

# NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council rescheduled to 2 August 2022 and held in Newington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Tony Mould (Vice Chairman), Cllr Michael Barlow, Cllr Claire Harvey, Cllr Stephen Harvey, Cllr Elaine Jackson and Cllr Eric Layer; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also present were three members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Mould took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 1. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** to co-opt Michael Barlow and Claire Harvey to the Council; **SECONDED** by Cllr Jackson: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Mr Barlow and Ms Harvey signed a Declaration of Office in the presence of the Clerk and joined and joined Members at the table. Cllr Barlow and Cllr C Harvey to join the Amenities Committee.

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Richard Palmer (holiday), Cllr Ruth Brown (personal) and Cllr Steve Godmon (holiday); apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from County Councillor Mike Baldock (at another meeting) and Ward Member Alan Horton (unwell); apologies noted.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

### 4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28 JUNE 2022

Cllr Layer **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting; **SECONDED** by Cllr S Harvey: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Mould duly signed the minutes as a true record.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Rural Lanes- this must be added to Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr S Harvey said the post box is due to be refurbished.

### 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

*The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.*

*#1- Regarding the 20mph speed limit, in other villages there are signs everywhere, in Newington there are only about four.*

Cllr Jackson said West Malling has stickers on lamp posts. Drivers need to be reminded of the speed limit.

*ACTION: Clerk to ascertain where West Malling Parish Council obtained the stickers.*

Cllr Mould said the Parish Highways Improvement Plan Working Party is looking into having additional roundels.

Cllr S Harvey said that if the Parish Highways Improvement Plan is put forward Michelle Matthews, Schemes Project Manager KCC Highways, could be asked to install an extra bollard outside Charlotte Court and the Parish Council could fund the roundels.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

## 7. VISITORS

i. Borough Councillors

ii. County Councillor

There were no County or Borough Councillors present.

## 8. PLANNING

i. Address: Lion House, 100 High Street, Newington ME9 7JH

Ref: 22/502438/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for erection of 2 no. ancillary outbuildings consisting of a gym and an office.

Ref: 22/502459/FULL

Proposal: Demolition of 2 no. outbuildings. Erection of 2 no. ancillary outbuildings consisting of a gym and an office.

Cllr S Harvey said the Council has submitted a conditional objection that it is trusted that the occupier will use the buildings for personal use and that they will not play loud music at night; also the two new buildings would be ancillary to the house. If not, then the Parish Council would want the application to be called into committee.

ii. Ref: 22/502873/FULL

Address: 134 High Street Newington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7JH

Proposal: Loft conversion with rear and front Dormers. Erection of a single storey rear extension including changes to fenestration

Cllr S Harvey **PROPOSED** the Council respond that it has no comment to make: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

iii. Ref: 22/503258/FULL

Address: 35 Bull Lane Newington Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7LT

Proposal: Dropped kerb with verges and crossover

Cllr S Harvey **PROPOSED** the Council does not comment on the application; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

iv. To receive an update

Ref: 22/502093/FULL 37 Bull Lane Newington ME9 7LT

Proposal: Installation of vehicle hardstanding, a dropped kerb and crossover.

Cllr S Harvey said a decision is yet to be made.

Ref: 22/502474/LBC 53-57 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for part reconstruction and repairs to boundary wall (Works Part Completed).53-57 High Street Newington Kent ME9 7JJ

Ref: 22/502473/FULL 53-57 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Proposal: Part reconstruction and repairs to boundary wall (Part Retrospective).

Cllr S Harvey said a decision is yet to be made.

Ref: 22/502410/FULL 8 School Lane, Newington ME9 7LB

Proposal: Erection of a first floor front extension (Resubmission 21/501252/FULL).

Cllr S Harvey informed Members that the application has been permitted.

Ref: 20/505059/FULL Willow Trees 111 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Revised proposal: Retention of existing chalet bungalow with amended residential curtilage and erection of 10 dwellings (7 x three bedrooms and 3 x four bedrooms) with associated access, parking, amenity, and landscaping

Ref: 20/505059/FULL: Willow Trees, 111 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Proposal: Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and erection of 20 dwellings (4 x two bedrooms and 14 x three-bedrooms and 2 x four-bedrooms) with associated access, parking, amenity and landscaping. Revised details

Cllr S Harvey said a decision is yet to be made; a further traffic report from Railton has been submitted.

Ref: 22/501005/FULL 77 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Proposal: Erection of 10 no. detached C3 dwellinghouses with repositioned vehicular access from public highway.

Cllr S Harvey said a decision is yet to be made.

Ref: 22/500275/OUT Land South Of London Road, Newington

Proposal: Outline planning application for up to 135 dwellings with the retention of existing farm buildings, new public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point (Access being Sought).

Cllr S Harvey said that a further traffic report from Railton has been submitted.

Ref: 21/505722/OUT 128 High Street, Newington ME9 7JH

Proposal: Outline application for demolition of existing residential dwelling and erection of up to 46 residential dwellings, including affordable housing, with access from A2 High Street (Access only being sought).

