

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 8th November 2022 following the Planning Committee meeting.

Present: Cllrs. V Marchant, M. Thew (Chair), B Whitlock, T Whitlock
K. Wrench.
Jenny Smerdon (non Councillor).

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)

An audio recording was made of the meeting.

The meeting started at 7.25pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Councillors Armitage and Wickens. Cllr. Penfold was not present.
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 Members of the Public** – There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
4. **Update on Newick Sports Pavilion** - Cllr. Thew gave a summary of the latest meeting of the Sports Pavilion Charity Trust. She stated that the forms have been supplied to the Trust for CIL Parish funding. It was reported that Donna O’Toole was involved with fundraising. Jenny Smerdon asked what the money was to be used for. Cllr. Thew replied that was for plans and surveys. It was reported that the next Sports Pavilion meeting was scheduled for the 10th January 2023.
5. **Update on Skate Park** – Cllr. Thew reported that there has been a further meeting with the contractors, Gravity who conducted a further site visit. It was reported that there would need to be additional access provision. Cllr. Thew reported that Gravity also supply acoustic fencing, once the source of the noise has been monitored. Cllr. Thew reported that Gravity had confirmed they were able to take the Youth Shelter away at additional cost and that alternative local scrap metal companies would be investigated too.
6. **Update on Outdoor Gym Equipment** – Cllr. Thew reported that she was meeting with fresh air fitness at 11am on 9th November. The matter would be included at the open morning.
7. **To discuss rescheduling open morning cancelled in September** – Cllr. Thew discussed whether there would be a new date for the open morning which would be a coffee morning at the Community Centre in the new year.
8. **To discuss Spring Clean litter pick** – Cllr. Thew discussed holding a Spring Clean on 11th or 18th March 10 - 12 starting at the Community Centre.

Cllr. V Marchant asked about item 7, the open morning, and suggested inviting the sports pavilion to come and talk to local residents about their redevelopment plans. She also suggested that the Council’s plans for wildflower meadows was included in the open morning.
9. **Update on Grounds Maintenance Contract Tender** – Clerk reported that she had a lot of interest from Newick Talk and that full tenders would be presented in the November meeting.

10. Maintenance issues

- 10.1 Annual Play Inspection report findings – It was agreed that the wetpour to be addressed in the future. It was agreed to ask Peter Howes to repaint the Roundabout. Cllr. Thew stated that the issue of Play equipment would need to be addressed in the next Council year.
- 10.2 Outstanding annual asset inspection actions – Cllr. Thew stated these were reviewed and the major issues have been resolved.
- 10.3 Bench Maintenance – Cllr. Marchant agreed to ask her husband if he would consider doing the work.
- 10.4 Replacement bench on The Green – It was agreed to add the matter to the next full Council meeting.
- 10.5 Play area – flooring and cage – Cllr. Thew stated that the whole play area needs to be reviewed after skate park and that the matter would be included in the next E&R committee meeting.
- 10.6 Post outside The Bull – It was agreed to wait until a few need repair and then do them in batches.

11. Newick Allotments including lease – Cllr. V Marchant stated there is no further progress to report. Alternative locations for allotments were discussed. It was agreed to add this matter to the next E&R agenda.

12. To discuss plans for planting an Oak tree to mark the Queen’s Jubilee at KGVPF – The Clerk was asked to find out the plans for a tree for David Strachan – It was agreed to add the Oak Tree onto the next agenda.

13. Items for next agenda – As above and Coronation plans (November PC agenda)

Meeting closed at 8.18pm

Signed:

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