

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on 29 September 2020

Present: Cllr Tony Mould (Chairman), Cllr Richard Palmer (Vice Chairman), Cllr Richard Geldard, Cllr Steve Godmon, Cllr Stephen Harvey, Cllr Elaine Jackson, Cllr Eric Layer and Cllr James Morgan

Also present was Ward Member Alan Horton.

Cllr Mould welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Mould informed Members that no applications have been received.

There are two vacancies which will be advertised in the Village Voice.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Ryan Condron: apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from KCllr Mike Whiting, Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk): apologies noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 25th August 2020

Cllr Palmer **Proposed** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 25th August as a true record; **Seconded** by Cllr Jackson: **Agreed Unanimously.**

The minutes of the meeting will be signed at the next physical Council meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes 25th August.

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda

6. Public Question Time.

No matters were raised.

7. Visitors

i. Borough Councillors

SBCLlr Horton had nothing to report.

SBCLlr Palmer said that it has been a quiet month and that he has dealt with a couple of local

issues.

Greenstone has agreed to take down the trees at Wickham Close that they feel they are responsible for. Greenstone has agreed to provide a replacement key for the gate at Wickham Close in to Station Road,

The pavement has been repaired outside 97 High Street but is dangerous and sloping at a 45 degree angle and this has been raised with KCC.

SBC are in the process of replacing rubbish bins in the village

ii. County Councillor

KCCllr Whiting apologies

Cllr Harvey asked if KCCllr Whiting could be reminded of the proposed washup meeting in the wake of the gas main replacement in the village

8. Planning

i. To receive an update

Ref: 20/504132/FULL 37 London Road, Newington ME9 7NS

Proposal: Conversion of existing detached two storey garage into a two bedroom dwelling together with a single storey extension.

Cllr Harvey **Proposed** that the Parish Council object; to the application; **Seconded** by Cllr Layer:

Agreed Unanimously

Ref: 20/504184/FULL Bardfield Barn, London Road, Newington ME9 7TW

Proposal: Erection of a car port and home office (Class E) with associated hardstanding.

Cllr Harvey **Proposed** that if there were no neighbour objections, the Parish Council would respond that it has no comments save that neighbours' views be taken into account;

Seconded by Cllr Jackson: **Agreed Unanimously**

Ref: 20/503356/FULL Cherrymere, Keycol Hill, Bobbing ME9 7LG

Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuilding. Erection of rear and side single storey pitched roof extensions.

Cllr Harvey reported that the application has been permitted

Ref: 20/503210/FULL 19 The Willows, Newington ME9 7LS

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and erection of part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension, with new vehicular crossover (resubmission of 20/500540/FULL).

Cllr Harvey reported that the application has been refused

Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate

Ref: 19/503203/FULL Land At 6 Ellens Place, Boyces Hill, Newington ME9 7JG

Proposal: Erection of a chalet bungalow with detached garage. Creation of new vehicular access and erection of a detached garage to serve no. 6.

Cllr Harvey reminded councillors that the application has been refused and has been appealed.

There was currently no decision from the planning inspectorate

Ref: 19/500029/FULL Land Rear Of 132 High Street, Newington ME9 7JH

Proposal: Erection of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling and associated carport/garage.

Cllr Harvey reported that the application has been refused and has been appealed. There was currently no decision from the planning inspectorate

Ref: 19/505596/FULL Land Rear Of 148 High Street High Street, ME9 7JH

Proposal: Conversion of former agricultural barn and associated lightweight structure to a dwelling house with furniture restoration workshop and home office, associated storage, car parking and access driveway (Resubmission of 19/504153/FULL).

Cllr Harvey reminded councillors that the appeal has been refused

Ref: 18/500767/FULL Newington Working Mens Club, High Street, ME9 7JL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 and removal of Condition 11 of application

17/504342/FULL (Retrospective demolition of former Working Mens Club and erection of 9 dwellings and 1no. maisonette together with carports for garaging of cars (Revised scheme). (Vary Condition 2 to include reference to 'Titan-Sonair' ventilation system to bedrooms and dining room fronting the high street.)

Cllr Harvey reported that the application has been refused and updates on enforcement requested from the enforcement officer

Ref: 19/502206/FULL 61 Playstool Road, Newington ME9 7NL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of a first floor rear extension, loft extension and lean to roof at front and side of dwelling (resubmission of 18/502531/FULL).

Cllr Harvey reported that the application has been refused and updates on enforcement requested from the enforcement officer

SHLAA for Newington

Cllr Harvey proposed a planning meeting.

