

## NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Newington Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 April 2017 in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Debbie Haigh (Chair), Cllr Tony Mould (Vice Chair), Cllr Sue Brewster, Cllr Steve Godmon, Cllr Stephen Harvey, Cllr Mel Harris, Cllr Elaine Jackson, Cllr Eric Layer, Cllr Richard Palmer and Cllr Helen Walker; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were KCCllr Mike Baldock, Mr Mike Whiting (representative for Gordon Henderson MP) and eight members of the public.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Dean Coles, (personal); apology accepted. Apologies had also been received from SBCllr Gerry Lewin (holiday) and SBCllr John Wright (elections); apologies noted.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Harris declared a pecuniary interest in item 7ii. The Tracies

### 3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2017

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Haigh to accept the minutes, including the confidential minutes, as a true record of the meeting; **SECONDED** by Cllr Jackson: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Haigh duly signed the minutes as a true record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- LED lights- have contacted KCC requesting cost to replace the lights but there has been no response
- Website- the Clerk has met with EiS who have promised to work with her and restore the documents on the website
- Playstool Close alleyway railings- a quote has been requested from KCC to apply for grant
- Billy bollards- the cost of the bollards from KCC is £500 plus installation.

Cllr Haigh said the pavement and bollard opposite the school means it would be impossible to install extra bollards so this will not be progressed.

- Safe- this has been ordered for the burial records
- Recording of meetings- a sign has been put on the door, any liability lies with the person recording the meeting and not the Parish Council.

Cllr Harvey said the Council has previously been advised that if someone were to record a meeting it could be tampered with and the Council should have its own means to record the meeting, possibly a Dictaphone.

- ADT- details of the work carried out is still being sought by the Clerk.

### 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time

*#1- I usually look at the website to see the Village Voice as we do not always receive it, hopefully the website will be updated soon.*

Cllr Haigh said the Council is unhappy because it was a perfect functioning website which had years of archives and was continually updated, now much of the information has been lost but it will be restored.

*#2- Swale wanted to call in the Persimmon application, when will it be heard?*

Cllr Palmer said it is not listed on the next planning committee meeting.

## 6. VISITORS

### i. County Councillor

KCCllr Baldock said often planning applications application do not go to the next committee meeting. I have pushed KCC to work with parishes wanting LED lighting, Matthew Balfour could be approached if there is no response. Some Parish Councils do record their meetings in case people tamper with their copy, it is good to have your own copy.

### ii. Borough Councillors

Mr Whiting reported SBCllr Wright attended County hall when the Wienerberger application was considered and was extremely disappointed at the result.

## 7. PLANNING

### i. Ref: 17/501702/FULL

Address: Land at Callaways Lane Newington Kent ME9 7LU

Proposal: Construction of a four-bedroom detached dwelling with detached double garage/store and associated parking, access and landscaping works on the land to the south of Callaways Lane, Newington.

Councillors considered the application and had no comment to make except that the objections lodged on 7 September 2016 still stands and Councillors were bitterly disappointed that the application was approved given it is outside the built-up area.

### ii. To receive an update on planning matters

Application: 17/501013/FULL Oak Hill Farm, Iwade Road, Newington ME9 7HY

Proposal: Proposed rear/side extension and ancillary buildings with associated re-profiling of ground levels, retaining wall and external stairs and additional hardstanding

Cllr Harvey said the Parish Council has responded to the application. Revised minor details have been submitted but the Council has not been formally notified so will not comment.

Application: 17/501019 Cranbrook Farm Callaways Lane Newington Kent ME9 7LU

Proposal: Removal of a derelict boundary fence and erection of a new 1.8m high Brick boundary wall. Renovation of existing 340mm high brick garden retaining wall.

Cllr Harvey reported the application has been refused.

Application: 17/501072/LBC Wardwell Farm, Wardwell Lane, Lower Halstow ME9 7ER

Proposal Listed Building Consent for replacement of existing timber casement windows and 1 no. door

Cllr Harvey informed Members that no decision has been made yet.

Application: 17/501134/FULL 141 Bull Lane Newington ME9 7NB

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear orangery extension with light lantern, removal of front canopy, erection of front porch and three bay garage with accommodation above, widening of drives and landscaping works.

Cllr Harvey informed Councillors that no decision has been made yet.

