary tax base figures had been made available by Lewes District council.

8. Approval of draft statements – Draft articles and statements to be included in the Parish Council newsletter and Newick Parish News were considered and agreed.

9. Items for the next agenda: – It was agreed that the Grounds Maintenance contract and an update on the Post Office would be included on the agenda for the next meeting on 10th January 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date:.....