

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Newick Parish Council on Tuesday 10th August 2021, 7.00 p.m. at Newick Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick

Present: Councillors: B Hodge (Chairman of this committee), A. Sippetts, M. Thew, B Whitlock, T Whitlock & C. Wickens

In Attendance Mrs S Berry (Locum Clerk)
Two members of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. C. Armitage and V. Marchant
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.
3. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – Two members of the public were present at the meeting and both spoke regarding application LW/21/0620.

Mr. Turk referred to the email that he had sent prior to the meeting and asked the committee to have regard to the concerns that he had raised. He also raised an issue about the confusing description of the Church Barn as ‘Former Stables of the Old Rectory’ in the statutory public notice which had appeared in the local newspaper.

Rev. Mundy outlined the background to the application and said that the aim was to provide much needed high quality changing and toilet facilities for disabled users of the Barn and other local facilities and to make the whole space more user friendly for other groups. He said that he had met Mr Turk on site to discuss his concerns about the design and would be feeding these back to the architect.

4. **Planning Applications** (If plans available on LDC website)

<p>LW/21/0620 Former stables of the Old Rectory, Church Road</p>	<p>Conversion of existing toilet facilities to private changing space, extension to existing community hall including provision of disabled access facilities. (Listed Building Consent Application)</p> <p>The committee was supportive of the community benefits that this application would bring, however, it was noted that the published address for the building was incorrect and there was concern that it would not be recognised by persons wishing to make comment. The Clerk was asked to seek a one month extension to the response date in order to give time for this error to be addressed and the committee deferred its decision to a later meeting.</p>
<p>LW/21/0515 14 The Green</p>	<p>Conversion of outbuilding to 1.5 storey ancillary accommodation</p> <p>It was noted that little information had been provided regarding the dimensions of the proposal, in particular. it was unclear as to whether any changes were proposed to the height of the roofline.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to object to this planning application for the following reasons:-</p> <p>1) The proposed conversion of the existing outbuilding would need extensive structural modification to make it suitable for habitation.</p>

	<p>When completed this would effectively result in a new dwelling in the garden of 14 The Green, contrary to Newick Neighbourhood Plan (NNP) policy HO1.6 (The construction of additional homes in the gardens of Newick's existing homes will not be supported).</p> <p>2) Paragraph 4.5.2 of the Design and Access, Heritage and Planning Statement refers to NNP policy LE3 which states that small scale changes to residential properties to encourage home working and home-based small businesses will be supported. However, it was not considered that the proposed conversion of the outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation can be seen either as home working or a home-based small business.</p>
LW/21/0567 12 Mantell Close	<p>Erection of single-storey link extension between existing garage and house</p> <p>It was agreed to make no comment on this planning application.</p>
LW/21/0583 Roundells, 12 High Hurst Close	<p>Creation of first floor on host property facilitated by a raise in ridge height</p> <p>It was agreed to support this planning application, however, a request was made for any planning permission to include restrictions on the hours of work and for deliveries by heavy vehicles to be outside drop off and pick up times for nearby Newick Primary School as there is already a great deal of traffic congestion at these times. A request was also made for the building contractor to repair any damage to the residential road and grass verges caused as a result of this development.</p>

4.1 Approvals/Refusals etc. – Cllr. Hodge reported that he had attended the Lewes DC Planning Application Committee meeting on 4th August 2021 when application LW/20/0842 (Land to the rear of Oldaker Road) was considered. He reported that the application had been **refused** by Lewes District Council. The refusal notice had not been published at the time of the meeting, but it was believed that the reasons for refusal included back garden development contrary to policy H01.6 of NNNP, the narrow access from Oldaker Road, and the scale of the proposed new dwelling which would be in the Church Road Conservation Area.

4.2 Tree works applications – There were no tree works applications.

4.3 Appeal APPEAL/21/0004 Woods Fruit Farm – Cllr. Hodge reported that he was working on a draft submission and that this would be circulated to members for comments within the next few days and circulated for approval prior to dispatch.

5. Update on Lewes Local Plan – It was reported that Planning Committee members had divided into two teams to work on responses to Lewes District Council's Local Plan consultation. One team was working on the Issues and Options document and the other on Sustainability and Scoping. The draft response would be ready for consideration and approval at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 31st August.

The Meeting Closed at 8.06 p.m.

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

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