

Minutes of the Meeting of Newington Parish Council held on Tuesday 24 February at 7.00pm in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall.

*Action*

Present: Cllr Mel Harris (Acting Chair); Cllr Dean Coles; Cllr Debbie Haigh; Cllr Stephen Harvey; Cllr Elaine Jackson; Cllr Eric Layer; Cllr Richard Palmer; and Mrs C Fordham (Clerk).

County Councillor Mike Baldock; Borough Councillor John Wright; Community Warden Georgina Springall and PCSO Cork.

There were 4 members of the public present

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Paul Greene (*work*); Cllr Terry Martin-Young (Vice Chair)(*work*); Cllr Tony Mould(Chair); *Holiday*) Borough Councillors Gerry Lewin; All apologies were accepted.

2. **Minutes of the February Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Haigh, that the minutes of the January meeting of Newington Parish Council be accepted as a true record; all were in favour and the minutes were duly signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Public Questions**

Mr Smith, from Smith's Family Fun Fairs asked whether he could site the fun fair on the Recreation Ground in May (5-10 including set up and set down. He gave the Council a reference from the Chair of Borden Parish Council. The Council would consider the request later in the meeting.

5. **a) Community Warden Report**

- i. Concerns regarding welfare of elderly resident who had not been seen for a while. Checked out premises and spoke to neighbours who assured me that he was often away from property.
- ii. Large amount of cuttings from bamboo shrub fly tipped from recreation ground track over fence into orchard.
- iii. Vehicles parking on double yellow lines at top of Church Lane causing a dangerous obstruction in mornings – Reported to S.B.C. parking enforcement officers.
- iv. Christmas tree fly tipped in Playstool Road – reported to S.B.C.
- v. Front window of premises that fronts onto High Street smashed – Police aware.
- vi. Fly tipping in Wickham Close – Reported to S.B.C.
- vii. Dog fouling again on pavements in Church Lane – monitoring area. It was proposed by Cllr Palmer, seconded Cllr Haigh that more spray paint be purchased; all were in favour.
- viii. Obstruction of private garages and driveways in School Lane area during school 'pick up' times – Spoke to driver responsible.
- ix. Patrolled ziz zag line area outside school – Moved on vehicles that parked on this area.
- x. Concerns regarding welfare of dog, discussed with S.B.C. Dog Warden.
- xi. Sand sack used for gritting throughout village missing from village hall car park – Reported to Chair.
- xii. Untaxed vehicle – reported to D.V.L.A.
- xiii. Residents subjected to their garden fence panel being lifted out on more than one occasion – Gave them advice regarding security and issued them with shed alarm.
- xiv. Successful Bingo Club afternoon.
- xv. Theft from garage situated in private orchard off Callaways lane – police aware.
- xvi. Dog fouling in Bull Lane.

- xvii. Female youth taking dog into prohibited dog area in small playground off Playstool Road. She is also failing to pick up after it when it fouls in this area – monitoring this area.
- xviii. Dog fouling in Pear Tree Walk.
- xix. Household rubbish fly tipped end of Orchard Drive – Reported to S.B.C.
- xx. Broken down front fence and bins obstructing pavement of Amicus Horizon tenant – Reported to Amicus Horizon.
- xxi. Excessive litter in ‘bumpy alley’. This is the non KCC or SBC footpath that runs from Pear Tree walk into Bull lane. Footpath has now been cleared!
- xxii. Pile of white pitch marking paint deposited in recreation ground which youths trod around grass area and used to make hand prints on Parish Council garages – reported back to Cllr Coles
- xxiii. Residents complaining about bright security light mounted on back of neighbour’s house that shines into their properties and gardens – to visit resident responsible.
- xxiv. PCSO Cork asked for an update on the broken lights in Bull Lane. The Council advised that repairs would be approved at that meeting.
- xxv. The CSU had been visiting the area around Bull Lane.