Application: 17/500946/FULL Land Rear Of 148 High Street Newington ME9 7JH

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, erection of 2 replacement garages for 146 and 148, erection of 3 dwellings to include new access with associated parking and landscaping

Cllr Harvey informed Members that no decision has been made yet.

Application 15/508683/OUT Land at The Tracies, Newington, ME9 7TQ

Proposal Outline application (details of landscaping reserved) for the erection of 4 four detached houses with associated works.

Cllr Harvey reported to Members that further comments were submitted after the last meeting. There is an amendment to details but no notification has been received.

15/500671/OUT and 15/510595/OUT London Road, Newington, Kent ME9 7NL

Cllr Harvey informed Members that Gladman has applied to the High Court for a Judicial Review of the Pond Farm appeal decisions, there is no further news on the matter.

Application 15/509664/OUT Land to East of St Marys View Newington Kent ME9 7JW

Cllr Harvey reported the appeal was dismissed on 6 March 2017.

Application 16/505861/OUT Land West to Ellens Place, Boyces Hill Newington.

Cllr Harvey reported the appeal was allowed and planning permission granted. The Planning Inspector made a very swift decision and the report dismisses everything the Planning Officer had put forward to oppose it.

Application: 16/506230/FULL 9 London Road, Newington

Cllr Harvey informed Members the Planning Inspector said the application was not about 9 London Road but The Willows where the driveway would be. The appeal was dismissed.

Application: 14/501847/FULL 43 Church Lane Newington Kent ME9 7JT

Cllr Harvey said a good report from the planning officer had been submitted. The appeal has yet to be determined.

Bearing Fruits 2031: Swale Borough Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications.

Cllr Harvey said the Inspector's decision is awaited.

Application: 17/500525/FULL Cromac (Cromas) , Callaways Lane, Newington Kent ME9 7LX

Cllr Harvey informed Members that no decision has been made yet.

Application: 16/506166/FULL Newington Working Men's Club, High Street ME9 7JL

Proposal: Retrospective demolition of former Working Men's Club. Erection of 9 no. dwelling houses and 1 no. maisonette together with car ports for garaging.

Cllr Harvey said he will speak on the application at the Swale Planning Committee Meeting on 27 April.

Application: 16/501266/FULL 99 High Street and Land to the North of High Street Newington Kent ME9 7JJ

Cllr Harvey thanked Cllr Palmer for representing the parish at the Swale Committee meeting. The application was turned down and then called in to Committee. Officers seem to be working with the developer for an acceptable application. Prof Stephen Peckham is working on a paper with regards to air quality following the refusal of Pond Farm on air quality issues.

Application: 16/507594/COUNTY Paradise Farm, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip ME9 7SU

Proposal: County Matter - phased extraction of brickearth, advance planting, access improvements, restoration and replanting back to agricultural use.

Cllr Harvey reported the application was approved by KCC Planning Committee on 19 April 2017 and thanked those who had attended.

16/507425/FULL Land Rear of Kaine Farm House Breach Lane, Upchurch, ME9 7PH

Proposal: Demolition of 7 farm buildings and erection of 6 detached houses and garages, associated SUDS ponds, landscaping and wildlife planting.

Cllr Harvey informed Members that this application had been refused.

Application: 16/506159/FULL Chesley Oast, Bull Lane, Newington ME9.7SJ

Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use from holiday lets

Cllr Harvey reported there had been no news of any appeal on the refusal of this application. If Swale Borough Council serves enforcement notices, there will be evictions.

Application: 16/506954/SUB Parsonage Farm, School Lane, Newington ME9.7LB  
Proposal: Submission of Details to discharge Condition 35 (external joinery); Condition 36 (bin store) and Condition 37 (roof eaves and verge, dormer window, canopies, chimneys and brick arches) subject to SW/14/0486.

Cllr Harvey said there are ongoing discussion about tree planting.

Application: 16/506064/LDCEX Lodge Farm, Old House Lane, Hartlip, Kent ME9 7SN  
Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for the use of the dwelling at Lodge Farm as a single dwelling-house by persons not solely or mainly employed, or last employed locally in agriculture (in non-compliance with condition 2 of the approved planning application SW/98/796; an Agricultural Occupancy Condition)

Cllr Harvey reported there is no news on the application or S106 restrictions.

