

# NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held at Newington Village Hall, Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7pm.

**25.16 Councillors Present:** Mrs S Coleman – Madam Chairman, K Golding, Mrs S Smith, R Thornby and J Neale.

**In Attendance:** KCC Ward Cllr Mrs. S Carey, three member of the public and N Fursdon the Parish Clerk.

**26.16 Apologies for Absence** – SDC Ward Cllr D Godfrey.

**27.16 To declare any interests** – There was no interests declared.

**28.16 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, had been circulated and published on the Parish Council website, were found to be correct and signed and dated by the Chairman.

**29.16 Open Public Session.**

1. **HGV Parking 1** – A member of the public mentioned that despite the new parking restrictions for HGV's it was still continuing and quite often the lorries are parked up during the day. Quite often they park up and block the pavement, making people walk out into the road to get round. In her case as she relies on a mobility scooter, she has to abandon her trip to the shop, and turn back, as due to the kerb, cannot get of the pavement and back on again.
  - KCC Cllr S Carey – If that is the case, she should report the matter to the Police, as they have the power to move them on, if they are blocking a public right of way.
2. **HGV Parking 2** – A member of the public asked if there was a phone number, so people could ring the Enforcement Team, so lorries parking overnight can be reported.
  - KCC Cllr S Carey – There is no phone number to contact them. The Enforcement Team which is 4 strong, patrol the whole area, and monitor the area all night. Ticketing illegal parked lorries.
  - There is a Shepway out of hour's phone number, which is on the Shepway website. It may be better to report regular problems.
  - She had checked out before she came to the meeting, and there had been 813 tickets issued for illegal parking of HGV's. 328 of these have been paid, there is European bailiffs pursuing the rest.
3. **Pavement near roundabout** – A member of the public mentioned that the pavement on the way to the roundabout was getting narrower, due to grass growing over from the edges.  
It was decided that this could possibly be the responsibility of Eurotunnel or Shepway. Clerk to pursue.
4. **Flooding near roundabout** – A member of the public mentioned that at around this point, there is a flooding issue, possibly caused by a blocked drain.
  - The Clerk will contact KCC on this matter, to try to resolve the issue.
5. **Trees** – Two members of the public expressed their concerns, as to the amount of trees that have been cut down in the School Lane area, despite they have TPO's in place. They felt the Parish Council should consider alternative courses of action.
  - Cllr Golding said – The Parish Council have to take notice of what the Tree Officer says, as he is the professional in this matter, and will only allow a tree that has a TPO to be felled if there is no other alternative. Normally more trees have to be planted in place to the tree that has been removed.
6. **Ditch at farm between Flood Alleviation Ditch and A20** – A member of the public said that the ditch at the farm, between the flood alleviation ditch and the A20 was mentioned at the last meeting, but nothing has been done.
  - The Clerk said it was reported to the EA, he will do so again.
7. **New exit road from Eurotunnel** – A member of the public mentioned the new exit road from Eurotunnel, lorries were completely blocking the A20, while trying to turn left. Last week lorries were both entering and exiting the site via this road.
  - Cllr Golding – The new road comes from the Eurotunnel entrance gantry. This is supposed to be for lorries that have been rejected for example being booked for Dover, so there should be very per day.

**8. Extra lanes to Eurotunnel** – A member of the public mentioned that where the new lanes have been added, there is no screening at all. The entrance lanes used to be behind a bund, but now they are in full view. It could do with a fence, as now there is a noise and light problem.

- Cllr Golding said that although a lot of scrub trees had been cleared, there had been some new planting, but these will take time to grow.
- It was suggested by Madam Chairman that some members of Eurotunnel be invited to the next Parish Council meeting in May. The other Cllrs all agreed.
- The Clerk to attend too.

