

## Newick Parish Council

**Minutes** of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road, Newick

**Present:** Councillors C. Armitage (Chairman), B. Hodge, D. Marchant, V. Marchant, A..Penfold, T.Whitlock, and C. Wickens.

**In Attendance:** Emma Reece (Clerk)  
Two members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllr. Sippetts, Thew, B. Whitlock and K.Wrench. Apologies had also been received from Maria Caulfield and Matthew Milligan.
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. **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. Hodge would write this.
5. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** –

One member of the public asked how (Lewes District Council) LDC would represent itself at the Telephone Exchange appeal given that the LDC planning officer supported the application but the LDC planning committee objected.

Cllr. Wickens answered that when the Woods Fruit Farm appeal occurred, Lewes District Council Officer supported the committees' views even though the officer had supported the application.

*At 7.04pm Councillor Whitlock arrived*

Cllr. Wickens spoke about her experience at the 45 Allington Road hearing. The format of the appeal was discussed. It was confirmed that it was a virtual meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 10am.

*At 7.14pm 2 members of the public left*

6. **Report from Lewes District Councillor Roy Burman** – Roy Burman was not present.
7. **Report from County Councillor Matthew Milligan** – Matthew Milligan was not present.
8. **Report from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield** - Maria Caulfield was not present, and a report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
9. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022** – These were considered and approved.
10. **To discuss climate change** – Cllr. V Marchant stated there was nothing new to report.
11. **Planning:**

11.1 Planning Applications (If plans available on LDC website)

<b>LW/22/0525</b>	<b>9 Goldbridge Road</b> Installation of flue on front elevation  <i>It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b></i>
<b>LW/22/0556</b>	<b>Quineys Cornwell's Bank</b> Variation of Condition 1 (Plans) in relation to approval LW/19/0696 for alterations to fenestration and alterations to garage and workshop outbuilding to provide additional ancillary accommodation  <i>It was unanimously agreed to make <b>no comment</b></i>

11.2 Approvals/Refusals etc.

It was noted that the following have been agreed by Lewes District Council;  
Reference Number: LW/22/0221 11 Western Road, Newick, East Sussex, BN8 4LE  
23/09/2022 Approved Newick  
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23/09/2022 Approved Newick

It was noted that the following have been refused by Lewes District Council;  
Reference Number: LW/22/0464 Hurstbourne Cottage , Cornwell's Bank, Newick,  
East Sussex, BN8 4RJ 05/09/2022 Refused Newick  
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11.3 Tree Works Applications – Cllr. Wickens reported that an application for 49 Church Road was approved

11.4 To agree whether to pursue an extension of designated Conservation Areas – Councillor Hodge gave a summary of his discussions with LDC.

Councillor Armitage declared a potential interest at this stage as his property would be in the proposed extended conservation area.

Cllr. Wickens stated that she felt that the extension on the Green had too many changes since the work was done and that the Council would need to consult the residents. She also stated that the Church Road extension includes the playing fields which she did not feel was appropriate. Cllr. Wickens put forward a motion that the issue is looked at again in 12 months to revisit by the next Council, new District Councillor and conservation officer in place at LDC.

Cllr. T Whitlock asked what is being conserved and why wasn't it included before? He also asked what changes have been made that make it need to be included in the conservation area now?

Cllr Wickens proposal was seconded by Cllr. D Marchant and supported unanimously. Cllr. Armitage did not vote on the matter.

It was agreed that The Clerk would contact Tony Turk to advise him of the Councils decision.

11.5 To agree representations for APPEAL/22/0028 Land At Telephone Exchange –

The timings of the hearing were discussed. It was agreed that Cllr. Wickens would send the statement objection including the appeals at Woods Fruit Farm.

- 12 Clerk's Report** – To note report from Clerks including correspondence received in August/September 2022.

This included:

The gate repairs have been completed by Stephen Comber  
 The Scouts lease.  
 LDC electoral services election cost £5690  
 ESCC have confirmed they will pay the Council £714 for self-delivery of their highway mowing  
 Clerk annual leave  
 Defibrillator software update

Damaged Bollards on The Green (£80 replacement)  
 Cambridge & Counties Interest Rate increase to 2.3%  
 Tom Stovold/Royal Oak Christmas Tree and light switch on  
 Correction to minutes of SPCT  
 CIL of £4895.91 must be spent by 28/04/22  
 Scouts jumble sale boards on The Green (8<sup>th</sup> October)  
 14<sup>th</sup> October litter picking at School

- 13 Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman** – It was reported that the NPC policy 'Death of a Monarch or senior member of the Royal Family' was implemented, and a flower wreath purchased at the cost of £30 from Cecilia Jones Flowers.

