

Newington Parish Council

Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

- 58/18** To record those **Present** and list any **Apologies**
In attendance: Cllrs Sally Coleman (Chair), Robin Thornby and Susan Smith
KCC Cllr Mrs Susan Carey, KCC Community Warden Gary Harrison
One member of the public
Apologies received from Cllr John Neale.
- 59/18** 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.
- 60/18** **Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 9th May, and Extraordinary Meetings on 29th May and 28th June 2018**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 61/18** **Matters arising from the previous meetings**
Peene housing development: No further information has been received from either the developers or Folkestone & Hythe District Council. The Clerk will monitor the planning website for updates.
- 62/18** **Environmental and Local Facilities**
- a. Newington Phone Box – During the internal audit process it was noted that the £800 cost to paint the kiosk had not been agreed in accordance with proper procedures. Cllr Smith advised that this work was arranged by Cllr Neale who was not in attendance so this will be carried forward to the next meeting.
 - b. Church Bank – to agree best maintenance programme – Concern was expressed in regards to safety of the maintenance operatives and road users whilst cutting the steep bank. It was agreed to ask Mr Griggs for confirmation of his liability insurance.
 - c. WW1 Commemoration and local events 2018 – It was agreed to purchase one silhouette and to also to try to find if any of those commemorated on the War Memorial have living relations in Newington and Peene. Clerk to action.
 - d. Replacement rubbish bin in Newington – The clerk has reported the poor condition of the bin and also of the bin in Peene, to Folkestone & Hythe District Council. It is hoped that they will be replaced free of charge.
- 63/18** **Open session.** This is for residents of Newington to raise questions and is limited to 15 minutes unless extended by the Chairman
- Mr Squirrel attended the meeting to express his concern at recent traveller activity close to his property. Although the travellers have moved away, they presented the residents with significant fire risk and concern. It was noted that the area has been used by other people in the past as well. Community Warden Gary Harrison will monitor.

- 64/18 Report from KCC Councillor Susan Carey**
Bus services: 97% are commercially run and funded, KCC pay for free to user bus passes and subsidise 3% of services. This is a discretionary service from KCC who are also looking at other ways to provide transport, such as the Kent Karrier scheme which could be further developed. Further enhancement may be provided by minibus feeders.
Potholes: Although current funding is rapidly being spent, more money will be made available.
Brexit: KCC are considering a paper which looks at local issues and potential impacts. Highways England have a consultation running currently in respect of lorry parking.
- 65/18 Report from SDC Councillor David Godfrey**
Written report published on Newington PC's website.
- 66/18 Report from KCC Community Warden – Gary Harrison**
Gary advised that he does not expect travellers to return to Frogholt following intervention from the Police. If travellers are seen setting up sites, residents are asked to contact 101 and report it.
Cold callers have been active in Lyminge, there are not local people as it is a professional criminal activity with callers being brought into the area.
Coffee trailer – Kathy Bugden feels that this service is not reaching the most vulnerable. Needs more promotion and possibly a change of day? Gary said that he would pass positive feedback received to Kathy.
Susan Carey added that parking enforcement fines for inappropriately parked lorries have had some success with funds being collected from around 43% of fines levied.
- 67/18 Planning – Recent applications and decisions.**
Covered above.
- 68/18 Finance**
a To agree the financial statement to the end of June 2018 (see Appendix A)
Agreed
b.To agree insurers for 2018/2019
Agreed to renew with BHIB at an annual cost of £402.24
c. To authorise payments for the current period, shown on the financial statement
Agreed – payments totalling £1597.19, the full financial report will be published with these minutes.
- 69/18 Correspondence since last meeting – None to note**
- 70/18 Highways and Public Rights of Way updates**
Potholes remain a problem
- 71/18 Items of general interest from Councillors and items for the next Agenda**
Obscured road signs – in several locations vegetation is obscuring signage, where possible landowners are to be encourage to trim their trees/shrubs but issues can also be reported to KCC at:

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

The grass area at the junction with the A20 is becoming overgrown and as it is owned by Eurotunnel, they will be contacted by the clerk.

72/18 **Next meeting**
Monday 3rd September 2018

73/18 **Close of meeting**
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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