**30.16 SDC Councillor** – Cllr Godfrey was away, so there was no report.

**31.16 KCC Councillor Ms S Carey** – Cllr Carey gave a verbal report.

- The initial consultation for a lorry holding area, to help with Operation Stack. The next phase will see what was decided, and further more detailed plans would then be up for consultation. It must be stressed that the application is being done by the Government through the Motorway Act, and any decision will be made by the Secretary of State.
- Another consultation that Councillors may wish to comment on is the Lower Thames Crossing, which would bring traffic down to the A2. The end date for the consultation is March 24<sup>th</sup>. This could well help to end the Dover TAP, which is regularly causing problems for Shepway.

**32.16 KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN** – Madam Chairman said that she had been in contact with the Community Warden, and he has been very ill, and has spent some time in hospital. However he has said that he is able to pick up any messages.

**33.16 PCSO** – No report available. Madam Chairman said the only major incident was an incident at a party in the Village Hall.

**34.16 King George V Playing Fields**

**34a.16 Outdoor Gym / Youth Shelter** – The Clerk had brought a booklet from a company that does these items, with prices, for the Councillors to look at. Cllr Neale took it first.

**34b.16 Mole Hills** – It was decided to continue monitoring the mole hills.

**34c.16 Harmer's tender** – The Clerk produced the Harmer tender for ground maintenance for 2016 / 2017 the Councillors decided to check the 2015 / 2016 first to check any increases.

**35.16 Planning** – Recent Planning applications and decisions – There were none.

**35a.16 Update on Little Dane Farm Y15/1270/SH** – The Clerk said that although there was no decision on this application yet, he thought he would update Councillors. The Newington PC response had gone in quite early, but did take time to appear on the Planning website, this does sometimes happen. Besides the PC response objecting, there were 12 public responses objecting, with Hawkinge Town Council being the only support. He has now seen that the bungalow is up for sale.

**36.16 Finance**

**36a.16 Financial Statement** – The Financial statement to the end of February, was found correct.

**36b.16 Cheque list** – The cheque list was approved and cheques signed.

**36c.16 Bank details** – Madam Chairman said she had been to the Bank in January 2015.

**36d.16 New Audit Procedure** – This matter was debated, the PC decided not to opt out.

- Councillor Mrs S Smith, asked to be excused, and left the meeting.

**37.16 Highway / Prow**

**37a.16 Highways** – There were no new Highway updates.

**37b.16 PROW** – There were no new PROW updates. New reports, Gate to bridleway broken, the path still needs re – aliening, double gate to track damaged, could possibly belong to Eurotunnel.

- 38.16 Transparency Code Fund** – The Clerk said that the Transparency Code Fund application is now ready to submit. The Clerk said that now he knows the progress with Bank, he will submit.
- 39.16 Highways England – Managing freight vehicles through Kent** – This matter had been covered by KCC Councillor Mrs S Carey at para 31.16.
- 40.16 Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday beacons April 21<sup>st</sup>.** – The clerk asked if any organisation in the Village had any plans. Cllr Golding said that none have been mentioned, the Village does not own a beacon.
- 41.16 Unknown Donors Charity.** – As Cllr Mrs S Smith had left the meeting, it was decided to refer this item to the Annual Parish Meeting in April.
- 42.16 Training opportunities**
- 42.16a – Planning and Development – Shepway in April.** – Cllrs Mrs S Coleman and J Neale have been booked on this course.
- 42.16b – Community Resilience and Emergency Plan workshop** – The Parish Council felt that this was really aimed at larger Councils.
- 42.16c – Health and Safety Accreditation at Level 2** – The Parish Council felt that this was really aimed at larger Councils.
- 42.16d – Clerks Conference – Sutton Valance June 14<sup>th</sup>** – The Parish Council decided to refer this to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- 43.16 Correspondence** – All correspondence was circulated to the Cllrs – the correspondence was noted.
- 44.16 Items of General Interest** – Madam Chairman mentioned that there had been a great deal of trouble at a party held in the Village Hall the prior weekend. The Police had to attend the Village Hall.
- 45.16 Next Parish Council Meeting** – The Parish Council AGM May 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 in the Village Hall at 7pm.  
Before that the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- 46.16 Meeting Closed** – 9.30pm (21.30).