

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Meeting** of the **Parish Council** held on **29 August 2017** in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Debbie Haigh (Chair), Cllr Tony Mould (Vice Chairman), Cllr Steve Godmon, Cllr Mel Harris and Cllr Stephen Harvey; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were KCCllr Mike Whiting, SBCllr Gerry Lewin, SBCllr John Wright and two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Sue Brewster (personal); Cllr Dean Coles (holiday). Cllr Elaine Jackson (holiday); and Cllr Eric Layer (holiday).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Harris declared a pecuniary interest in The Tracies, item 6 Planning, and signed the Declaration of Members' Book.

Cllr Harris declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6i Planning and signed the Declaration of Members' Book.

3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2017

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 July 2017 were considered. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Haigh to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting: **SECONDED** by Cllr Harvey: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Haigh duly signed the minutes as a true record consider the minutes of the meetings and if in order sign as a true record

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Water leak at recreation ground track- A claim has been lodged with BT.

Street light consultation- a date has been set for Friday 22 September 7pm Newington Room.
99 High Street development – a letter was sent to Alok Sharma MP on 31 July to call in the application but there has been no response.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Alok Sharma again.

CCCZ sign – KCCllr Whiting had agreed to fund the signs and an application has been made, however the minimum KCC Members' grant is £300

Swale illegal encampment policy- Cllr Lewin has highlighted the information available on the Swale Website.

GPC eligibility criteria- The following have been emailed:

Sajid Javid – no response

Gordon Henderson- has written to the Secretary of State (Sajid Javid) in support of the Parish Council's request for the rules to be changed.

Ward Councillors -copied in for information

County Councillor Mike Whiting - has written to Sajid Javid MP.

KALC- the Chief Executive will refer this to the Executive Committee and the F&GP Sub-Committee.

Village Hall Car Park Light- has been reported again on 18 July to Swale who say it was replaced 16 June. The light is still not working.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Swale with details of exact location.

Speed Bumps in Church Lane – KCCllr Whiting has drafted a questionnaire and will liaise with Cllr Harvey. The questionnaire will be distributed with the Village Voice and there could be a central collection point.

Cllr Harris said the views of immediate neighbours need to be sought first.

KCCllr Whiting said it is not a formal consultation and a raised table is one of the suggestions from residents. The questionnaire will determine if there will be support for any traffic calming measures. KCC does not have the money to implement such schemes.

SBCllr Wright said residents at the top of Church Lane are aware that such a scheme will reduce parking and cause more noise. Previously the Highways Officer and the Police have considered the issues but felt it would be difficult to put measures in and the problems are compounded by school traffic.

Festival issues – The Inspector of the Community Support Unit has offered to meet with Councillors and could be invite to meet with Councillors in closed session before the Amenities Committee meeting.

Eventide – Cllr Harvey has discussed the issue of dropped kerb access with KCCllr Whiting.

High Street closure Cllr Harvey reported that Alan Blackburn, KCC Highways, said there were issues with vehicles ignoring the “Road Closed” signs and the contractors did not complete the work because they felt unsafe. The Parish Council had offered to brief the traffic marshals but this was not taken up.

Cllr Haigh said it was very disappointing that not all of the work was completed but this was not something under the Parish Council’s control.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate Alan Blackburn’s response to Councillors.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.

A resident asked if there had been a response from the Secretary of State regarding the decision on 99 High Street.

Cllr Haigh expressed concern that the Parish Council had not received a formal reply.

Cllr Harvey said that residents had written to the Minister for Housing and the MP. Gordon Henderson MP has informed residents that the DCLG has told him the application will not be called in. the Clerk has also written to Rehman Chishti, MP for Rainham, but he is on holiday.

ACTION: Clerk to contact DCLG and request a formal response.

SBCllr Wright said that after the application had been passed, the Chairman of the Planning Committee contacted Matthew Balfour requesting a 20mph limit and for air quality issues to be addressed but there has been no response.

KCCllr Whiting reported he has written to the Secretary of State in support of the Parish Council’s request for changes to the criteria to obtain General Power of Competence.

The planning application for change of use for a doctor’s surgery has been lodged and is waiting to be validated. There is the finance in place for this and the NHS have offered to pay for the lease.

KCCllr Whiting said he is waiting for the report from the engineer who has been out to assess the blocked drains and gully in Boxted lane and opposite the cemetery.

KCCllr Whiting said he is liaising with network Rail about the inconsiderate parking at Newington Station.

Cllr Harvey said he has challenged Network Rail over its non-action regarding people parking illegally in disabled spaces.

SBCllr Wright said he has reported the pile of bricks by Newington Industrial Estate and is waiting for a response.

Cllr Haigh thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting reconvened.

6. PLANNING

i. Application 17/503708/FULL

Address: 11 Station Road, Newington ME97JS

Proposal: erection of single storey rear extension

Cllr Haigh declared an interest as she knew the applicant and took no part in the discussion or decision.

