

Newick Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th November 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. Sippetts, M. Thew, C. Wickens and K. Wrench.

In Attendance: Emma Reece (Clerk)
East Sussex County Councillor Matthew Milligan
Two members of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies had been received from Councillor B & T Whitlock and Maria Caulfield MP. Councillor Penfold was not present and sent his apologies via email as the meeting started.
- 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** – Cllr. D Marchant declared an interest in the Cricket club grant application.
- 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 –

The applicants of Alder Lake farm spoke in support of their application. They gave some background on the site and the business. They stated they have developed a sense of doing things with real quality. They stated that they knew building a new dwelling in the countryside would be contentious and so they had been working on the application for 18 months. They stated that the business is sustainable and genuine They stated the need for someone on site and that there had been veterinary issues in the past which have been really close calls. They confirmed that had good relations with their neighbours and that broadly they have their support.

Cllr. Thew asked if the applicants are going to live rather than a groom?

The applicants confirmed that it just their family and they have two daughters.

Cllr. Armitage asked about the old Mitchelswood farmhouse itself

The applicants confirmed that they understood that it was a complex situation with a split title.

Cllr. Hodge asked about timescales.

The applicants stated they are working very closely with the designers and they want to move forward as soon as they can. They are looking to self build so may take 18 months – 2 years.

Cllr. Wickens asked if the applicants if they expected there to be an agricultural tie?

The applicant stated that they have assumed that there will be.

Cllr. Sippetts asked if the applicants had any other interests in the surrounding titles.

The applicant stated that no one else had an interest in the title of their property and they themselves had no interest in any surrounding titles.

- 6. Report from Lewes District Councillor Roy Burman** – Cllr. Roy Burman was not present.
- 7. Report from County Councillor Matthew Milligan** – Cllr. Matthew Milligan reported that there was no update from the County Council.

8. **Report from Member of Parliament Maria Caulfield** - Maria Caulfield was not present at the meeting, however, her written report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
9. **Approval of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 25th October 2022** – These were considered and approved.
10. **To discuss climate change** – *This item was moved to later in the meeting.*
11. **Planning:**
 - 11.1 Approval of Draft Minutes from Planning Committee held 8th November 2022 – these were considered and approved.
 - 11.2 Planning Applications (If plans available on LDC website)

Application LW/22/0763 was discussed first.

LW/22/0763	<p>Alder Lake Farm Oxbottom Lane Equestrian workers dwelling, hay barn and horse walker, placement of PV panels, and regularisation of the existing barn</p> <p>It was agreed to support this application with 5 Councillors voting in favour, and 3 against. The Council requested that Lewes District Council make it clear that the property must not be let or sold separate to the agricultural occupancy, that there must be an agricultural occupancy condition and that permitted development rights be removed.</p> <p><i>Two members of the public left at 7.29pm</i></p>
LW/22/0724 & LW/22/0725	<p>New Greenfields 34 Church Road Demolition of existing side conservatory, erection of single storey side</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make no comment.</p>
LW/22/0730	<p>26 High Hurst Close Demolition of existing porch and replacement single storey pitched roof front/side extension</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to make no comment.</p>

- 11.3 Appeal for Land at Telephone Exchange – Cllr. Wickens reported that she attended the virtual hearing and gave an overview of the meeting. She stated that the outcome should be known by Christmas.
- 11.4 Consider writing to LDC regarding the use of the standard methodology for calculating house allocation numbers – a draft had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed to send this letter to Stephen Gauntlet, copying in Maria Caulfield and Leigh Palmer.
- 11.5 Approvals/Refusals etc.
It was reported that LW/22/0456 Outline Permission for Land at Telephone Exchange has been approved by Lewes District Council
- 11.6 Tree Works Applications – It was reported that there were no applications that needed comment.
10. **To discuss climate change** – Cllr. V Marchant reported that there was another scheme to help people address climate change, which is insulation for lowest income houses and oldest houses. She reported that she was waiting for more information and it would be included in the next Newsletter.
- 12 **Clerk's Report** – To note report from Clerks including correspondence received in October/November 2022.

This included:

- Payment of £150 towards the Christmas Tree lights

- PC meeting dates
- The Parish Office opening dates for festive period
- Defibrillator software update
- The savings rate increase to 2.6% Cambridge and Counties
- Elections 2023

13 Report by Clerk on any action taken under Delegated Powers in consultation with Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman – it was reported that the Clerk instructed Treewise to make safe a tree that came down during poor weather. It was also reported that the Clerk has granted permission to the Scouts to advertise their jumble sale in January with signs on The Green.

14 Financial Matters:

14.1 To authorise Schedule of Payments for November 2022. It was agreed that Cllrs. Marchant and Sippetts would authorise the following payments:-

List of Payments made between 01/11/2022 and 30/11/2022

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
30/11/2022	HM Revenue & Customs	559296616	692.32		Tax & NI
30/11/2022	Mrs E Reece	429904167	1,942.76		Clerk Salary
30/11/2022	East Sussex Pension Fund	686274113	682.37		Pension
30/11/2022	Qik Group Ltd	278583	408.00		Bonfire Portaloos
30/11/2022	Fields in Trust	2450000131	65.00		Membership
30/11/2022	Mrs SE Berry	281970387	136.80		Locum Clerk October
30/11/2022	P Cumberledge	17998262	150.00		Christmas Tree Lights donation
30/11/2022	Lewes District Council	53898990	126.00		Play Inspections
30/11/2022	Barclays Debit Card	476623574	140.90		Top up
30/11/2022	Nicholas Jones Consultants Ltd	808782412	360.00		Survey Oak Tree
30/11/2022	Lewes District Council	956796341	18.00		Play inspections
30/11/2022	Stephen Comber	529584456	420.00		Gate Post into MR Field
30/11/2022	Mrs E Reece	792558443	9.00		Expenses Training
30/11/2022	Telefonica UK Ltd	DD	13.20		Mobile Phone
30/11/2022	Peter Howes	853285268	385.00		Village Handyman
Total Payments			5,549.35		

