

Newington (Folkestone and Hythe) Parish Council

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Barn, Newington on Monday 20th May 2019

MINUTES

Present

Councillors: Sally Coleman (Chairman)
Kevin Golding (Vice-Chairman)
Sue Smith
John Neale
Kent County Councillor Susan Carey
Gary Harrison (Community Warden Elham Valley)
Vic Coleman (Newington and District Gardeners Association)
Greta Raja (Friends of St Nicholas Church)
Parishioner Craig Watt-Peters
Parishioner Robin Peters
One member of the public

Clerk: Melvyn Twycross

Apologies District Councillor David Godfrey

001/19 Election of Chairman

The Chairman, Cllr Coleman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that she had decided to resign from the Council.

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Golding, seconded by Cllr Smith and **agreed** that Cllr John Neale be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.
- b) Cllr Neale signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of the Council.

On behalf of the Council, Cllr Neale thanked Councillors Sally Coleman and Robin Thornby for their commitment and valuable contribution to the parish, and wished them all the best for the future

002/19 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Golding offered to continue as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. His offer was accepted unanimously.

003/19 Co-option of Councillors

Following the resignation of two councillors the Council has decided to co-opt two new councillors. Interest in these vacancies has been received from Craig Watt-Peters and Robin Peters, both residents of the parish. Both applicants gave presentations outlining a little about themselves and any skills and experience they feel they can bring to the Parish Council.

- a) It was **agreed** unanimously to co-opt both applicants to the Council.
- b) Cllr Watt-Peters and Cllr Peters signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Notification of Disclosure Pecuniary Interests forms.

004/19 To declare any **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)** and **Other Significant Interests (OSI)** relating to items on the agenda.

A member who declares a DPI in relation to any item on the agenda will need to leave the meeting for the whole of that item and will not be able to speak or take

part unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted. A member who declares an OSI will be able to speak on the item but will be required to leave the meeting for the vote.

None declared.

005/19 To agree and sign the minutes of the following Council meetings

- a) Parish Council Meeting held on 11 March 2019
- b) Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15 April 2019

The minutes were **agreed** and signed as a true and accurate record.

006/19 Matters arising from the above meetings

- a) ElecLink have advised that they will complete their works in the King George V Playing Field in the next three weeks. However, the decision has been taken to cancel the Village Fete this year. The Council is seeking compensation from ElecLink for financial losses resulting from this decision.
- b) The vacancy for Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer has been advertised locally and on the Kent Association of Local Council's website. Three applications were received which included Melvyn Twycross, the current locum Clerk. The remaining two applicants lived some distance out of the parish which would have resulted in considerable travel to carry out their duties within the parish. Mr Twycross lives in the parish and has been employed in the role previously.
The Council **agreed** to offer the post to Mr Twycross which he has duly accepted.

007/19 Public Forum

A resident of the parish complained that the noise throughout the night of a pump operated by ElecLink was unacceptable. Noise reduction measures had been taken by ElecLink but were ineffective. Cllr Golding agreed to report the matter to ElecLink as a matter of urgency.

008/19 Planning

Application No: Y19/0073/FH

Location: Beachborough Park, Beachborough, Newington, Kent

Development: Creation of a wildlife pond for great crested newts

Resolved – No objection

009/19 Finance

- a) The Financial Statement (see Appendix A) was reviewed and the payments detailed therein were **agreed**.
- b) It was **resolved** to appoint Mr Lionel Robbins as internal auditor for the year ending 31 March 2019.

010/19 Any other business

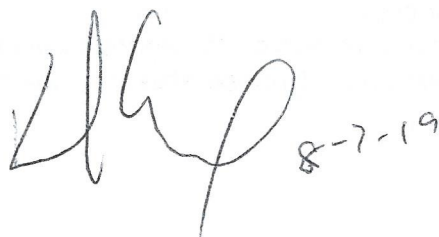
None raised

011/19 Date of next meeting

Monday 8 July 2019

012/19 Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.45



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APPENDIX A

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL **Financial Statement as at 20th May 2019**

The following invoices were **agreed** and cheques signed

Date	Payee	Purpose	Value
11/05/2019	Colin Griggs	Tree surgery (extra works)	50.00
11/05/2019	Colin Griggs	Grounds maintenance (April)	120.00
11/05/2019	M Twycross	Clerks salary (April)	140.05
11/05/2019	HMRC PAYE	Employers tax contribution (M Twycross)	35.00
11/05/2019	HMRC PAYE	Employers tax contribution (C Skinner)	151.68

Precept received on 4th April 2019 - £3412.50

Bank balance as at 20th May 2019 = £9051.98