Councillors considered the application and noted a neighbour's objection and had no comment to make and that the officer's recommendation should be accepted.

ii. Application 17/503689/FULL

Address: Hill Landing, Keycol Hill, Bobbing ME97LG

Proposal: erection of two storey rear and single storey side extension.

Councillors considered the application and had no comment to make.

iii. Application: 17/504200/FULL

Address: 1 Westwood Walk Newington ME9 7LQ

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension

Councillors considered the application and had no comment to make.

iv To receive an update on planning matters

Application: 17/503093/LDCEX 17 High Street Newington ME9 7JR

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for use as residential property

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision was yet to be made.

Application: 17/503419/FULL 94 Church Lane Newington ME9 7JU

Proposal: Conversion of garage into habitable space with external alterations

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision was yet to be made.

Application: 17/503155/REM Land West To Ellens Place Boyces Hill Newington ME9 7JH

Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to permission 16/505861/OUT for Outline Application with access being sought for erection of 9 dwellings with access, garaging, parking provision and other associated works

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision was yet to be made.

Application: 17/503349/FULL 9 London Road, Newington ME9.7NP

Proposal: Erection of chalet type dwelling with detached garage (Resubmission of 16/506230/FULL)

Cllr Harvey informed Members that the Planning Inspector was concerned the existing property overlooked the new property, this is a new application to address the issue and a decision is yet to be made.

Application: 17/503287/FULL/ The Bungalow, Breach Farm, Breach Lane, Upchurch

Proposal: Part retrospective use of land as residential curtilage and the creation of a vehicular access.

Cllr Harvey informed Councillors that a decision was yet to be made.

Application: 16/508699/FULL Land Between 109 & 111 London Road Newington ME9 7RH

Proposal: Change of use of land to a private gypsy and traveller caravan site consisting of 2 no. pitches each containing 1 no. mobile home and 1 no. touring caravan, car parking and associated development.

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision was yet to be made.

Application: 17/502952/FULL 1 Playstool Close, Newington ME9.7NJ

Proposal: Two storey rear extension

Cllr Harvey informed Members that the application has been refused permission.

Application: 17/502179/FULL 164 Bull Lane, Newington ME9 7NB

Proposal: Erection of a part first floor, part two storey rear extension, demolition of existing garage and erection of a new garage

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision was yet to be made.

Application: 17/502838/FULL 1 Red Robin cottages, Callaways Lane, Newington

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear infill extension, re-location of bathroom and addition of small front porch with alterations to fenestration

Cllr Harvey informed Councillors the application has been approved.

Application: 17/503011/FULL 37 London Road Newington ME9 7NS

Proposal: Demolition of existing side conservatory, erection of replacement two storey side extension with front Juliet Balcony, erection of double garage with study in roof space and creation of new access and drop kerb onto London Road.

Cllr Harvey informed Members the application has been approved.

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 the application is awaiting decision and is likely to be dealt with by Swale Planning Committee on 14 September.

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 said the application has been refused.

Application 16/502418/LDCEX Chesley Oast, Bull Lane, Newington

Planning Inspectorate reference: APP/V2255/W/17/3175169

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision was yet to be made.

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

Originally to be determined on the basis of written representations; now Planning Inquiry

Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/V2255/C/16/3158379

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision was yet to be made.

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

Cllr Harvey said the Local Plan has been adopted.

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

Following Public Planning Inquiry November 2016 both applications refused

28 February 2017 confirmed that Gladman have applied to the High Court seeking a Judicial Review of the Pond Farm appeal decisions.

Cllr Harvey said there was no date set for the judicial Review.

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

Appeal lodged 20 January 2017; (Council has not decided this application within the statutory period); to be determined on the basis of written representations

Comments sent 20 February 2017

Swale Borough Council Planning Committee 2 February 2017: Resolved: That application 16/505861/OUT would have been refused for the reasons stated in the report had an appeal against non-determination not been submitted.

31 March 2017. Decision: Appeal allowed and planning permission granted

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

Proposal: Outline Application with access being sought for erection of 9 dwellings with access, garaging, parking provision and other associated works

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

Original Proposal: Hybrid application for demolition of 99 High Street and erection on the site of 99 and land to the north of the High Street of 113 No. two storey 2, 3, and 4 bedroom dwellings with a new access road from the High Street, formal and informal areas of open space and landscaping, car parking and amenity space, and outline planning permission (access and layout) for the erection of a single storey building for any use within Use Class D1, together with car parking.

Cllr Harvey said the Parish Council has received no formal notification following requests for the Housing Minister to call-in the application

Application: 16/506166/FULL Newington Working Mens 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 informed Members that he has asked for the strict conditions put on the application to be applied. A Stop Order has been placed on the site pending archaeological excavations and the diggers currently on site are at the behest of the archaeologists.

Cllr Haigh thanked Cllr Harvey for his report.

7. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr Haigh said quotes are being obtained to refurbish the Parish Room and funding will be applied for. The money from Bobbing Solar Farm has contributed approximately 50% of the cost of refurbishing the gym room.

Cllr Harvey said that the Sports Club are moving their equipment from the room on 7 September.

