

# Newington Parish Council

## Minutes of meeting held at Newington Village Hall Monday 13 November 2017 at 7.00pm

### 121.17 Present:

Chairman Mrs S Coleman  
Councillors Mr K Golding, Mr J Neale, Mrs S Smith, Mr R Thornby  
Kent County Councillor Mrs S Carey  
Mr M Twycross (minute taker)

### Apologies

Shepway District Council Councillor Mr D Godfrey (on SDC business)

### 122.17 Declarations of interests

None declared

### 123.17 Installation of interconnector through Channel Tunnel

Sam Snart of Hobbs Parker, who is acting on behalf of the Parish Council in its negotiations with ElecLink, attended the meeting to explain how the works will be carried out where they pass through the village.

The route of the proposed cable crosses the King George V playing field and The Street just south of the village hall. Sam explained that the length of cable between the boundary of the farmland and midway across the playing field will be laid in an open trench. The remaining cable which crosses the rest of the playing field and The Street will be drilled beneath the ground and, as a result, traffic using The Street will be unaffected.

Access to the works will only be via the farmland to the west of the playing field so the village will be unaffected by construction traffic. Access to all public rights of way across the adjacent fields would be maintained.

In relation to public safety, Sam confirmed that the works would be securely fenced throughout their duration and consideration would be given to providing sound barriers if required.

The work will commence in February/March next year with a duration of 6 to 8 weeks and should be complete before the village summer fete in June.

### 124.17 Minutes of the Parish Council held on 25 September 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2017 were agreed as correct and signed and dated by the chairman.

### 125.17 Public questions and comments

There were no members of the public present.

### 126.17 Report from SDC Councillor David Godfrey

SDC Councillor D Godfrey had sent a report which will be found in Appendix A to these Minutes.

- 127.17 Report from KCC Councillor Susan Carey**  
Councillor Carey said that KCC had chosen Otterpool Park as the best project in Kent for part of a £300 million pot of money which could be used to fast-track infrastructure works. Such works could include station platforms, roads and schools etc. Bid results are awaited. Less than ten bids are expected to be successful and there will be many bids from other parts of the country. Councillor Carey pointed out that if the bid is successful then Otterpool Park would be not just a Shepway District Council project but a Kent County Council one too.
- 128.17 Report from KCC Community Warden.**  
No report available
- 129.17 Report from PCSO**  
No report available
- 130.17 King George V Playing Field**  
**130.17a Further uses for the playing field**  
No further discussions took place  
**130.17b Eleclink proposals**  
See minute 123.17 above  
**130.17c Future maintenance of Flood Alleviation Ditch**  
Discussion took place in an attempt to establish whose responsibility it is to maintain the Flood Alleviation Ditch. Councillor Neale offered to check through the archives to clarify the situation. Councillor Smith suggested that it would be useful at this stage to establish the extent of work involved to clear the culvert beneath the road and offered to arrange for a local drainage contractor to inspect and quote for any works involved. The meeting agreed that this would be an appropriate course of action and asked Councillor Smith to proceed.
- 131.17 Planning – Recent applications and decisions.**  
**131.17a New applications**  
None notified since last meeting.  
**131.17b Parish Council's responses to current applications**  
None since last meeting  
**131.17c Decisions**  
None notified since last meeting.
- 132.17 Finance**  
**132.17a Financial Statement to the end of October 2017**  
See Statement of Income and Expenditure Report in Appendix B to these minutes.  
**132.17b Cheque payments since last meeting**  
A cheque for £30.00 payable to PKF Littlejohn LLP in respect review of the Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2017 was approved and signed by the authorised signatories.
- 133.17 Highways and Public Rights of Way**  
**133.17a Highways Issues**  
No notified at this time  
**133.17b Public Rights of Way issues**  
It was reported that although the route of Public Footpath HF33 had been cleared, the stile at the junction of HF33 and Bridleway HF60 was in a poor condition. Clerk to report the matter to KCC's Countryside Access Service.

