

# NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held in the Parish Room, Newington Pavilion on 19 July 2022

Present: Cllr Eric Layer (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ruth Brown, Cllr Stephen Harvey and Cllr Tony Mould.

Also present was one member of the public.

Minutes from notes taken by Cllr Brown.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Layer took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Elaine Jackson (personal); apology accepted.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

### 3. Matters Arising from minutes 21 June 2022

No matters were raised.

### 4. Public Question Time

No members of the public were in attendance at this point.

### 5. Anti-Social Behaviour

#### i. PCSO report

PCSO Lorraine Holmes had sent the following report:

#### Crimes of note (21/06/22 – 18/07/22):

- No Burglary offences reported
- Vehicle Crime offences reported: 23/06/22 – two different cars damaged at the same address in Playstool Road over an 8-week period. 13/07/22 – numberplate stolen from vehicle in Watling Drive.
- No Criminal Damage offences reported
- No Fraud offences reported.

#### Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- Cars parking down Playstool Road and playing loud music. Any info please to PCSO HOLMES.
- 18/07/22: Youths setting fires in the orchards. Unsure if KFRS attended.

#### Other items of note:

- My next surgery will be held at the Cornerstone Café, St Mary's Church on Thursday 21st July between 10-11am.

#### Updates of previous reported issues~:

- None

There was disappointment that the PSCO was not present although she was on duty but had not been able to commit her attendance as it was anticipated there would be a surge in calls due to the current weather situation.

## ii. Community Warden report

Community Warden Georgina Springall sent the following report:

- 1) Regular welfare visits to elderly/vulnerable residents.
- 2) Assisted elderly resident in finding reputable person to clean out his gutters.
- 3) Unclaimed money found by resident donated to needy family.
- 4) Assisted elderly resident with refund for newspaper delivery she had been overcharged with.
- 5) Complaints from resident regarding neighbours' noisy dog – Advised her to report to Swale Borough Council to get diaries to fill in etc.
- 6) Advised resident on cutting back his overhanging shrubs as they are obstructing pavement and road sign.
- 7) Complaints from resident regarding Southern Water van parking on pavement evenings and weekends causing obstruction.
- 8) Assisted elderly resident with her repeat prescription as she had run out of her tablets and GP had not renewed prescription with pharmacy.
- 9) Fly tipping in footpath that leads from Station Road to Church Lane – Reported to Swale Borough Council.
- 10) Still numerous residents complaining about vehicles not adhering to the 20 mph speed restrictions.
- 11) Assisted elderly resident with activating his travel money card and gaining PIN number.
- 12) Complaints from residents regarding resident regularly doing car repairs – Optivo housing aware.

Cllr Layer confirmed that the glass had been replaced in the telephone booth.

## **6. Recreation Ground and green spaces**

### i. To receive an update

Quote for turning one panel into a gateway required for access to the pay area.

### ii. Grass Cutting specification review

More grass cutting quotes are required.

### iii. Adult exercise equipment- to consider Working Party

Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** that a Working Party should be created to discuss the adult exercise equipment quotations. The Working Party to be a Sub Committee made up of Councillors and Parish Residents with the power to recommend. They will report to the Full Council meeting. The Full Council will act as the scrutiny committee; **SECONDED** by Cllr Layer: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

## **7. Pavilion**

### i. To receive an update

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the third side of the garage needs painting. Cllr Godmon to be asked what white paint was used previously to create the correct canvas.

### ii. To consider quotations for Pavilion roof repair

Waiting for quotations.

## **8. Youth Club**

Activity Day- 28th July 2022. Cllr Brown had been in contact and provided some contact details for some activities.

## **9. Allotments**

There was nothing to report.

### **10. Community Woodland**

To ensure that Goldfinch Tree Surgery was available for two days work again at the woodland in the autumn.

### **11. Highways**

A date will be arranged for the Parish Highways Improvement Plan meeting.

### **12. Lights**

There was nothing to report.

### **13. Footpaths and Bridleways**

Cllr Harvey will contact Swale Borough Council to try and ascertain who owns the overgrown footpath near Playstool Road.

### **14. Village Voice and media**

Cllr Mould confirmed the next edition was to be a printed version. One news item was that The Cherries being taken over by the school. Rev Staniforth has requested space for coffee mornings and service times in the Village Voice; this was agreed.

Cllr Mould suggested an insert for a Community Page, Village Groups and Parish Council; this was agreed.

### **15. Cemetery and Churchyard**

More trees need to be ordered.

### **16. Events**

#### **i. Village Celebration 8 September 2022- To consider arrangements**

Cllr Harvey request that the name be changed to Celebration of Village Activities. All agreed a good idea.

By next meeting all details need to be finalised including the catering.

#### **ii. Fete 2023- to consider request from Fun Fair to be in attendance at Fete 2023**

Cllr Harvey confirmed that the Fun Fair has agreed it would be possible for them to attend the Annual Fete. The suggestion is the Fair is on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That the Fete would be on the Saturday. Ideally in June or July. Could we obtain any grants to cover costs? Have we heard back on the complaint about the Fair?

### **17. Any Other Business**

No other matters were raised.

**Date of Next Meeting: 23 August 2022**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 2 August 2022