Cllr Haigh reported a resident has contacted the Clerk about the street light in St Matthews Close, the light needs a new lantern. The Parish Council will be carrying out a consultation about whether to replace the lights with LEDs.

Cllr Harris said there is no timescale for the upgrade of the lighting. Cllr Harris **PROPOSED** to replace the lantern in St Matthews Close; **SECONDED** by Cllr Mould; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the resident of the street light consultation.

8. VILLAGE VOICE AND MEDIA

Cllr Mould said the Village Voice will lead with the street light consultation. There will be articles on planning and ASB. The Heritage Open Day will also be publicised.

9. FINANCE

i. Cheque list: to consider invoices for payment

Payee	Expenditure	Amount £	Cheque No.
Stefan Beswick <i>Re-issue of chq no 2667</i>	Festival flyers	£27.00	2679
S Fry <i>Re-issue of chq no 2677</i>	Mrs Dolly Mixture magic show at Festival	£100.00	2680
Aylesford Print	Festival Brochures	£1390.00	2681

Ms D Haigh	Spray paint for Community Warden	£7.98	2682
South East Water Ltd	Recreation Ground water pipe repair	£360.00	2683
DCK Accounting Solutions	Payroll Fee	£30.00	2684
Grasstex Ltd	Playing Field maintenance	£547.20	2685
Profile Business Supplies	Village Voice 60.00	£60.00	2686
Mrs P Rowe	Litter Picking Recreation Ground and sight checking equipment August 2017	£110.00	2687
Mr M Marshall	Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance August 2017	£490.00	2688
Mrs W Licence	Salary and expense	£577.80	2689
HMRC	PAYE	£4.00	2690
Nuneaton Signs Ltd	Cold Calling Controlled Zones signs	£55.20	2691
PFL Electrical Ltd	Street light repairs	£292.80	2692
Mrs W Licence	Playing field padlock & Pavilion keys	£151.16	2693
Business Stream	Sports Pavilion and Recreation Ground water supply	£44.39	2694
Ms L Wright (for A Heavey)	Litter picking 18/06/17 - 26/08/17 and Festival Litter picking	£688.50	2695
SLCC	Subscription	£157.00	2696
Craigdene Ltd	Annual play area inspection	£186.00	2697
ADT	Pavilion Alarm Annual and battery replacement	£377.14	2698
Mr D Coles	Councillor expenses	£81.51	2699
Ms L Wright (for A Heavey)	Painting Pavilion window frames	£441.56	2700
Mr R Thompstone	Festival expenses	£25.20	2701
Mrs M Baxter	The Kickbacks- festival entertainment	£70.00	2702

Mr S Harvey	Councillor expenses	£13.00	2703
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Councillors considered the cheques raised and Cllr Haigh **PROPOSED** the signing of the cheques, **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

BACS PAYMENTS

24.07.17: £207.79 NEST
 01.08.17: £794.00 Haven Power Ltd
 03.08.17: £615.00 Haven Power Ltd

RECEIPTS

02.08.17: £285.00 Festival Payment
 07.08.17: £100.00 Festival Payment
 07.08.17: £3555.66 HMRC - VAT rebate
 23.07.17: £1500.00 cemetery fees

ii. Any other finance matter received by 29 August 2017

Cllr Haigh said the Clerk has passed CiLCA and her salary needs to be increased by an increment point under the terms of the contract of employment. Cllr Haigh **PROPOSED** to increase the Clerk's salary by one point; **SECONDED** by Cllr Mould: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 26.07.17 KALC Autumn events- *Circulated*
2. 27.07.17 UpARA Newsletter- *Circulated and added to website*
3. 28.07.17 Newington History Group- details of meetings- *added to website*
4. 01.08.17 SBC notice of adoption of Local Plan
5. 11.08.17 KCC PROW consultation, deadline 17 September
6. 16.08.17 SECamb Invitation to Annual Members Meeting: 28 September - *Circulated*
7. 16.08.17 KALC Parish News - *Circulated*
8. 17.08.17 KCC notice of Off-peak Closure – Iwade Road, Newington- *Circulated and added to website*
9. 18.08.17 KALC Crime Prevention And Safety Conference on 7 December
10. 20.08.17 Newington History Group- Heritage Open days- *Circulated and added to website*
11. 25.08.17 email from resident concerning West Car Sales- *circulated*.
 Cllr Haigh said a car is parked at the entrance and the barrier has been replaced preventing vehicular access.
12. 29.08.17 email from resident regarding dropped kerb being installed at The Willows.
 Cllr Harvey said planning permission is only required to install a dropped kerb in a 'classified road' and Kent County Council Highways should be contacted with regard to installing a dropped kerb in respect of obtaining a licence to carry out works in the highway.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Harvey asked when the contract for the Pavilion alarm expires.
 The Clerk said 31 August 2017 although she has not received a renewal notice.
 Cllr Mould reported he had been contacted about the church yard wall as some pieces have fallen off.
ACTION: Clerk to check if the wall of the church yard is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Cllr Haigh thanked Members for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26 September 2017