

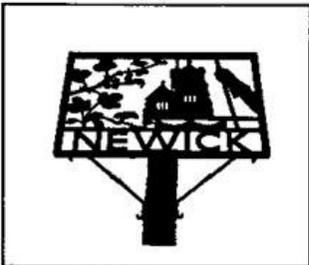
Parking around the Village

The Parish Council has received some complaints recently about people parking on pavements and driving over grass verges. Looking around the village it does seem to be causing something of a problem. There are many more cars than there used to be in the village, two, three or even more to a household and they have to go somewhere. However people do get upset when vehicles are actually parked on the pavement, especially if someone is using a mobility scooter or has a child in a pushchair. It can also be a problem for those who are partially sighted.

Vehicles destroying the grass verges are another issue. The damage is often caused by vans and lorries negotiating corners but having to drive over the verges to get around parked cars. Sometimes it's just thoughtlessness by car drivers. The area in Newick Drive opposite the newsagent and hairdresser is a prime example, especially when there has been a lot of rain. Occasionally a resident will try and repair the damage but it is unfair to expect them to keep doing it.

Finally, cars parked right on the corners of roads make it impossible to see what is coming when you pull out and could cause an accident. If at all possible, please try and leave room for manoeuvre. If you can, park on your own driveway and please think about other motorists when you park in the road.
Cllr. Jean Sheppard

Temporary Removal of Village Sign



The Newick Village sign on The Green will be removed temporarily during April to enable the oak post, which is showing signs of wear, to be replaced.

Parish Council Office

Sue Berry, Parish Clerk, is now working at Newick Community Centre three mornings each week. If you have a question that you would like to ask the Parish Council please feel free to call in during the opening hours:

MONDAYS 10.00 TO 12.00
THURSDAYS 10.00 TO 12.00



At other times, contact can still be made by telephone or email. Just leave a message and Sue will get back to you as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Mr. Guy Clothier
Mr. Mario Halsey
Dr Ben Horsfall
Mr. Jed Jones
Mr Iain Nesbitt
Mrs. Jean Sheppard
Mrs. Jenny Smerdon (Chairman)
Mr Joe White
Mr Ken Wrench

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 Spring 2017



Mitchelswood Farm Planning Appeal Update

At a meeting of Newick Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Tuesday 14th March, Baroness Julia Cumberlege read out a letter received from the Treasury Solicitor in connection with her application to quash the Secretary of State's decision, made in November 2016, to grant permission for a development of up to 50 dwellings on land at Mitchelswood Farm, Newick.

The letter stated that the Secretary of State had conceded that this decision on one of the points of law raised should be quashed because of a failure on his part to take into consideration a previous decision made in the Broyle Gate Farm (Ringmer) Appeal case which was also relevant to the Mitchelswood Farm case.

Baroness Cumberlege described this as an amazing result which could not have been achieved without the huge support of the village and of Lewes District Council.

Current and former members of Newick Parish Council present at the meeting were delighted to hear the news, but recognised that the developers of the Mitchelswood Farm site may still wish to pursue the case at a hearing in the High Court.

Welcome to new Councillors

Newick Parish Council is pleased to welcome five new councillors who were co-opted to join the Council at the end of January. Guy Clothier, Jed Jones, Iain Nesbitt, Joe White and Ken Wrench bring a range of skills and experience to the Council. They have all attended a basic training course and are already starting to make a positive contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

At the time of writing, there are still two councillor vacancies to be filled. Several prospective councillors have put their names forward and it is hoped to co-opt two people at the Parish Council meeting on 28th March.

Parish Councillors give a lot of time to help shape and improve their local communities. They are your local representatives, working on your behalf. They are not paid for this work, so please support them whenever you can.

Sue Berry, Clerk

Newick Hill Development

Newick Parish Council, together with great support from Jim Sheppard, our District and County Councillor, has secured the Under 5's Play Area that was under threat from developers on the Newick Hill site. Please see below the agreed design.



Cllr. Jenny Smerdon

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED

To help with our

TWITTEN TIDY UP

Meet at the Community Centre
On Saturday 1st April

10:00 to 12:00

Or

14:00 to 16:00

You will need:-

Protective gloves, Hi-viz vest, sensible footwear and suitable clothing

Tools—shears, edgers, hoe, or spade

Litter grabbers and rubbish bags will be provided

For further in formation please contact
Jenny Smerdon (722583) or Sue Berry (722135)

Neighbourhood Watch Update

As we no longer have a P.C.S.O. I rarely hear about crime or incidents in the village unless someone lets me know. If anyone does hear anything, please ring or email me and I can send it out on the NHW e-mails.



The door to door salesmen are calling round again. Someone rang and let me know she had an encounter with someone from Safestyle Windows. Jim and I drove round and found them but they weren't bothered. They said they have been told not to call on houses that say no doorstep sellers and are also very aware that the "No Cold Calling" signs around the village are not legally enforceable. Just say NO and shut the door. I rang the police who really weren't bothered and told me to ring Safestyle Windows. (They weren't bothered either.)

I have lots of "No Cold Calling" stickers if anyone should want any.

Cllr Jean Sheppard, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
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NEWICK COMES OUT ON TOP!!



A recent survey was conducted to find out how satisfied people were with their local area and in East Sussex Newick topped the poll with 98% of residents fairly or very satisfied! More information can be found on www.eastsussexjsna.org.uk/publichealthreports

New dog waste bin

You will be pleased to hear that the Parish Council has agreed to provide a new dual purpose litter bin on the recreation ground, by the Church Road entrance. This bin will be for dog litter and also have a separate compartment for general litter.

Will dog walkers please remember to dispose of all dog litter correctly in the bins provided, particularly as the recreation ground hosts games and sport for a significant number of children. I'm sure you wouldn't want your child to come home from games smeared in dog faeces, so collect litter properly and bin your bags every time please.

We now have 7 dog litter bins placed strategically around Newick, each costing around £300 per year to empty, so please respect the non-dog owners in Newick who also have to pay for this and **bin your dog waste every time.**

Cllr. Iain Nesbitt