

# NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 17 June 2025 in the Parish Room, Newington Pavilion

Present: Cllr Elaine Jackson (Chairman) Cllr Michael Barlow, Cllr Stephen Harvey, Cllr Tony Mould and Cllr Barbara Weight; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also present was Mr R Jackson, Pavilion Caretaker

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Eric Layer (holiday) and Cllr Ruth Brown at another meeting: apologies accepted.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR LOBBYING

None were declared.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 May 2025** Matters arising from the minutes  
Wood chippings the children are on a trip on the 9 July, the date agreed with the contractors.  
Cllr Weight said she had two more possible dates.

#### Recreation Ground fence line

Mr Jackson reported that this has been treated.

#### Planting of whips at the Recreation Ground

Cllr Harvey said this has not been completed.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact contractor.*

#### Barrier by woodland

The contractor wants to repair this after the wood chippings have been lain so that the quad bike and trailer can access the woodland to deposit the chippings.

*ACTION: Clerk to request the work be carried out by 1 August.*

#### Website

Cllr Jackson asked how many people have signed up to alerts from the website.

The Clerk reported there were seventy-seven.

#### Beacon Newington History Group correspondence

Cllr Jackson said the Amenities Committee had been discussing options, nothing had been agreed and the Council would work with the Group if they wanted the beacon to be re-sited. A lot of residents had questioned why the beacon had not been lit for the VE-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; concern had also been raised by residents that people with mobility issues are unable to access the current site of the beacon.

#### Garage lock

Cllr Harvey requested an update.

Mr Jackson said the contractor did not make contact as promised.

The Clerk reported that the contractor will carry out the work when he does other jobs in the village. He hopes to remove the village sign stump on Friday and will then quote for the post and installation.

*ACTION: Clerk to request the hasp is fitted as soon as possible.*

#### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No matters were raised.

#### **5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

No matters had been reported to the Council.

#### **6. RECREATION GROUND AND GREEN SPACES**

##### i. To receive an update

Cllr Jackson said the grass is looking good generally.

Cllr Harvey asked if the contractor has been informed about the Fete.

The Clerk confirmed that they have been told.

##### ii. To consider quotation to replace the posts around the village sign

Mr Jackson said there were no issues.

Cllr Jackson asked if the Council could purchase a steam cleaner.

*Item for Full Council.*

Cllr Jackson said plants will be purchased for the planters.

*7.25pm Cllr Weight left the meeting.*

#### **7. PAVILION-** To receive an update

#### **8. PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS**

Cllr Jackson informed members that the Community Infrastructure Grants Scheme will be opening in the next few weeks for capital projects and grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 will be available to cover no more than 75% of project costs.

Cllr Mould suggested solar panels for the Pavilion and this has the potential of being a revenue stream for the Council.

*ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotation.*

Cllr Harvey asked for an update on the leaky water heater.

Mr Jackson said it needed to be tightened with a spanner.

#### **9. YOUTH CLUB**

Cllr Jackson said a report had been received and circulated.

Cllr Harvey said it was good that they will come to the fete.

Cllr Mould said the number of medals needs to be checked.

*ACTION: Cllr Mould to purchase additional medals if necessary.*

Cllr Jackson said Vibe is liaising with the school regarding the assembly. Details of the Summer activities has been received and added to the Parish Council's website.

#### **10. ALLOTMENTS**

No matters had been reported to the Council.

Cllr Harvey said posters of the bluebell sponsorship scheme needs to be drawn up.

*ACTION: Clerk*

#### **11. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Jackson said the heritage barriers in the High Street will take twelve weeks and asked for the start date.

*ACTION: Clerk to ascertain.*

#### **12. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS -** To receive an update

Cllr Harvey said the finger posts for ZR61 have not been replaced.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact KCCllr R Palmer.*

Cllr Jackson said the style at the top entrance of the Recreation Ground is not very good and there is concern that bikes are coming through.

*ACTION: Cllr Jackson to ascertain if the style is safe.*

### **13. SPONSORSHIP OF PLANTERS**

Cllr Jackson said quotations have been received for planters although it is irrelevant until the maintenance can be resolved. Next year, the Council might consider a larger budget for this project.

Cllr Harvey said the Council will also need to find sites for extra planters.

Cllr Jackson said the Parish Council's planters near the bus stop need repainting.

Cllr Harvey asked if the eastern bus shelter needs repainting to remove the graffiti, if so the two could be done together. A potential project for August.

*ACTION 1: Cllr Harvey to check the bus shelter.*

*ACTION 2 Clerk to obtain quotations.*

Cllr Jackson said residents had questioned why there was no seat at the bus stop; this could be considered.

### **14. VILLAGE VOICE AND MEDIA**

Cllr Barlow reported that Cllr Mould had given him the information and requirements.

### **15. CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD**

Cllr Jackson reported that there was a burial on 12 June and there will be an interment of ashes on 27 June.

### **16. STREET LIGHTS**

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quote from Streetlights to repair the lights in Bull Lane for £45 plus parts.

### **17. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN**

Cllr Harvey said this should be kept in abeyance at present.

### **18. EVENTS**

#### i. Summer Fete 2025- to receive an update

Cllr Mould reported that currently there are twenty-eight stalls.

Cllr Jackson informed members that she had liaised with Company 3 about their performance at the Fete.

*ACTION: Clerk to seek sponsorship.*

#### ii. Christmas lights

Cllr Jackson suggested that in view of the potential costs in installing a power supply, the Council should use battery Christmas lights as before. There may be a need to purchase more lights.

*ACTION: Clerk to check the budget*

### **19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other matters were raised.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 July 2025**

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

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 24 June 2024

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