

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 25 July 2023 in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Tony Mould (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ruth Brown, Cllr Ray Cuffley, Cllr Steve Godmon, Cllr Stephen Harvey, Cllr Elaine Jackson and Cllr Eric Layer;
and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also present was Mr Bob Jackson, Pavilion Caretaker.

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

1. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Cllr Layer **PROPOSED** to co-opt Mr Ray Cuffley to the Parish Council; **SECONDED** by Cllr Jackson: **4 FOR, 2 ABSTENTIONS – MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr Cuffley signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Richard Palmer and Cllr Chris Palmer (holiday); apologies accepted.

Absent- Cllr Michael Barlow.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2023

i. To consider the minutes of the meeting and if in order sign as a true record

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

ii. Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Mould said the engineer attended the pavilion alarm.

Cllr Jackson reported that no fault was found.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned for the public time

Why were there traffic lights, 30 yards apart on the London Road when there was no work carried out.

ACTION: Clerk to contact KCllr David Brasier and cc KCllr Mike Baldock.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. VISITORS

i. Borough Councillors

Apologies had been received from the Ward Members.

ii. County Councillor
No report received.

7. PLANNING

i. To receive an update

Application: 23/501853/FULL 19 High Street, Newington ME9 7JR

Proposal: Change of use of ground floor from a residential letting agency to a hot food takeaway and restaurant (fish and chip shop service) including installation of external ventilation ducting.

Cllr Harvey reported that a decision is yet to be made.

Application: 23/501222/LBC 55-57 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the internal alterations including removal walls, doors, two set of stairs, external alterations including erection of a first floor north elevation extension, insertion of balcony, roof lights and changes to fenestration including conversion of outbuilding.

Application: 23/501221/FULL 55-57 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Proposal: Conversion of restaurant and existing two residential flats into a 6no. two bedroom and 1no. one bedroom residential flats including erection of a first floor north elevation extension, insertion of balconies and changes to fenestration. Conversion of existing outbuilding to an office.

Cllr Harvey reported that a decision is yet to be made and that revised details were lodged on 4 July for 23/501221/FULL.

Application: 22/505618/FULL Land At School Lane, Newington ME9 7JU

Proposal: Erection of 25no. residential dwellings with enhanced renewable energy features 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 (Resubmission of 21/504028/FULL)

SBC Planning Committee Thursday 22 June 2023 – Application refused

Application: 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.

PINS REF: APP/V2255/W/22/3312284

Cllr Harvey reported that a decision is yet to be made by the Inspector.

Application: 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 Harvey said a decision is yet to be made

Application: 22/503654/EIOUT Land To The West Of Bobbing, ME9 8QL

Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for a mixed used development comprising up to 2,500 dwellings, a 4.99ha commercial employment zone including doctors surgery, a 4.2ha sports hub, primary school, community facilities, local retail provision, public open space, children's play areas and associated parking, servicing, utilities, footpath and cycle links, drainage, ground and other infrastructure.

Application validated: Tuesday 29 November 2022

Cllr Harvey reported that a decision is yet to be made

Application: 21/500121/ENF 61 Playstool Road, Newington ME9 7NL

Appeal against Enforcement Notice: Without Planning Permission a first floor rear extension not built in accordance of approved plans under application 16/503414/FULL.

PINS Reference: APP/V2255/C/21/3287191

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision is yet to be made by the Inspector.

Application: 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.

Planning Inspectorate PINS reference APP/V2255/W/22/3312284

Cllr Harvey said a decision is yet to be made by the Inspector.

Application: 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).

PINS ref: APP/V2255/W/23/3318448

Appeal in progress.

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ii. Ref: 23/503013/FULL

Address: Snakesbury Cottage Iwade Road Newington Kent ME9 7JY

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension, two storey rear extension including changes to fenestration and erection of a detached garage.

Councillors considered the application and Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** to respond:

Councillors have considered the application and have concerns bearing in mind of heritage; its surroundings; and its situation to the Church Conservation Area. Newington Parish Council will be guided by the Heritage Officer; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr Harvey for his report.

8. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

i. To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 18 July 2023 and consider the recommendations

Cllr Jackson reported that, although Newington is a Cold Calling Zone, there had been some unwelcome callers in the village. Cllr Harvey contacted the Police for advice and they urge residents to get as much details as they can and report incidents direct to 101.

Cllr Mould said this can be included in the Village Voice; there are also stickers available.

Cllr Jackson reported that the garage mural has been completed. Cllr Harvey will obtain "No Quad Bike" stickers for the Recreation Ground. Pavilion rentals are going well. There will be a post-fete meeting.

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

ii. To consider quotations for repairs to Pavilion roof

Cllr Jackson said quotations still have not been received yet. There are three cracked tiles.

Cllr Mould said there had been no leak after recent rain.

ACTION: Clerk to chase contractor for a quote to replace the tiles and seal the soil stack in the chair cupboard.

iii. To consider quotations for the Restoration of the Commemorative Plaques on the Coronation Bus Stop

Waiting for quotes, contractors need to look at the panels.

iv. To consider the inclusion of business leaflets in the Village Voice.

Cllr Mould informed Members that there has been a request to insert a business leaflet in the Village Voice; they would supply the leaflets and pay a commercial rate for delivery, a local company charges £45 to deliver 1,000 leaflets.

