

## Newick Parish Council

**Minutes** of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick

**Present:** Councillors C. Armitage, B. Hodge, D. Marchant, V. Marchant, A. Penfold, A. Sippetts, M. Thew, B. Whitlock, T. Whitlock, C. Wickens and K.Wrench.

**In Attendance:** Emma Reece (Clerk)  
Matthew Milligan (County Councillor)  
5 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Maria Caulfield.
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**
3. **Exclusion of the Press and Public** – There was no reason to exclude the press or members of the public from any part of the meeting.
4. **To agree author and content of monthly Social Media update** – It was agreed that Cllr. Sippetts would write this.
5. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** –

*Councillor Wrench arrived at 7.02pm*

A member of the public spoke about the Woods Fruit Farm planning application. He shared his concerns about an illuminated bollard included in the scheme. He felt that a self illuminated bollard would be reasonable but had concerns on the impact a permanent illumination would have on the rural character of the village. He stated that he hoped the Parish Council would object on this basis.

A representative from Thakeham Homes spoke and stated that the bollard was included to meet with ESCC policy. He said that Thakeham would be happy to change the bollard if ESCC agreed.

6. **Report from Lewes District Councillor Roy Burman** – There was no report and Mr Burman was not present
7. **Report from County Councillor Matthew Milligan** – Mr Milligan stated there wasn't much to share and that there will be £41 million available for improvements. The Chair noted that a recent post that Mr Milligan made on social media about an increase in County Councillor allowances was very good. Mr Milligan confirmed that he had refused his allowance increase.
8. **To discuss proposal for advisory part-time 20mph limit signs, with flashing school warning lights at Allington Road** – The Chair thanked Mr Milligan for this proposal and Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the signs.
9. **Report from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield** – Maria Caulfield MP had sent her apologies that she was unable to attend. Her written report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.
10. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – These were considered and approved.

Item 12 was brought forward

## 12. Planning

### 12.1 Planning Applications (If plans available on LDC website)

<b>LW/22/0220</b>	<p><b>Woods Fruit Farm Goldbridge Road</b> Demolition of Oakside and erection of 39no dwellings with associated access, drainage, parking, landscaping and infrastructure work</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to <b>support</b> this application but write to ESCC Highways and copy LDC in highlighting some concerns about the illuminated beacons, footpath access and coordination with neighbouring development site.</p> <p><i>3 members of general public left the meeting at 7.29pm</i></p>
<b>LW/22/0221 &amp; LW/22/0222</b>	<p><b>11 Western Road</b> Single storey rear extension with hipped roof, rear window, 2no. side facing windows, glazed patio doors to rear and side elevation and additional rear.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>.</p>
<b>LW/22/0244</b>	<p><b>Forge Cottage Font Hill</b> Replacement single storey rear extension with crown roof, roof lantern and additional windows, 2no. rear two storey dormers with pitched roof and additional centre window, and rear facing dormer to existing side extension</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b>.</p>

### 12.2 Approvals/Refusals etc.

It was noted that the following applications have been approved by Lewes District Council;

Discharge of condition 3 (external materials), 4 (hard and soft landscape works), and 5 (boundary treatments) relating to approval LW/19/0911  
92 Allington Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4ND Ref. No: LW/22/0237/CD Status: Approved

Erection of single storey rear extension with 1no roof lantern  
69 Church Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4JZ Ref. No: LW/22/0092 Status: Approved

Demolition of garage and erection of two-storey side extension with 1no roofdome to the front flat roof and single storey rear extension with 2no rooflights to rear  
5 Church Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4JU Ref. No: LW/22/0075 Status: Approved

Single-storey rear extension  
30 High Street Newick East Sussex BN8 4LQ Ref. No: LW/22/0126 | Status: Application Approved – it was noted that this application was incomplete when the Parish Council considered it and it was not resubmitted for comment when the Design and Access statement was uploaded onto the LDC portal.

It was noted that the following applications have been withdrawn;

Single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension with mansard roof  
1 Vernons Road Newick East Sussex BN8 4NF  
Ref. No: LW/21/0645 | Status: Withdrawn

It was noted that the following applications have been refused by Lewes District Council;

Conversion of existing toilet facilities to create Changing Places, extension to existing community hall including provision of disabled access facilities  
Former Stables Of The Old Rectory Church Road Newick East Sussex  
Ref. No: LW/21/0491 Status: Refused

**12.3** Tree Works Applications – There were none.

**12.4** To consider email from Nick Beaumont (Chair of Plumpton Parish Council) dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and agree if the Council will support the draft letter to LDC opposing the standard method of housing number calculation – it was unanimously agreed that the latter version of the letter.

**11. To discuss climate change** – Cllr. V Marchant shared some information on warm home surveys, OVESCO energy champions and the Lewes Library of things.

Using the Newsletter to publicise these messages was discussed and a conversation was had on the content of future magazines.

**12. Planning** – this was covered earlier in the meeting

**13. Clerk's Report** – To note report from Clerks including correspondence received in March/April 2022.

This included:

- Defib at school
- APM
- Clerk annual leave
- Jubilee flag
- Seasonal flags
- Audit process
- Skate Park update
- Newick Drive sign
- Newick Directory

**14. Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman** –There were none

**15. Financial Matters:**

**15.1** To authorise Schedule of Payments for March 2022 and arrangements for approving payments – it was agreed that Cllr. Armitage and Cllr. Sippetts would authorise the payments.