Application Number SW/16/507594/RVAR (KCC/SW/0526/2018)

Paradise Farm, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip, Sittingbourne ME9 7SR

Email: 26 November 2019: Wienerberger is currently installing the initial part of the access road behind Newington Industrial Estate in order to implement the planning permission and that other than occasional HGV deliveries of supplies to facilitate this work there should be no major impact or overlap of HGVs with the SGN works. This initial work is planned to be completed by the end of December 2019. He informs me that Wienerberger intends to install the rest of the internal haul road to the extraction areas during Spring / Summer 2020 and that no brickearth extraction is planned until Spring / Summer 2021.

Cllr Harvey reported that this was ongoing and had nothing to report

Ref: 20/502218/OUT Home Farm, Breach Lane, Lower Halstow ME9 7DB

Proposal: Outline Application with all matters reserved for the proposed development of six houses and three bungalows.

Cllr Harvey reported that the application was awaiting a decision

Ref: 20/501475/FULL Land Rear Of Eden Meadow, High Street Newington ME9 7JH

Proposal: Erection of 40 No. residential dwellings including affordable housing and associated car parking, hardstanding, landscaping and open spaces, infrastructure including SuDs and earthworks accessed from the existing junction serving Eden Meadow from the A2 High Street

Cllr Harvey proposed a planning meeting for the proposed application

Cllr Mould as chair joined the planning committee

That there be a leaflet drop to houses in the affected area

17/505711/HYBRID Land at Wises Lane Borden Kent ME10 1GD

Hybrid planning application with outline planning permission (all matters reserved except for access) sought for up to 595 dwellings including affordable housing; a two-form entry primary school with associated outdoor space and vehicle parking; local facilities comprising a Class A1 retail store of up to 480 sq m GIA and up to 560 sqm GIA of "flexible use" floorspace that can be used for one or more of the following uses - A1 (retail), A2 (financial and professional services), A3 (restaurants and cafes), D1 (non-residential institutions); a rugby clubhouse / community building of up to 375 sq m GIA, three standard RFU sports pitches and associated vehicle parking; a link road between Borden Lane and Chestnut Street / A249; allotments; and formal and informal open space incorporating SuDS, new planting / landscaping and ecological enhancement works. Full planning permission is sought for the erection of 80 dwellings including affordable housing, open space, associated access / roads, vehicle parking, associated services, infrastructure, landscaping and associated SuDS. For clarity - the total number of dwellings proposed across the site is up to 675

Public Planning Inquiry: November-December 2019

13 February 2020 notification that Inspector's report sent to Secretary of State for consideration Decision to be issued on or before 18 May 2020

Letter 18 May 2020 ‘regrettably, the Secretary of State will not be in a position to publish a decision by this date.’

Cllr Harvey reported that this was ongoing and had nothing to report

Ref: 18/505060/ADJ (Alternative reference: 18/504836/EIOUT) Binbury Park, Detling Hill, Detling, Maidstone, Kent

Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation from Maidstone Borough Council for Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from access) for the erection of up to 1,750 dwellings including affordable housing, 46,000 sq.m of commercial space, a hotel, a local centre, a new primary school, a park and ride facility, strategic highways improvements including new Kent Showground access/egress, accesses/roads including a new bridleway bridge, parking, associated open space, landscaping, services, and Sustainable Drainage Systems. In addition the proposals include a publicly-accessible country park including the Binbury Motte and Bailey Castle Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Cllr Harvey reported that this was ongoing and had nothing to report

Cllr Mould suggested that dates be arranged for the two planning meetings and it was agreed that the Eden Meadow meeting be arranged for Tuesday 13th of September SHLAA meeting to be arranged for Thursday 22nd of September

Cllr Mould asked about arranging an air quality meeting

Cllr Harvey agreed to contact Mid Kent Environmental Services to arrange a meeting to discuss air quality in the village

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr Harvey for his report.

9. Amenities Committee

i. To receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 September 2020 and consider the recommendations

Cllr Harvey **Proposed** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September as a true record; **Seconded** by Cllr Palmer: **Agreed Unanimously.**

The minutes of the meeting will be signed at the next physical Council meeting.

Cllr Jackson said there had been no report from the PCSO.

Cllr Jackson reported that she had received a report from Community Warden Georgina Springall and wanted to thank her for her work in the village particularly helping the older residents.

Cllr Harvey proposed that the pavilion compound be used as a wild life area.

Cllr Palmer reported that Newington pre-school group were interested in helping with the project and that KCllr Mike Whiting has grants available for such projects

Cllr Mould said that he would look at the possibility of introducing Fairy Doors to the community woodland.

