

Newington (Folkestone & Hythe) Parish Council

*Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.00pm*

MINUTES

- 1 To record those **Present** and list any **Apologies**

Present:

Sally Coleman (Chair), Kevin Golding, Sue Smith, Susan Carey (KCC)

Apologies:

CLLrs Robin Thornby, John Neale, KCC Community Warden Gary Harrison

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

None reported

- 3 **Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10/9/18**

The minutes were Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Sally Coleman

- 4 **Matters arising from Parish Council Meeting held on 10/9/18**

- 5 **Open session.** This is for residents of Newington to raise questions and is limited to 15 minutes unless extended by the Chairman

Pot holes are being marked but not all have been repaired. KCC Cllr Susan Carey confirmed that the standard target is 28 days however, some have had to be re- marked. Where issues exist, Cllr Carey suggested contacting Pauline Rockett for an update and to request repair schedule information. If still no progress Cllr Carey offered to look into specific cases of delay or serious issues (report references needed).

- 6 **Elec Link** – To discuss progress to date and agree any next steps (if required)

Elec Link - £800 has been received to date, a further two payments of £800 will follow. Cllr Golding reported that residents have made some complaints about the works and he has discussed these with contractors who have been reminded that there is a legal requirement for them to keep the road free of mud. Bulk movements should now be complete and recent heavy rain has mitigated the problem. Movements of large lorries has also presented problems, Cllr Golding will discuss these with the contractors and report at the next meeting. It was also noted that large vehicle movements require advance notice, Cllr Golding to action. Tunnelling work is complete now but a hole is expected to remain in the field until the end of January/February.

7 Reports from KCC Councillor Susan Carey, FHDC Councillor David Godfrey and Community Warden Gary Harrison

KCC Cllr Carey's Report:

Budget is an ongoing issue for KCC, however Phillip Hammond has provided KCC with addition funding for social care and roads from Central Government which has reduced the deficit considerably. Backlogs on road maintenance remains a national problem. Unfortunately, Council Tax is still likely to increase as part of the measures going forward.

Furthermore, increasing pressure on the budget is coming from greater awareness, safeguarding and SEN's, hospital discharges are being managed better to avoid bed blocking but this impacts other services.

FHDC Cllr David Godfrey's Report:

Village clean ups and similar environmental projects can be supported, graffiti remains a problem and work is being undertaken to identify the people doing this. Social media has a strong part to play

Dates for 2019 meetings need to be circulated to the Village Hall.

10 Planning – Recent applications and decisions.

None received at the time of agenda publication, however, any applications or information received after this date will be brought to the meeting.

11 Finance

To authorise payments shown on the financial statement

12 Parish Amenities & Grounds Maintenance

- Church bank grass cutting
- War Memorial – damage and maintenance. Follow up needed regarding recent vehicle damage, more details needed if an insurance claim is to be made.
- Notice Boards
- Litter bins – Some bins have been replaced, not necessarily those report to FHDC!
- Play area – refurbishment of equipment – Consider repainting, quotes to be obtained in the New Year and possible additional funding sought.
- Phone Kiosk – no further information has been received regarding whether or not this kiosk was ever adopted – no reply from BT.
- Village Clean Up

Village Maintenance – it was agreed that in general the village looks good. One exception is the area at the back of Marchant Close where some residents have been disposing of green waste into the flood alleviation ditch. This cause additional expense to the parish to clear the ditch and may cause flooding.

13 Items of general interest from Councillors and items for the next Agenda

The 'Tommies' created for Remembrance Day were a great success, receiving many compliments. The Council thanks Cllr Golding for his work on these and for kindly

arranging to store them until next year.

A £20 donation towards the wreath has received from a generous parishioner – this has been passed to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

14 Confirm the date of the next meeting

- Monday 14th January 2018

- Meeting dates for 2019:

11th March 2019 (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting, 13th May 2019, 8th July 2019,
9th September 2019, 11th November 2019

15 Close of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm