

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee of Newick Parish Council held at Newick Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Newick on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: C. Armitage, B. Horsfall, J. Smerdon, M. Thew, C. Wickens and K. Wrench

Non Councillor: Mr J Lucas (Chair),

**In attendance:** Mrs S. Berry (Clerk)

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. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
- 4. Parish Council owned land between Vernons Road and The Rough** – Issues arising from Planning Applications - Following comments made by members of the public about the level of support for the site to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan it was noted that the results of the public consultation carried out in 2013 could be found in 'Parish Questionnaire Results – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013' on the newick.net website (see site paragraph 3.6.11 Comments concerning site 11).

It was noted that an email had been received from two local residents who were in support of the site being developed.

A letter received from a resident living adjacent to the site was considered and a response to the issues raised was agreed.

It was reported that the Clerk had been in communication with the Lewes District Council Planning Officer dealing with planning applications LW/18/0048, LW/18/0050 and LW/18/0080 and noted that the applications would be considered by the Lewes District Council Planning Committee rather than by the officer under delegated powers. It was likely that the date for consideration by the committee would be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The following issues raised by the planning officer were considered:-

- LW/18/0050 – application for pair of semi-detached bungalows – This proposed development would have a footprint that was considered too large for the size of the plot and therefore was likely to be refused. The Parish Council had been asked to consider withdrawing the application. Under authority delegated by the Parish Council at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the Committee agreed that this application would be withdrawn.
- LW/18/0048 – application for pair of semi-detached houses – The Parish Council had been asked to consider submitting a new plan to indicate that some of the five parking spaces would be available for general parking rather than just for the residents of the proposed new dwellings. The Clerk was asked to discuss the various options with the Planning Officer and to ask the architect to resubmit the plan before 22<sup>nd</sup> March. **Action Clerk**

It was agreed that a Parish Council representative would attend the LDC Planning Committee meeting and speak in support of the application. The Clerk was asked to check the rules for registration and the time limits for speaking. **Action Clerk**

**5. Newick Neighbourhood Plan Policies and Community Actions –**

EN5 (Newick Common) – There was nothing further to report since previous meeting

EN6 (Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)) – It was noted that Cllr. Wickens was putting together a presentation to be made at the Annual Parish Meeting

H01.8 (Street lighting) – There was nothing to report

TC2 and TC4 (off street parking and the funding of this via CIL) – There was nothing to report

TC3 (speeding on A272) – There was nothing to report

**6. Reports on items being monitored by the Committee**

6.1 The Housing White Paper – It was noted that consultation had opened on the draft text of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which had been revised to take into account changes previously consulted on under the Housing White Paper etc. It was agreed that committee members would study the consultation documents and meet informally to draft a proposed response. It was noted that the consultation would be open until 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018, therefore, the draft response would need to be available for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk was asked to print copies of various documents in order to assist this process. **Action Clerk**

6.2 The Neighbourhood Planning Act – There was nothing to report other than the consultation which had been dealt with in 6.1 above. It was agreed that for future agendas items 6.1 and 6.2 should be merged and re-named NPPF.

6.3 DLA Legal Challenges – It was reported that an appeal in connection with the Mitchelwood Farm planning application had taken place at the Court of Appeal on 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March. The result of the appeal was still awaited. Cllr Wickens and Mr Lucas had drafted an article dealing with this and other housing development issues which had been submitted for inclusion in the forthcoming edition of the Parish Council newsletter.

6.4 Emerging planning applications in line with Neighbourhood Plan – There was nothing to report other than matters already discussed under agenda item 4 above. The Clerk was asked to contact the agent for development site H03 to ask for an update on the proposals for developing this site. **Action Clerk**

6.5 Emerging planning applications in neighbouring areas – It was noted that the appeal in connection with application LW/16/0636 (Buckles Wood Field, Banks Road, North Chailey) had been dismissed. It was noted that, once again, Lewes DC saved policy CT1 had been a significant factor and in view of this it was suggested that a letter should be sent to Lewes DC reinforcing the request to ensure that any replacement for this policy is robust. Letter to be drafted by Cllr. Wickens and Mr Lucas before next meeting of Newick Parish Council. **Action Cllr. Wickens & Mr Lucas**

6.6 Progress on Lewes District Council Joint Core Strategy – There was nothing to report.

**7. Lewes District Council Five Year Housing Land Supply** – It was noted that Lewes District Council had recently confirmed that it still had a Five Year Housing Land Supply and had provided a copy of the report submitted at the Buckles Wood Field planning appeal which covered this issue.

**8. Planning Resource Articles** – The daily emails from Planning Resource were still being monitored. All committee members had taken a turn at monitoring the emails received and the following rota was agreed:- April – Mr Lucas, May – Cllr. Horsfall, June – Cllr. Thew.

**9. Date of next meeting** – It was agreed that the next meeting would be changed to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 so as not to clash with the Lewes DC Planning Committee meeting. The Sports Pavilion would not be available, therefore, the Clerk was asked to arrange an alternative venue. **Action Clerk**

**10. Items for the next agenda** – It was agreed that the agenda for the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April should be limited to the NPPF consultation response and any other items considered to be urgent.

**The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.**

**Signed:** ..... **Dated:** .....

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