Cllr S Harvey said a decision is yet to be made.

Ref: 21/504028/FULL Land At School Lane, Newington ME9 7JU

Proposal: Erection of 25no. residential dwellings and the provision of a 20 space staff car park and 20 space pupil pick-up/drop-off area for Newington C of E Primary School, together with associated access, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure works.

Cllr S Harvey said that a further traffic report from Railton has been submitted. There are Kent Highways objections on the portal. The Parish Council is trying to get Rural Lane designation for Boxted Lane.

### *Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate*

Ref: 21/504980/FULL 33 The Willows, Newington ME9 7LS

Proposal: Retrospective application for conversion of garage to habitable space, including minor external alterations involving changing of garage door to window, matching the existing material.

PINS Reference Number: APP/V2255/D/22/3290924

Cllr S Harvey said the Planning Inspectorate decision has permitted this application.

Ref: 21/501791/PIP Land At 164 Bull Lane, Newington ME9 7NB

Proposal: Permission in Principle for the erection of a detached two storey sustainable self-build or custom building dwelling with new access onto Bull Lane.

PINS reference: V2255/W/21/3286759

Cllr S Harvey said the matter is with the Planning Inspectorate.

*Not in Newington*

Foxchurch, near Bobbing (information only)

Appin Land 'The team are now working to finalise the plans. Before submitting a planning application to Swale Borough Council, we want to hear your thoughts' consultation events Thursday 22 April, Friday 23 April

- 2,500 new homes, with a wide range of housing types to cater for Swale's various housing needs, including family homes, bungalows and policy compliant affordable housing
- A new pub and a local parade of shops: creating job opportunities and bringing improved choice for local people.
- A new three-form-entry primary school, health centre, village hall and cricket pitch
- Easy access to existing employment areas within Sittingbourne and Sheppey without causing further congestion of existing towns and villages.

Cllr S Harvey said no formal application has been lodged yet.

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr S Harvey for his report.

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17 June 2022

Cllr Mould **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting; **SECONDED** by Cllr Layer: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr S Harvey duly signed the minutes as a true record.

## **9. AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

i. To receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 19 July 2022 and consider the recommendations

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

ii. Adult Exercise Equipment Working Party

Cllr S Harvey said there will be a sub-committee of Councillors and non-Councillors with all Committee Members having full voting rights. They will look at the quotations and make a recommendation to Full Council which will act as a scrutiny committee. The Running Group would be approached and there would be an article in the Village Voice for members of the Committee.

*ITEM FOR NEXT MONTH*

iii. To consider quotations for pavilion roof repair

Cllr Mould said the Council is still waiting to receive quotations.

Cllr Jackson said the roof has been repaired twice and a contractor has said the roof needs replacing. Advice from another contractor is that the tiles should be re-used. The leak is further up the roof and is running down.

iv. To consider quotations for grounds maintenance at the Recreation Ground

Cllr Layer said access needs to be created to allow the contractor to use a larger mower.

Cllr S Harvey **PROPOSED** the quotation dates 2 August from Landscape Services; **SECONDED** by Cllr Layer: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

## **10. SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL LAND**

Cllr S Harvey said the Parish Council has requested three pieces of land, the first part of the track by the Recreation Ground; the area at the top of Orchard Drive to the vehicular access gate to the Recreation Ground and the area by the bus stop.

## 11. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Layer reported that there were a few vacancies at the allotments.

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr Layer for his report.

## 12. VILLAGE VOICE AND MEDIA

Cllr Mould said there will be an article on the forthcoming Celebration of Village Activities; pre-Covid the Council had invited all groups to the Annual Parish Meeting and this was extremely successful. The pandemic meant that this could not be repeated and the Annual Parish Meeting 2022 was too early as Covid was still a problem so a special meeting will be held on 8 September. The next edition of the Village Voice will be a paper edition and will include an article on The Cherries; invitation for residents to join the Adult Exercise Equipment Committee; the PCSO surgery; the church draw; St Mary's Treasurer vacancy; and planning.

## 13. FINANCE

### i. Cheque list: to consider invoices for payment

Payee	Reason	Amount
Chloe Boswell <i>Paid out of meeting</i>	Pavilion deposit return	£50.00
Landscape Services	Grounds maintenance	£869.14
DCK Accounting	Payroll fees – July	£36.00
Staff	Salary	£788.25
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£52.10
Administration	Expenses	£61.45
Mr R Malone	Litter Picking Recreation Ground - July Litter Picking	£459.00
Mr R Burrows	Track gate keeper- July	£100.00
Mr MJ Marshall	Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance - July	£550.00
Newington Village Hall	Hall Hire	£60.00
Goldfinch Tree Surgery	Installation of bollard at Community Woodland	£180.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	Memorial bench	£748.77
Business Stream	Pavilion/ Recreation Ground water	£72.16
Mr E Layer	Dog bin signage	£8.50