**14 Financial Matters:**

- 14.1** To authorise Schedule of Payments for September 2022. It was agreed that Cllrs. Armitage and D. Marchant would authorise the following payments;

**List of Payments made between 01/09/2022 and 30/09/2022**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
30/09/2022	HM Revenue & Customs	704115582	396.69	Tax & NI	HM Revenue & Customs
30/09/2022	Mrs E Reece	821234625	1,480.58		Clerk Salary
30/09/2022	East Sussex Pension Fund	920789398	490.29		Pension Scheme
30/09/2022	Upper Bridge Enterprises	594361445	550.14		Website annual fees & Mailbox
30/09/2022	Telefonica UK Ltd	DD	18.17		Mobile phone
30/09/2022	Stephen Comber Fencing	344987409	421.40		Stephen Comber Fencing
30/09/2022	Zurich Municipal	623697996	1,502.10		Annual insurance policy
30/09/2022	Peter Howes	30015479	396.00		Parish Council Handyman
30/09/2022	Lewes District Council	555969117	18.00		Play inspections
30/09/2022	Lewes District Council	998691040	108.58		Waste bin KGVPF empty
30/09/2022	Lewes District Council	555969117	-18.00		CORRECTION
30/09/2022	Lewes District Council	555969117	18.00		Play inspections
30/09/2022	Barclays Debit Card	Top up	105.06		Top up
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>5,487.01</u>		

It was noted that the following payments had also been made;

Time: 12:46

**Barclays Debit Card**

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30/09/2022	Cecilia Jones Flowers	DC	30.00		Wreath
30/09/2022	British Legion	DC	17.00		Wreath of Poppies
30/09/2022	Printerland	DC	58.06		Printerland
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>105.06</u>		

**14.2** To receive statement of performance against budget as at August 2022 – this was noted.

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

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

**14.4** To consider Capital Project funding applications – Cllr. D Marchant stated that the Sports Pavilion Charitable Trust had applied for £25,000. This application had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Penfold gave an outline of what progress has been made and stated that £22,000 was enough for the architect and to be ready to get to the planning stage. Cllr. Hodge voiced concerns that it did not qualify for capital spending and that he would like to see fundraising from other sources. Cllr. Whitlock stated there could be no capitalisation on balance sheet so the Parish Council can't source from the capital funds. Cllr. Armitage stated that the Council could fund from CIL but he also had concerns that if the Pavilion never happens then that money would be wasted. Cllr. Penfold stated that there were people in place now that would drive it forward. Cllr. Wickens stated she was not against it but didn't feel preparatory work had been done as group users not given a questionnaire as to what was needed from the building as a communal space for all. She challenged how could drawings be done if user groups had been not consulted.? Cllr. Wickens went on to say that there use to be half the amount of storage but kept really neat. Cllr. V Marchant stated that she felt that as a Parish Council we should be bringing a consultation group together tasked with how we could move the matter forward. Cllr. Penfold stated that this process started 14 years ago and the issue has gone round and round and round. Cllr. Armitage proposed to defer the decision to January PC meeting to give the Trust time to consult with their users, come back with a breakdown of costs and to start the process of fundraising. This motion was seconded by Cllr. Wickens and agreed unanimously.

**15. Environment & Recreation:**

**15.1** Skateboard Ramp project including postponement of open morning 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – The Clerk reported that rescheduling would be discussed when Cllr. Thew returned from holiday and that the Council was still waiting for the outcome of the planning application.

**15.2** Litterpicking and 'donate a morning' with Newick Primary School – The Clerk shared details of the event with Newick Primary School and invited Councillors to join the event.

**15.3** Outdoor Gym Equipment update – The Clerk reported there was no progress with this project because the open morning had been postponed.

**15.4** Pavilion Redevelopment update from Cllr. Penfold – this was covered during item 14.5.

**15.5** Update on paving on The Green from Cllr. Armitage – Cllr. Armitage reported there was no further progress with this project due to the open morning postponement.

**16. Committees' and Councillors' Reports:**

**16.1** Newick Rootz – Cllr. Wickens reported there was a smaller work party for September, digging out footpath 16 and that October's work day is on Newick Common.

**16.2** Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr. T Whitlock reported there was no Village Hall Management Committee meeting this month.

**17. To agree article for November edition of the Parish News (submission deadline 7th October)** – Councillor Armitage agreed to look at LDC news, It was agreed to include the Skate Park planning result if know and any news from the pavilion redevelopment.

**18. To consider renewal of Scout Hut lease which expires December 2022** – The old lease was circulated. It was unanimously agreed to offer a 7-year lease with proper break clauses in the event that the Scouts moved to a new Pavilion. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Parish Council's solicitor to draft the lease.

**19. To consider arrangements for tender process and specification of grounds maintenance contract commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023** – It was agreed that Cllr. D Marchant would look at the existing specification and speak to Gary Marshall to see if he was able to help. The matter would be considered again at the October PC meeting.

**20. Items for next agenda -**

Grounds Maintenance

Scout Hut Lease

Sports Pavilion tender process

To discuss payment for Christmas Tree on The Green

*The meeting closed at 8.31pm*

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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