The following payments were authorised;

Time: 09:49

**Unity Trust Bank**

**List of Payments made between 01/04/2022 and 30/04/2022**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
30/04/2022	Newick Table Tennis Club	369914721	250.00		Grant
30/04/2022	NHS Property Services	26687153	990.00		NHS Property Services
30/04/2022	Mrs E Reece	47651254	1,450.97		Clerk Salary
30/04/2022	HM Revenue & Customs	347914061	426.30		NI & Tax
30/04/2022	East Sussex ALC Ltd	454740179	720.33		ESALC/NALC Subscription
30/04/2022	East Sussex Pension Fund	851100077	490.29		Pension Contributions
30/04/2022	Lewes District Council	211776523	18.00		Play inspection
30/04/2022	Mrs E Reece	839804105	63.85		APM refreshments
30/04/2022	Telefonica UK Ltd	DD	18.17		Mobile Phone
30/04/2022	Mrs SE Berry	534447179	160.63		Locum Clerk
30/04/2022	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	489.01		Top up
30/04/2022	Mrs C Wickens	80810506	41.18		Rootz support posts
30/04/2022	Peter Howes	334491804	308.00		Village Handyman
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>5,426.73</u>		

The following payments had already been made and were noted;

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Time: 11:41

**Barclays Debit Card**

**List of Payments made between 01/04/2022 and 30/04/2022**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
30/04/2022	The Flag Shop	DC	33.91		Seasonal flags
30/04/2022	Amazon	DC	4.99		Marking paint for skate ramp
30/04/2022	Books & Stationers Ltd	DC	3.98		Paper
30/04/2022	WEL Medical Ltd	DC	47.94		Pads for Primary School
30/04/2022	Amazon UK	DC	3.19		File dividers
30/04/2022	Haymarket Subscriptions	DC	395.00		Planning Resource
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>489.01</u>		

**15.2** To note quarterly reconciliation of finances for financial year end including bank statements. These were noted

**15.3** To receive end of year accounts for 2021/22 – These were noted

**15.4** To note updated Asset Register – This was noted.

**15.5** To note receipt of first half of precept payment from Lewes District Council – This was noted

**15.6** To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972) – There were none.

**15.7** To consider quotations received (if received) – There were none.

**16. Environment & Recreation:**

**16.1** Skateboard Ramp project update from Cllr. Thew – Cllr. Thew gave an overview on the progress which included a neighbour meeting earlier in the evening. The Pre-planning application was reported as being completed and approved but awaiting further clarification.

**16.2** Outdoor Gym Equipment update. Cllr. Thew stated that this will be considered in the next E&R meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, with the next step to select types of equipment.

**16.3** Spring Clean Event – Cllr. Thew reported the A272 was the worst area in terms of volume of litter collected and that the Council will hold another event in the autumn.

- 16.4 Pavilion Redevelopment update from Cllr. Penfold & Thew – Cllr. Penfold reported that Malcolm Ward was looking at plans, Kate Alexander is looking at fundraising and that Norman Alexander was opening a new account for fundraising money. Cllr. Penfold confirmed there was a Sports Pavilion AGM next week which him and Cllr. Thew would be attending.
- 16.5 SLR meeting 5th April 2022 report from Cllrs. Armitage & Thew – Cllr. Armitage reported that the meeting was interesting but that as yet none of the actions agreed have been completed.
- 16.6 Update on paving on The Green from Cllr. Armitage – Cllr. Armitage reported that Tim Tapp has provided brick options which have been looked at by a number of residents and Councillors and that Tim will provide a quote based on these pavers.

**17 Committees' and Councillors' Reports:**

- 17.1 Newick Rootz – Cllr. Wickens confirmed a work day had been completed recently and shared on Newick Talk.
- 17.2 VHMC – Cllr. B Whitlock reported that the proposed solution on hire rates will be a winter tariff and that caretaking arrangements are being reviewed. Use of the village hall car park was discussed as an avenue of income generation. Potential parking issues if Woods Fruit Farm goes ahead was discussed and it was agreed to add this concern to the letter to ESCC.

**18. Permissions & Consultations:**

- 18.1 Lewes District Council – Road closure request from Newick Bonfire Society for Saturday 29th October for annual bonfire celebrations (deadline 8th June) – This was agreed.
- 18.2 To consider request from Batchelor Monkhouse to erect a marquee on the 30th June or 7th July for their summer cricket game and party at KGVPF – This was agreed for 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**19. Update on plans for Annual Parish Meeting on 18th May 2022** – this was outlined and noted.

**20. To consider issue of parking in the village** – the source of the parking issue was discussed and it was agreed to contact the garage owner to discuss solutions.

**21. Update on plans for Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations 2022** – including agreement of plans and maintenance for planting Oak Tree at KGVPF. It was agreed to add the tree planting to the next E&R agenda.

**22. Update on Ukraine & Community Hub** – Cllr. Wickens reported that there have been weekly meetings. Cllr. B Whitlock confirmed that two Ukrainian ladies attended and that the Hub was working well as a place to share ideas and as a Community hub too.

**23. Items for next agenda**

Cllr. V Marchant - Dark skies policy

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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