Cllr Harvey said guidelines were needed to ensure the leaflets were appropriate, there is no issue with village groups inserting a leaflet. A policy needs to be drawn up.

ACTION: ITEM FOR AUGUST AGENDA.

Cllr Godmon said he will paint the last side of the garage.

Cllr Layer reported that he has finally received the right Allen key from Wicksteed, the nuts have been tightened but there is a slight wobble.

9. SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL LAND

Councillors raised no objections to the draft Heads of Terms for the strips of land.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm acceptance and submit marked up plans.

10. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Layer reported that UKPN had installed a pole on a plot.

Cllr Harvey said UKPN needs to be chased for a date the allotment fence and the Recreation Ground fence and hedge will be repaired.

ACTION: Clerk to seek confirmation.

11. VILLAGE VOICE AND MEDIA

Cllr Mould circulated the first draft of the Village Voice. Thank you letters need to be sent to helpers of the Village Fete.

ACTION: Cllr Mould to send list to the Clerk.

12. FINANCE

i. Cheque list: to consider invoices for payment

Payments

Payee	Reason	Amount
Bezees <i>Paid out of meeting</i>	Deposit for fete performer	£80.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Adult exercise equipment	£17049.74
KALC	Courses	£77.00
Maylow Construction Ltd	Sputnik repairs	£228.00
Mrs W Licence	Fete expenses	£501.77
Hetty Godmon	Garage mural	£300.00
DCK Accounting	Payroll fees – July	£36.00
Staff	Salary	£797.40
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£65.37
Admin	Expenses and keys	£109.60

Mr R Malone	Litter Picking Recreation Ground - July Litter Picking	Total	£527.00
Mr MJ Marshall	Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance - July		£625.00
Mr R Burrows	Track gate keeper- July		£100.00
Spy Alarms	Alarm repairs		£108.00
Mike Ingram	Merryman Jester		£195.00
Mr A Mould	Fete expenses 227.79 Expenses 49.16 Total		£276.95
Mrs E Jackson	Fete expenses 153.58 Pavilion expenses 16.50 Total		£170.08
Smiths Fun Fair	Deposit refund		£400.00
Vibe Community Ltd	Summer Youth Activity provision		£500.00
Samantha Sparks	Pavilion deposit refund		£50.00
Business Stream	Cemetery water		£21.36

Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** to make the payments; **SECONDED** by Cllr Layer: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ii. Finance report

No questions or comments were raised.

iii. To consider quotations for electricity supplier

Councillors considered the quotations and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotations for the street lighting and Pavilion for a one-year contract.

iv. Any other finance matter received by 25 July 2023

No other matters had been received.

13. TRAINING POLICY

DEFERRED TO AUGUST AGENDA

14. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

Cllr Layer said the contractor had cleared the weeds from the shingle at the ashes area, the weeds have grown up again.

Cllr Harvey said the area needs to be treated on a windless day and then the Council should review the situation.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the contractor.

15. HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Mould reported that the Alleyway light has been vandalized.

The Clerk reported that KCC had said the bridge light was the responsibility of National Rail, and not Network Rail which was previously suggested; however National Rail says it is Network Rail's responsibility. KCCllr David Brazier has been contacted again.

16. SPEEDWATCH

To consider quotation for purchase of equipment

Cllr Cuffley said the Speedwatch team needs some form of camera, currently one of the coordinators uses their own camera and this is useful in checking vehicles. The team currently has equipment on loan from Kent Police.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted neighbouring Parish Councils, none had their own equipment or were considering purchasing some except for Upchurch Parish Council which has equipment that is old and needs a new battery and recalibration.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Community Speedwatch Manager to ascertain possibility of sharing equipment and the cost to purchase equipment.

ITEM FOR NEXT AGENDA

17. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Mould reported that he had attended the end of term play which was excellent.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

C1. 27.06.23: KALC- training events.

C2. 28.06.23- NALC newsletter

C3. 28.06.23- National Highways & Transport Network surveys

C4. 29.06.23- NALC CEO bulletin

C5. 30.06.23- NALC Star Councils Award

C6. 30.06.23- KCC Highways: Bull Lane surface dressing

C7. 30.06.23- National Highways- road works update

C8. 03.07.23- Swale Borough Council policy round-up

C9. 04.07.23- NALC: training events.

C10. 05.07.23- NALC newsletter

C11. 05.07.23- KALC newsletter

C12. 06.07.23- NALC CEO bulletin

C13. 10.07.23- Swale Borough Council policy round-up

C14. 10.07.23- Swale Borough Council invitation to the launch of the Western Area Committee's Swale Trails (17 July, in Newington Village Hall)

C15. 12.07.23- NALC newsletter

C16. 13.07.23- NALC CEO bulletin

C17. 13.07.23- Swale Borough Council launch of Community Infrastructure Grant scheme

C18. 14.07.23- National Highways Kent update

C19. 14.07.23- Kent County Council: Local Transport Plan consultation

C20. 17.07.23- Swale Borough Council policy round-up

C21. 18.07.23- NALC: events

C22. 19.07.23- NALC newsletter

C23. 19.07.23- Kent County Council: Kent Family Hub Services Public Consultation

C24. 20.07.23- NALC CEO bulletin

C25. 21.07.23- National Highways- road works update

19. AUGUST MEETING

It was agreed that urgent business only be on the Full Council agenda.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other matters were raised

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 29 August 2023 at 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.11pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 29 August 2023