

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Newick Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.34 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. B. Deacon, P. Tibbs, M. Thew, C. Wickens

Non Councillors; Mr K Wrench

In Attendance: Mrs. E Reece (Clerk)

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllr. T Whitlock.
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 none declared
3. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – None
4. **2020 Budget** – This item was discussed after item 5
5. **Update on Newick Sports Pavilion Development Project** - Cllr. Thew confirmed the next project meeting is scheduled for 22nd October 7pm. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council Meeting on 29th October would be considering the draft process for consulting and agreeing capital projects. The Lease for the Pavilion was discussed, and it was confirmed that this would be pursued once it was agreed what monies would be allocated to the project. The Playing Fields and Scout Hut were discussed in relation to the potential relocation of the Pavilion.

4. **2020 Budget** - Cllr. Thew discussed the budget for the current accounting year and confirmed that all of the budget (£3,000) had been spent on Dual Purpose Bins and Fingerpost refurbishment and replacement. The Clerk discussed a budget meeting that Cllr. Wickens and herself attended on 7th October and gave an overview of the financial situation for next year. The Sports club rents and the outgoings for the maintenance of the playing fields/water bill was discussed. The income is significantly lower than outgoings. It was agreed in principle that rents would need to be increased. An indicative budget of £1,500 for the E&R Committee was discussed and this reflected a number of budget cuts that would be needed for next accounting year. The future of the bar in a new Sports Pavillion was discussed and Mr Wrench answered a number of questions regarding how this may work financially.
6. **Environment Issues:** -
 - 6.1 To discuss feedback from annual inspection report and actions taken including refuse bin at bus stop - The annual inspection report was circulated. It was reported that Rootz agreed to repair the bench on the Rugby Field identified as needing work. Cllr. Thew confirmed she would look over the playing fields prior to the meeting with SPMC next month. The Village Pump being cleaned was discussed at a previous meeting following some information supplied to Tony Turk from the Victorian Society. The Community Centre Wall – sleepers are current being investigated by the Clerk.
 - 6.2 To note grounds maintenance contract is open for tender (closing date 30th October) and the 2020 budget implications - The Clerk confirmed Tenders have been invited. The income from East Sussex Highways has been reduced to £686 for 2020/21. This was £2778 for 2018/19. The Committee discussed Cllr. D Marchant assisting with future tender invites.
 - 6.3 To consider email from Tony Turk regarding the village character. – Cllr. Thew and Wickens discussed the history of the paving by the bus stop and centenary stone. Alternative options were discussed, and the committee were unable to see a resolution. It was agreed that Cllr. Thew would draft a response letter to Mr

Turk. It was unanimously voted to keep flag poles as the committee felt they were a distinctive part of the village.

7. Playing Fields Issues - None

8. Update on possible future projects: -

8.1 **Litter picking group** – Cllr Thew. This item and item 8.2 were discussed together. It was confirmed that no further volunteers had come forward for the litter picking group, but it was pleasing to have younger members of the village involved next Tuesday. Cllr. Thew confirmed that all equipment is available from LDC free of charge for both the school event and future litter picking. It was agreed to have an Autumn Spring Clean on Saturday 9th November at 10am. Cllr. Thew to send details to Clerk to create poster for advertising on Social Media and in noticeboards.

8.2 **Donate a morning with Newick Primary School 15th October.** This item was discussed in 8.1

8.3 **Skate Park** – Cllr Deacon reported he had met with two skate park ramp users and he stated they were enthusiastic that the Parish Council was taking an interest in the facilities. The Skate Park as part of the overall playing field redevelopment was discussed and that no further progress would be made until the future of the existing and potential future pavilion was decided.

9. Strengthening Local Relationships – To agree agenda items for SLR meeting 24th October 2019 – It was agreed to add the following to the agenda;

- Speedwatch
- Granite set – Newick Drive broken again.
- Advice re Paving slabs broken on green, to discuss materials/repair contractor.

Meeting closed at 20.37

Signed:

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