Cllr Mould **PROPOSED** the payments be authorised; **SECONDED** by Cllr S Harvey: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### Bank accounts

NatWest:- 05.07.22 £15,927.32

Nationwide:- 31.03.22 £45,774.68

Unity Trust:- 30.06.22 £79,178.13

**Payments**

01.06.22	Drax Energy		£65.27
17.06.22	NEST	Pension	£145.44
21.06.22	Drax Energy	Pavilion electricity	£18.45
30.06.22	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges	£18.00

**Receipts**

01.06.22	Swans Fitness Club	Community Sports Room hire	£25.00
06.06.22	Mr R Jackson	Parish Room hire	£10.00
08.06.22	Vibe	Parish Room hire	£20.00
14.06.22	Dash (UK) Ltd	Refund – broken mugs	£113.28
21.06.22	HM & DF Christmas	Cemetery fees	£1,113.00

**ii. Review of Asset Register**

The Clerk said the asset value on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is £277,746 and is based on the purchase price. The Council had revised the Asset Register to reflect current market values.

Cllr S Harvey **PROPOSED** that a note be included on the Asset Register regarding the discrepancy; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**iii. To consider SLCC subscription**

Cllr S Harvey **PROPOSED** that Newington Parish Council pays the SLCC subscription on condition that the total amount payable by the Council does not exceed £60 and that any questions from the Council and responses be made available to all Councillors; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**iv. Pavilion energy costs**

Cllr S Harvey said that last month refunds had been requested.

The Clerk said the refund has been received although not included on the receipts as the receipts are based on statements to 30 June.

Cllr S Harvey asked that the spreadsheet be updated with details of the refunds before the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk.**

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr Godmon for drafting spread sheet.

**14. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY**

Cllr Layer reported that the plinth has been installed ready for the memorial bench. The grass has been cut. Volunteers are planting flowers behind the church.

Cllr Mould asked for an update on the church gate.

Cllr Layer said nothing more has been discussed.

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr Layer for his report.

**15. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Layer said there is a pot hole under the railway bridge which is getting worse, this has been reported to Swale Borough Council who have passed the matter to SGN. Nothing has been done. Cllr Layer informed Members that he had reported the fly tipping in the lane with no name and nothing has been done, more fly tipping has occurred further down the lane.

**ACTION: Report to SBCllr Palmer.**

**16. STREET LIGHTING**

There was nothing to report.

## 17. BUMPY ALLEY

Cllr S Harvey said KCC has confirmed the alley is not theirs and Swale Borough Council has said it does not belong to them. A concern is that if the Council were to cut back the weeds, the Council might be accepting liability in the future. The alley was possibly a farm track.

Cllr Layer said the residents could cut back the area if they wanted this to be done, most people do not know where it is.

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** not to take action at this stage but had no objections to residents maintaining the alley.

## 18. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Mould reported that there is currently a consultation on the proposal for The Cherries Nursery to join formally with Newington CEP School to create a two- eleven years provision in the village and safeguard the future of the nursery. There is a lot going on at the school, there is an external classroom, a running track and an amphitheatre is being installed.

Cllr S Harvey said there is a KALC Swale Area Committee meeting next week and that he has suggested that a representative from Southern Water be invited to report back following the water outage in Newington in January and then the recent water outage on the Isle of Sheppey.

## 19. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 28.06.22- Office for National Statistics: first results from the 2021 Census
2. 29.06.22- Highways England: M2 Junction 7-5 weekend closure
3. 29.06.22- Local Government bulletin
4. 30.06.22- SBC: Documents on Deposit for our latest Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 33 2022
5. 05.07.22- NALC CEO bulletin
6. 12.07.22-KALC: media release from the Kent Resilience Forum regarding reinstating Brock
7. 12.07.22- NALC CEO bulletin
8. 13.07.22- SBC Climate update for Parish Councils
9. 10.07.22- Response to resident from Royal Mail
10. 18.07.22- NALC CEO bulletin
11. 21.07.22\_ Highways England: M2 junction 5 improvement scheme – update
12. 22.07.22- Swale Borough Council consultation on Air Quality Action Plan (2023 - 2028) update
13. 22.07.22- resident concern regarding parking

The Clerk said she had reported this to Jeff Kitson, Parking Services Manager, Swale Borough Council and that the Parish Highways Improvement Working Party will look at this.

14. 25.07.22- resident concern regarding alley between Church Lane and Station Road

Cllr Layer asked if the litter pickers could help with this.

*ACTION: Clerk*

15. 25.07.22- Swale Borough Council- call for items for JTB
16. 28.07.22- KALC SAC- call for comments on UK Shared Prosperity Fund

## 20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Jackson said a date needs to be made for the autumn litter pick.

It was agreed this would be on Saturday 17 September.

*ACTION: Cllr Palmer to collect the litter picking equipment.*

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30 August 2022 at 7pm**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.36pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman  
Date: 30 August 2022