

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee of Newick Parish Council held at Newick Sports Pavilion, on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Non-Councillor: J Lucas (Chairman).

In attendance: Mrs S Berry, Clerk to the Council.

An audio recording was made of the meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies had been received from Cllr C. Wickens.
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** – There were no members of the press or public present at the meeting.
4. **Newick Neighbourhood Plan Policies and Community Actions – EN5, EN6, H01.8, TC2, TC3, TC4 & CF3** – It was noted that Policies and Community Actions were being pursued as follows:-
 - EN5** – There was nothing further to report.
 - TC3** – Contact had been made with Rotherfield and Danehill Parish Councils as both have purchased Speed Indicator Devices. Information from Rotherfield PC had been circulated and one of the Councillors at Danehill had agreed to meet with Newick PC representatives to discuss their experience of using the device. A meeting date was yet to be agreed.
 - TC4** – The Clerk reported that she had not yet received a reply from East Sussex Highways as to the procedure for commissioning a feasibility study into layby parking on the estate.
 - CF3** – There was nothing further to report.
5. **Reports on items being monitored by the committee (where available)**
 - 5.1 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** – There was nothing to report.
 - 5.2 DLA Legal Challenge** – It was noted that a letter had been received from the Department for Communities and Local Government advising that the Public Inquiry into the Mitchelswood Farm planning appeal would not be re-opened and that a decision would be issued by the Secretary of State on or before 10th April 2019.
 - 5.3 Emerging Planning applications in line with the Neighbourhood Plan** – It was noted that a planning application had been made for the development of land to the rear of 45 Allington Road but that plans were not yet available to view on the Lewes District Council website. It was noted that a developer had indicated an intention to apply for permission to develop land at 55 Allington Road. There had been no news on when the planning application to develop the Woods Fruit Farm site would be decided by Lewes District Council and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries. **Action Clerk**
 - 5.4 Emerging Planning applications in neighbouring areas** – It was noted that applications to change the Kings Head pub at North Chailey into either flats or business premises were currently under consideration by Lewes District Council.
 - 5.5 Progress on Lewes District Council Joint Core Strategy**
 - 5.5.1 Part 2 Housing Allocation** – It was noted that Lewes District Council had issued a statement of its five year housing land supply position as at 1st October 2018 and that this

showed that the District Council could demonstrate a deliverable housing land supply of 5.22 years.

5.5.2 Progress on meeting national expectations – There was nothing to report.

6. Possible Review of Neighbourhood Plan – It was reported that the Lewes District Council Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Julia Edwards, had agreed to attend the next committee meeting in order to discuss issues relating to the possible review of Newick’s Neighbourhood Plan. The issues to be raised include the following:-

- What is the process for carrying out a formal review of a Neighbourhood Plan and what documentation would be required?
- How could it be demonstrated that a review had been carried out if there were no resulting amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan?
- Are there any examples of other Neighbourhood Plans which have been reviewed?
- What would be the process for designating a ‘reserve’ site to be developed if one of the other designated sites could not, for any reason, be developed or if the parish was asked to take additional housing over and above the existing 100?
- Would it be possible to place a cap on the number of properties to be built on any particular site and, if so, what would be the criteria for doing so?
- What would be the process for carrying out a re-classification of Newick’s status as a service hub since a number of local services such as the Post Office and bus service had been lost or reduced since this exercise was last carried out?
- Does Lewes District Council have up to date housing need figures that would help to show whether or not there was a need for additional rented or part-buy social housing in Newick?

The Clerk was asked to contact Ringmer Parish Council to obtain further information about whether or not the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan included a cap on the numbers of houses on additional development sites over and above those already mandated in the Neighbourhood plan.

Action Clerk

Cllr. Smerdon left the meeting at 7.30 p.m

7. Items for the next Agenda - The next meeting of this Committee is to be held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 – the usual items should be on the agenda with a focus on the possible review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Signed: **Dated:**

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