## 8. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

i. To receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 18 April 2017 and consider the recommendations

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jackson to accept the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting as a true record; **SECONDED** by Cllr Harvey: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Jackson duly signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr Jackson reported PCSO John Cork had been on holiday so did not submit a report and the Community Warden's report was better as there were fewer issues. The leases for the Football Club and the Sport Club were discussed.

Cllr Jackson said the refurbishment of the Pavilion is progressing well, the RSJ has been installed and boxed in.

Cllr Layer said the builders are getting ready to plaster the walls and the electrician will be working on Friday.

Cllr Haigh asked for an update on the water leak at the Pavilion.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact Southern Water.*

Cllr Jackson said the provision of new notice boards was discussed but they have proved to be too expensive.

ii. To consider Newington Litter Pick

Cllr Jackson said the committee discussed the general state of the village in particular the problem of litter. There used to be litter picks in the village and it was considered a good idea to encourage residents to take ownership and a pride in their village.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact SBC for details of help for a village litter pick.*

## 9. VILLAGE VOICE AND MEDIA

Cllr Mould circulated a draft of the Village Voice and said he has been asked if an A5 leaflet can be delivered with the next edition promoting, Greggstival, the Hartlip Festival.

## 10. FINANCE

i. Cheque list: to consider invoices for payment

Payee	Expenditure	Amount	£	Cheque No.
Profile Business Supplies	Village Voice		£60.00	2603
Mrs P Rowe	Litter Picking Recreation Ground and sight checking equipment April 2017		£110.00	2604
Mr M Marshall	Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance April 2017		£490.00	2605

DCK Beavers Ltd	Payroll fee March Year End annual return	£18.00 £30.00 <b>TOTAL £48.00</b>	2606
KALC	Subscription	<b>£767.30</b>	2607
Doddington Parish Council	Audit workshop share	<b>£6.00</b>	2608
Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration	<b>£35.00</b>	2609
Mrs W Licence	Re-imburement for safe	<b>£452.40</b>	2610
RJ Barnes & Sons	Pavilion Refurbishment Interim payment	<b>£13,050.00</b>	2611
Mrs W Licence	Salary and expenses	<b>£577.49</b>	2612
HMRC	PAYE	<b>£0.80</b>	2613

Councillors considered the cheques raised and Cllr Haigh **PROPOSED** the signing of the cheques, **SECONDED** by Cllr Jackson: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

#### BACS PAYMENTS

03.04.17: £742.00 Haven Power Ltd

#### RECEIPTS

£30.00: Festival payments

£400.00: John Weir- interment fee

£2.00: Allotments rent

£25.00 Sittingbourne Lions Football Club fee

#### ii. Update on reserve account

Cllr Haigh reported it was agreed to open an account with Skipton Building Society but the authorised signatories would have to travel to London. It would be easier to use a local bank.  
*ACTION: Cllr Godmon to look at other options.*

#### iii. To consider quotations from electricity suppliers

It was **AGREED** to delegate the decision to the Finance Committee.

### **11. WICKHAM TRUST**

Cllr Haigh said David Fagg's tenure as Trustee ends in May and the Trust would like him to continue as a nominated trustee. **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### **12. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY**

Cllr Haigh reported work is progressing in the cemetery and there will be another working party next Tuesday.

Cllr Harris said topsoil is needed for the new beds.

*ACTION: Cllr Haigh to purchase topsoil and plants.*

Cllr Haigh reported work on the tree to raise the crown and thin it out will take place on 1 November.

### **13. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Layer said he has reported some sunken drains.

*ACTION: Cllr Harvey to arrange a village walk with the Highway Steward.*

### **14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

There was nothing to report.

### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Haigh said there had been an interesting article about risk assessment in churchyards in the Came & Co Spring Matters Newsletter.

*ACTION: Cllr Haigh to draft risk assessment for cemetery and church yard.*

### **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Haigh informed Members that she had updated the Woodland Trust website to show there are native bluebells in four locations in Newington.

Cllr Haigh said consideration needs to be given to recording meetings.

*ACTION: Clerk to obtain prices for Dictaphone and whether other parishes will share the cost.*

### **17. STAFF MATTERS- Clerk's Appraisal**

**Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the Clerk's Appraisal.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30 May 2017**

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

Chair:

Date: 30 May 2017