

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held in the Parish Room, Newington Pavilion on 30 May 2023

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

Cllr Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Ruth Brown; apologies accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

3. Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023

Herbicide on Pavilion fence

Cllr Jackson reported that Landscape Services has been contacted, the last time they sprayed around the pavilion was in October last year with Roundup. They have not sprayed anything in the Recreation Ground this year. Staff have been asked to keep well away from the area with chemicals going forward

Hedging for the Recreation Ground

Cllr Jackson said the saplings have been ordered and will be delivered to Cllr Layer in October.

Football Clubs

Cllr Jackson informed Members that there will be a meeting with Bredhurst and Upchurch Football Clubs on Thursday 1 June.

4. Public Question Time

No members of the public were present.

5. Anti-Social Behaviour

Cllr Jackson reported that there is some graffiti in the play area.

Cllr Harvey said the garage wall has had two coats of paint in preparation for the mural.

6. Recreation Ground and green spaces

i. To receive an update

Cllr Jackson reported that some of the surfacing near the sputnik has cracked.

Cllr Layer said the surfacing is under guarantee.

ACTION: Cllr Layer to investigate.

Cllr Jackson said she had turned away someone on a quad bike from the Recreation Ground and, during this meeting, there has been someone on a small motor bike.

ACTION: Cllr Mould to make signs prohibiting motor bikes and quad bikes.

The Clerk reported that she has been unable to get a response from the company to place an order for the play panels.

ii. To consider quotations for sputnik repairs

Waiting for quotes.

7. Pavilion

i. To receive an update

Cllr Jackson reported that the Pavilion has been painted, there is an area in the foyer where the paint is missing. Upchurch Colts Football Club will need access to the garage which has been cleaned and tidied to give them enough room. The second padlock for the contractor gate is being dealt with. The defibrillator consumables will be aged to the check list.

ii. To consider quotations for roof repairs

Waiting for quotes

8. Allotments

Cllr Layer reported that there are a few plots available at the allotments.

9. Highways

Cllr C Palmer informed Members that issues at The Willows and Keycol Hill have been reported to KCC Highways.

10. Lights

Cllr Jackson said KCCllr David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, has been contacted regarding the light under the bridge.

11. Footpaths and Bridleways

Cllr Harvey reported that vegetation is growing fast along the footpaths.

12. Village Voice and media

Cllr Mould said the next edition will be a printed version with a leaflet for the church and also for the fete and dog show.

13. Cemetery and Churchyard

Cllr Jackson said there had been a response from the funeral directors regarding the sunken graves and the problem has been dealt with.

Cllr Layer thanked the Clerk for helping to resolve the matter.

Cllr Harvey said there needs to be a Working Party to help tidy the Cemetery.

14. Events

Village Fete 15 July 2023

Cllr Jackson said the bunting and medals will be ordered.

Cllr Mould said cupcake flags will also be ordered. The King and Queen will be chosen from Newington School and the school will facilitate the crown making competition.

Cllr C Palmer said not all Newington children go to Newington School.

Cllr Harvey said the fete is the day after term ends and it is best done in school.

ACTION: Clerk to order bunting and cupcake flags.

15. Any Other Business

No other matters were raised.

Date of Next Meeting: 20 June 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman
Date: 20 June 2023

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