Cllr Mould: is to get quotes to install mesh to one wall of the garage to discourage graffiti

Cllr Jackson reported that football has returned to the Recreation Ground with a new manager

Cllr Richard Geldard offered to arrange servicing for the hot water boiler in the pavilion

Cllr Jackson reported that she would provide more information on the lighting column bands.

Cllr Jackson reported that some residents didn't know about the Village Voice and that Cllr Mould would investigate and cost a number of options including a hard copy delivery to selected areas of the village.

Cllr Jackson to provide copy for gate signage.

Cllr Jackson reported that the car wash has agreed to host a Christmas tree.
SBCllr Horton offered to source a tree

Cllr Mould is in the process of getting three quotes for the refurbishment of the Recreation Ground car park and the repair of the Cemetery drive

Cllr Horton left the meeting.

10. Village Voice and Media

Cllr Palmer suggested the NHS COVID 119 number is included in to the Village Voice.
Cllr Mould said he would circulate the final draft in the next few days

11. Finance

Cllr Steve Godmon reported that he had received the Newington Parish Council Finance Report Year-end 2019-20 and would circulate it to councillors

i. Cheque list: to consider invoices for payment

Cllr Godmon reported that a cheque No. 3159 had been paid to Street Lights to cover the

repair of the damaged lamp. The Council has been waiting since June for the insurance money to cover this.

Chq no	Payee	Reason	Amount
3159	Streetlights <i>Paid out of meeting</i>	Bull Lane repair	£330.00
3160	Mr R Malone	Litter Picking	£459.00
3095	Mr MJ Marshall	Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance Sept 2020	£550.00
3096	Mrs W Licence	Salary and expenses	£969.94
3097	HMRC	PAYE & NI	£136.13
3098	Upchurch Parish Council	Share of fee for Clerks Conference	£8.33
3099	Mr R Burrows	Track gate keeper	£125.00

Councillors consider the invoices and cheques raised.

ClIr Godmon **Proposed** the signing of the cheques; **Seconded** by ClIr Mould: **Agreed Unanimously**

ClIr Godmon proposed a finance meeting in November

12. Churchyard and Cemetery

i. To receive an update of the Churchyard and Cemetery

ClIr Layer reported that a large pile of earth had been left on a recent grave and looked out of place.

ClIr Harvey raised the issue of ownership of the church wall. It was agreed that ClIr Mould would contact an archivist at the County records library.

13. Highways

i. To receive an update of roads and pavements

ii. ClIr to arrange a meeting to discuss the Parish Highway Improvement Plan

14. Street Lighting

ClIr Harvey raised the issue of the damaged light in Church Lane, ClIr Mould to investigate.

15. HR Committee

ClIr Mould requested that the HR committee meet at a date to be arranged

ClIr Layer resigned from the committee and ClIr Geldard joined the committee

16. Reports from Members

ClIr Palmer reported the he attended the KALC AGM and is staying on the Joint Transport

Committee and that Cllr Harvey is to join the Police Liaison Committee
Cllr Mould reported that Newington's school roll stand at 180 and that the return in September went smoothly thanks to the hard work of the heads of school and staff.

17. Correspondence

01. 26 August 2020 Highways England - M20 Moveable Barrier works
02. 26 August 2020 CPRE Kent Planning White Paper virtual Information Event
03. 27 August 2020 NHS Kent and Medway CCG_ Your community news for August 2020
04. 27 August 2020 Proposed New Slip-On Road onto A249.
05. 27 August 2020 Swale Weekly List 28.08.20
06. 2 September 2020 KALC Dynamic Councillor Conference
07. 2 September 2020 Green grid forum
08. 2 September 2020 KCC Swale West parish report August 2020
09. 2 September 2020 KALK newsletter
10. 7 September NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
11. 7 September Crag Report to 31.08.20
12. 7 September Rural Matters 19
13. 7 September PCC Have your say on Policing and Road Safety
14. 8 September Keycol Hill Residents Letter
15. 8 September Refuse and recycling collections
16. 8 September Kent Prepared newsletter Issue One - bringing you the latest Kent Resilience Team news
17. 11 September Reg 26 - Adoption of the Kent Mineral Sites Plan and Early Partial Review of the KMWLP
18. 15 September NALC CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
19. 15 September Bull Lane, Newington(3)
20. 18 September Highsted Park Consultation
21. 18 September CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
22. 21 September Residential and Nursing Care Survey – we want your feedback

18 Any Other Business

Cllr Jackson raised the issue of the December meeting and it was agreed the Full Council incorporating Amenities would be held on the 15th of December

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27 October 2020

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 9.02pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman

Date: 27 October 2020