

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee of Newick Parish Council held at Newick Sports Pavilion, on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 7pm.

**Present:** Councillors: B. Horsfall, J. Smerdon, M Thew (taking notes) C. Wickens and K. Wrench.

Non Councillor: Mr J Lucas (Chair)

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received from Cllr C. Armitage for personal reasons
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 Member of the Public.** None
4. **Parish Council owned land between Vernons Road and The Rough.**

A paper had been written setting out the process followed in producing the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to use as a resource to inform all interested parties of the importance of adherence to its Housing Policies and site selections.

Cllr Smerdon joined the Group at 7.08pm.

The group reviewed the paper and thanked Mr Lucas for producing it. It was agreed to circulate the paper to all current Parish Councillors; and also to Jim Sheppard, Tom Jones, Sharon Davey and Ian Fitzpatrick at District Level. Mr Lucas will contact Linda Farmer (as the Clerk is away) to action this. **Action: Mr J Lucas** A copy would also be sent to the Cumberleges for information.

**Action Mr Lucas** There appears to be lack of understanding of the NHP and why it is essential that the current Plan is upheld until 2030. This opinion had been reinforced by the Barrister representing the Cumberleges .

It was agreed to produce a letter for the Council to consider sending to the nearby residents who had written to the Parish Council. Cllr K Wrench agreed to draft this. **Action Cllr K Wrench**

The article from our District Councilor published in the May edition of the Newick Parish Magazine was highlighted as an example of incorrect information.

It was also agreed to recommend to the Council that an amended version of the paper be posted on the website with an appropriate heading so that it can be used in the future. **Action Mr J Lucas / Clerk**
5. **Newick Neighbourhood Plan Policies and Community Actions – EN5, EN6, H01.8, TC2, TC3, TC4 & CF3**

There has been no news regarding Mill Wood or Newick Common.
6. **Reports on items being monitored by the committee (where available)**
  - 6.1 National Planning Policy Framework –(NPPF) The response had been finalized and was being submitted before the deadline. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to thank Mr Turk for his recent e-mail (re EN5), explain that the PC response had been submitted, and that he is able to submit a personal response if he so wishes. **Action Clerk**
  - 6.2 **DLA Legal Challenge** Concerns were expressed that the PC were not being kept up to date by LDC. It was agreed that an e-mail should be sent to Joanna Stone at LDC to reinforce that NPC would appreciate being kept up to date on all planning related issues within Newick. This e-

mail should also be copied to Naz Hussein's replacement (Ian Fitzpatrick.) **Action: Mr Lucas / Locum Clerk.** In addition, it was considered that the Court should also be keeping us updated as we and LDC are interested parties.

**6.3 Emerging Planning applications in line with the Neighbourhood Plan** No update, Cllr Armitage was not present

**6.4 Emerging Planning applications in neighbouring areas** - No update, Cllr Armitage was not present

**6.5 Progress on Lewes District Council Joint Core Strategy**

**6.5.1 Part 2 Housing Allocation**

**6.5.2 Progress on meeting national expectations**

Cllr Horsfall reported that there was no progress with the Joint Core Strategy, however he expressed concerns regarding the introduction of new methodology to calculate housing need. It is not clear whether the new formula will take the National Park into consideration. It was agreed that we need to closely monitor the situation and wait to see the outcome. Cllr Wrench suggested that we should contact LDC now to express our concerns regarding the calculation method and to ask for their comments. The group had also read an article published in Planning Resource which had highlighted the problem. It was agreed to send an e-mail to LDC asking for their comments and for clarification. **Action – Locum Clerk (with assistance from Mr Lucas if required)**

7. **Re-drafting of letter to be sent to the clubs and societies regarding CIL funding bidding process.** The group discussed the letters that Cllr Wickens had drafted and made amendments. It was agreed to finalise the letters and to circulate them as a matter of urgency to all the Groups and Societies in the Village. The response date was amended to 8<sup>th</sup> June to allow slightly more time for the letters to be sent out. **Action Clerk / Cllr Wickens** The Groups / Societies would be asked to send it to their individual members to maximise the circulation. It was agreed to also send the letters to the School and Pre-school groups. As the Clerk is on holiday this week it was not known whether the Locum Clerk had access to the circulation list. Cllr Thew agreed to check this. **Action. Cllr Thew** (it was confirmed that the Locum Clerk did not have the password to the Clerk's system, and did not have access to the circulation list) The Clerk would be asked to make the circulation of this letter a priority on her return.

Cllr Horsfall had found that there had been one application to the Community Pot by the police, for number plate recognition technology. An invitation had been sent for two Councillors to attend CIL training on 19<sup>th</sup> June – this would be agreed at the next full Council meeting. It was also agreed to suggest that a Working Group should be formed to deal with the whole CIL process and report back either to this group or to the full Council. **Action: Clerk- add to the next agenda of the full Council**

**8. Planning Resource Articles**

It was agreed that these articles were proving very valuable as highlighted under item 6.5 .

9. **Date of next meeting:** The date will be scheduled at the AGM of the full Council at the end of May – probably 12<sup>th</sup> June, which would be a good time to review responses to the CIL applications.
10. **Items for the next Agenda** - As the next meeting is after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Election of Chair should be on the Agenda.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

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

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