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

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30/11/2022	Amazon	DC	27.51		Replacement padlock KGVFP
30/11/2022	RING GO	DC	3.90		Parking for Training Clerk
Total Payments			31.41		

It was agreed that in December Cllrs. D Marchant and Sippetts would authorise payments.

- 14.2** To receive statement of performance against budget as at October 2022 – this was received and noted
- 14.3** To consider the results of the Grounds Maintenance Tender process – it was unanimously agreed to continue with Barcombe Landscapes.
- 14.4** To note the NJC 2021/22 salary award for local government employees – this was noted
- 14.5** To consider the budget for 2023/24 – It was proposed by Councillor Thew that the precept be increased by 0.5% to keep up with costs, 7 out of 8 Councillors voted in favour of this.
- 14.6** To agree the amount of precept to request from Lewes District Council for 2023/24 £68537.
- 14.7** To consider grant applications received (S. 137 LGA 1972) including Newick Cricket Club – It was unanimously agreed to approve the application.

- 14.8** To consider application from NSPCT for CIL funding for the redevelopment of the Pavilion – The Clerk reported to the Council that this application had been withdrawn and the Clerk read a short statement to the Council from Cllr. Penfold regarding his concerns about the future of the Pavilion.
- 14.9** To consider quotations received (if received) including for the dismantle and disposal of the Youth Shelter, the works recommended in the Tree Inspection report noted in item 15.10 and the sign for the gate accessing the Manwaring Robertson Field –
Three quotes for the removal of the Youth Shelter were discussed. It was agreed to proceed with Martin Benson at a cost of £495. It was also agreed to instruct him to remove concrete base and level with turf. It was agreed to fund this by using Parish CIL. It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Sussex Sign Centre and it was noted that a further sign would be needed for the new Skate Park. No tree quote had been received and the Clerk agreed to chase this.
- 15. Environment & Recreation:**
- 15.1** Approval of the draft minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held 8th November 2022 – these were approved
- 15.2** Open Morning January 2023 and Spring Clean 11th March 2023 – It was agreed to hold an open meeting on the 21st January and to include information on wildflower meadows. It was also agreed that ideas could be collected for the coronation.
- 15.3** Skateboard Ramp project including confirmation of funding source - Cllr. Thew reported that she had met with the site foreman and they had started work this week. It was unanimously agreed to use up to £60,000 of capital funds.
- 15.4** Outdoor Gym Equipment update – Cllr. Thew reported that she had discussed options with three companies. It was proposed to install 6 pieces of equipment from Fresh Air Fitness at a cost of £7407 including delivery and matting. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with this proposal, using Parish CIL to fund.
- 15.5** To consider proposal to purchase and install a replacement bench on The Green in memory of The Queen and consider funding source – A bench proposal from the E&R committee was considered at a cost of £807.78 with £295 to extend the old slab. In addition to this a quote from Queen Elizabeth II was agreed which would be made into a plaque. It was agreed that Martin Benson would install the bench and extend the slab. It was agreed that light wood slats would be used. A spend of up to £1700 was agreed and this is to be funded using the E&R Committee budget.
- 15.6** Pavilion Redevelopment update – Cllr. Thew and Cllr. Penfold – Councillor Thew confirmed that she has resigned from the Pavilion Committee.
- 15.7** Update on paving on The Green from Cllr. Armitage noted that this matter would be considered at open morning
- 15.8** Update on Scout hut lease – The Clerk reported there was no update to report and that the Parish Council's solicitors were working on the matter.
- 15.9** To discuss plans for The Coronation in 2023 it was agreed to add this matter to the Open Morning. It was agreed to ask residents their memories of the last one in the Parish Council Newsletter. It was discussed that the Council would look at giving something to the children of the village.
- 15.10** To note Tree inspection report received 15th November 2022 from N Jones – this was noted, and agreed that Clerk would action under delegated powers if quote received before next meeting.
- 16. Committees' and Councillors' Reports:**
- 16.1** Newick Rootz and to consider installing an information board on Newick Common – Cllr. Wickens reported that the most recent workday completed a number of minor but important works on various footpaths. A Newick Common Information board was discussed and it was agreed to let Rootz discuss the matter further and revisit again in the new year.
- 16.2** Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr. B Whitlock was not present.
- 17. To agree article for the December edition of the Parish News (submission deadline 7th December)** – It was agreed to include a summary of the social media.
- 18. To agree content of January 2023 Parish Council newsletter (submission deadline 14th December)** – A draft content list was considered and agreed.

19.To consider request to erect a banner on The Green to advertise the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary’s Church – this was agreed.

20.To consider the following policies

- Memorial seats
- Data protection policy
- Grant Awarding policy
- Recording and Filming of Council and committee meetings

These were agreed without amendment.

21.

To consider further comments on 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies boundary review – It was agreed to make no comment.

22. Items for next agenda - None other than the above.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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