

Newington (FHDC) Parish Council

Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

- 1 Present**
Cllrs Sally Coleman, Kevin Golding, John Neale, Sue Smith and Robin Thornby Clerk, Cathy Skinner.
- 2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and Other Significant Interests (OSI)**
relating to items on the agenda.
Cllr Golding, Item 6, OSI.
- 3 Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9/7/18**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 4 Matters arising from Parish Council Meeting held on 9/7/18**
None.
- 5 Open session**
Potholes are still a major concern for parishioners, all are encouraged to report potholes and if possible to take photos of them for the report.

www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

Reference numbers will be issued for complaints and there is an option to monitor any issues that you raise via this website.

To be revisited at the next meeting.

Bargrove – flooding issues have reduced.

Overgrowth on Eurotunnel land, Clerk to contact them and request that it is tidied up.
- 6 To Consider**, if the roadside hedge to the King George V playing field should be reduced in width and agree any expenditure.

The hedge is getting out of control and it is suggested the best way to tackle it is from the inside, not road side. A quote has been received from £800 already but further quotes will be requested by the Clerk. It was agreed that a maximum expenditure of £800 could be spent on this project.

7 Report from KCC Councillor Susan Carey

“Hi everyone – my apologies for tonight . I have two other commitments elsewhere in the division so I am sending you a short report on KCC matters:

Pothole repairs for our district week ending 07/09 – 44 filled and 3,566 sqm of resurfacing. Year to date figure 4,727 potholes filled and 25,039 sqm of resurfacing. (The figures for Kent as a whole are 50,307 potholes filled and 194,257 sqm of resurfacing). Please keep reporting any potholes, preferably at www.kent.gov.uk or 03000 41 81 81.

KCC has a consultation on introducing charges for dealing with soil, rubble, earth and plasterboard at our Household Waste Recycling Centres. It started on 06 September and runs until **Thursday 1st November 2018**. Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation and have your say. Neighbouring councils have already introduced charges and we can expect cross border use of our HWRCs to increase if we do not.

You may have seen reports in the media about the problems at Northamptonshire County Council. There are 10 other councils facing significant financial pressures, 8 of which have responsibility for social care. If the Government does not find a better way of funding social care commitments then we can expect many more councils to go under. KCC been making changes and economies from 2010 to cope with the rising demand for social care. This has meant we are in a better position than most councils but we are lobbying hard for a fairer funding system for local government and for help with the special issues faced by Kent such as the effect of HGV through traffic and the ongoing costs of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

There’s a churchyard work party on the morning of 15 September – hope to see you there.

Kind Regards,
Susan Carey
Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council
District Councillor, North Downs West, Folkestone & Hythe District Council”

8 Report from SDC Councillor David Godfrey

District Council Report

I am pleased to have awarded part of my Ward Budget to the Friends of Newington Church to assist with their wall restoration programme.
Sadly my budget for 2018/19 grants is now fully allocated and I am unable to accept further applications.

Residents will be aware that the planning application for the new Pool and fitness centre together outline planning for new homes was approved recently . Although controversial I fully support this project on the unused former waste site which I believe will be a superb amenity for Hythe and surrounding communities and provide a superb pedestrian promenade at Princes Parade plus greatly enhance access to the Military Canal.

Good news for the elderly and disabled. The council has secured more than £1million in Government funding and has now launched a consultation on its plans about how the money should be used.

It includes interest-free loans of up to £20,000 for adaptations to make a property safer for disabled or elderly residents, loans for heating or insulation costs for older people with long-term health conditions, and helping to fund a dedicated hospital worker to deal with housing-related issues that can delay someone's discharge.

The war on litter and fly tipping continues with the Councils popular “pick me up before you go go” campaign and a heavy fine for a guilty fly tipper .

Finally look out for news of a new initiative I will be spearheading across the District to not only deal with litter but other tidying up work to improve the visual appearance in general. Final preparations are under way and I expect to announce .

Exciting times

Cllr David Godfrey
Cabinet Member
FHDC

9 Planning – Recent applications and decisions.

Application No: Y18/1019/FH
Location: BRIDGE HOUSE NEWINGTON ROAD PEENE FOLKESTONE
Development: ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING CONSERVATORY

Agreed: No objection.

10 Finance

To authorise payments shown on the financial statement

11 Highways and Public Rights of Way updates

Footpath E246 is blocked – to be reported to KCC.

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

The War Memorial has been damaged again – to be discussed at the November meeting.

WW1 events – Cllr Golding will contact Adrian Wilcox to find out if there are any silhouettes available, or the template to make them.

Wreath to be ordered from the Royal British Legion – Clerk to action.

Laying of the wreath to be agreed.

Cllr Golding reported that the Elec Link project is progressing well, drilling under the road for the cable to pass through is due to start soon. It is anticipated that work will be completed by the end of the year.

A suggestion to use the phone box as a book exchange will be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk will find out if the phone box has been adopted by the Parish Council.

13 Confirm the date of the next meeting

Monday 12th November, 2018

13 Close of meeting.

FINANCE

Payments 14th May 2018

	Net	VAT	TOTAL
Clerk Salary & expenses	£ 235.85	£0	£235.85
KALC Subscription	£ 158.60	£31.72	£190.32
Colin Griggs	£ 57.50	£0	£ 57.50

Income

Precept	£3250.00	£0	£3250.00
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Bank Balance at 1st May £7574.89