- 134.17 Training/Conference opportunities**  
None notified since last meeting.
- 135.17 Land opposite Underhill Cottages**  
No further information since last meeting
- 136.17 Defibrillator**  
No further information available
- 137.17 Peene noticeboard**  
Councillor Neale offered to follow up the grant application to Councillor Godfrey
- 138.17 Painting telephone box**  
Councillor Neale offered to obtain quotation and progress the works.
- 139.17 Consultations**  
No further actions required
- 140.17 Correspondence**  
None received since last meeting
- 141.17 Items of general interest from Councillors and items for the next Agenda**  
The Chairman placed on record her thanks to Councillor Smith for arranging repairs to the war memorial and to Councillor Neale for obtaining the poppy wreath.
- Councillor Golding proposed that organisation of the Remembrance Sunday arrangements be discussed at the next meeting.
- 142.17 Confirm the date of the next meeting**  
Monday 8 January 2018 at 7.00pm
- The dates for further meetings throughout 2018 are as follows:  
Monday 12 March – Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 9 April – Annual Parish Meeting  
Monday 14 May – Parish Council Meeting AGM  
Monday 9 July – Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 10 September – Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 12 November – Parish Council Meeting
- 143.17 Close of meeting**  
The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.  
A closed discussion then took place regarding the recruitment of a new Parish Council Clerk

## Appendix A

### From District Councillor David Godfrey

My apologies for not being able to attend tonight due to other SDC business.

As winter approaches KCC have already been sending their gritters out but I hope this is not the forerunner of a hard winter which some are suggesting.

Military Road Cheriton Affordable homes. In its continuing efforts to provide affordable homes for we allocated 7 homes on this development to the shared ownership programme and the remaining 28 will be made available to council tenants. SDC continues to seek opportunities to provide more affordable home in the district.

The Councils contract for waste collection is due to terminate in 2021 which may be seem some way off but it is important to start the process now in which respect I will be bringing a paper to cabinet on 15<sup>th</sup> November to prepare for this.

Last week I visited Dungeness B station where a group of Harvey Grammar school pupils were learning about the EDF apprentice ship scheme. This is a very exciting opportunity for young people and if any local youngsters are interested they should take a look at [www.edfenergy.com](http://www.edfenergy.com) to learn more.

I have recently allocated more of my Ward budget to projects for young people in Selsted and Hawkinge. I still have a small amount remaining in my 2017/2018 budget.

David Godfrey

Ward member North Downs East

## Appendix B

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL							
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE April 1st 2017 to March 31st 2018							
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2017							
King George V Playing Field Reserve Fund						£ 650.00	
Newington War Memorial Fund (+ £25 donation - £25 planting donation)						£ 60.00	
Telephone Kiosk Maintenance Reserve Fund (new at 31 03 2012)						£ 400.00	
Election Fund						£ 1,000.00	
Stationery							
Uncleared cheques							
Unrestricted Reserves							
Balance carried over from previous year							
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>£ 3,766.60</b>	
TRANSACTIONS IN 2017/18 YEAR							
					Col 5		
Column 1				Col 2	Col 3	Col 4	BALANCE
ITEM				Total	VAT element	Net	
Income Received 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018							
Expenditure 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018							
				VAT element brought forward	£ 711.41		
Cheq 0640	N Fursdon Salary March 5 Weeks	(April)	£ 178.48		£ 178.48		
	N Fursdon Expenses Ream of A4 paper		£ 2.50	£ 0.50	£ 2.00		
Cheq 0641	KALC Subscription	(May)	£ 186.84	£ 31.14	£ 155.70		
Cheq 0642	N Fursdon Salary April 4 Weeks		£ 144.86		£ 144.86		
						<b>£ 3,253.92</b>	
Cheq 0643	N Fursdon Salary May 4 Weeks	(June)	£ 144.86		£ 144.86		
	N Fursdon Expenses Printer Ink		£ 11.50	£ 2.30	£ 9.20		
Unconfirmed balance at end of June						<b>£ 3,097.56</b>	
Cheq 0644	Aon - Parish Insurance	(July)	£ 460.74		£ 460.74		
Cheq 0645	N Fursdon Salary June 5 weeks		£ 181.08		£ 181.08		
Cheq 0646	Newington Village Hall		£ 56.00		£ 56.00		
Cheq 0647	Harmers invoices 11770 / 11935		£ 756.00	£ 126.00	£ 630.00		
Unconfirmed balance at end of July						<b>£ 1,643.74</b>	
Cheq 0648	Playsafety Ltd	(August)	£ 79.80	£ 13.30	£ 66.50		
Cheq 0649	N Fursdon Salary July 4 weeks		£ 144.86		£ 144.86		
Unconfirmed balance at end of Aug						<b>£ 1,419.08</b>	
Cheq 0650	Harmers invoices 12111	(September)	£ 132.00	£ 22.00	£ 110.00		
Cheq 0651	N Fursdon Salary August 4 weeks		£ 144.86		£ 144.86		
	N Fursdon Expenses Printer ink multipack		£ 38.00	£ 7.60	£ 30.40		
Cheq 0652	Harmers invoices 12239						<b>£ 1,104.22</b>
Cheq 0653	N Fursdon Salary August 4 weeks		£ 181.08				