**b) Borough Councillors**

Cllr Wright advised that he was trying to instigate an AQMA meeting in connection with the Pond Farm application. to clarify the 2014 figures, He urged the Council not to overlook the listed building aspect to the Pond Farm application.

The Cabinet would be meeting in March to discuss the car park wall.

Cllr Wright considered that there might be a permissive right of way across part of the pond farm site. It was proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Layer that the Clerk contract the PROW asking him to investigate the matter

*Clerk*

**c) County Councillor**

Cllr Baldock advised that KCC element of Council tax would rise by 1.99% in 2015., which would generate a further £10m income, but Government subsidy was to be reduced by £80m.

The Council had a 3-5 year plan to replace all street lights with LED lanterns. The Parish Council may be able to obtain a discount if their lights were replaced at the same time. The Council agreed to investigate.

*Asst Clerk*

**6. Correspondence**

- a) PFL of 28.1.15 – Quote of £330 to replace lamp in Wickham close. It was proposed by Cllr Haigh, seconded by Cllr Coles that the lamp be replaced; all were in favour. *Asst Clerk*
- b) Parish News of 3.2.15
- c) SBC email of 2.2.15 – Inaugural Meeting of Swale Heritage Forum.
- d) KALC of 4.2.15 – No capping on PC precept.
- e) L. Perkins email of 4.2.15 - £1100 extra for kissing gate in fence around teen shelter. It was agreed it was too expensive to install a kissing gate.
- f) KALC email of 6.2.15 – suggestion to set up training policy and budget. The Council already had a budget allocation for training.
- g) KALC email of 12.2.15 – Training update.
- h) Swale CAB of 13.2.15 – request for donation
- i) SBC of 9.2.15 – quote of £2541.94 for grass cutting. The Clerk advised that this was the most cost effective way to have the small areas of grass cut and the SBC contractor *Clerk*

was already in the village doing their work. I was proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Haigh that the quote be accepted; all were in favour.

- j) SBC of 23.1.15 – Details of intention to install ANPR Cameras in Sittingbourne and Faversham
- k) Cllr Palmer of 17.2.15 – Request from Smith’s Fun Fair to use the Recreation Grd in May. It was proposed by Cllr Haigh, seconded by Cllr Harvey that the fun fair be allowed to use the Recreation Ground, subject to the provision of appropriate licences, Risk assessments and insurance, and a site visit with the Council. The Amenities would liaise with Mr Smith.
- l) KCC email of 16.2.15 –confirmation that temporary repairs were made to pavement outside Mings in anticipation of further investigations.
- m) SBC email of 18.2.15 – Minutes of Swale Rural Forum Feb
- n) KCPFA email of 18.2.15 – Playground inspection course.
- o) Swale Area Committee of 23.2.15 – Agenda for meeting on 2.3.15
- p) SBC of 23.2.15 – JTB agenda

*Clerk/  
Amenities  
Comm*

7. **Planning**

- a) **Wienerberger application** No update
- b) **Pond Farm Meeting** The meeting had been set for Thursday 12 March at 7.30pm in the Main hall. This would be a full meeting of the Council, not a Planning Committee Meeting. Councillors would be circulated with a format for the meeting. It was agreed that Gladman would be invited to attend the meeting to give a small presentation in the interests of fairness.

*Chair/Clerk*

c) **Correspondence**

- a) Cllr Wright email of 1.2.15- copy of Hartlip Parish Council’s response to Moor St Planning application This application, if approved would have a significant impact on the traffic levels on the A2 and should be included in any considerations about the Pond Farm development.
- b) SBC application for demolition of listed buildings at Pond Farm. The Clerk advised that the planning officer had expressed concern about this aspect of the application and considered that this proposal was likely to be refused.
- c) SBC application for 330 dwellings at Pond Farm
- a) KALC email of 3.2- Planning and training update
- b) Resident letter of 16.2.15 – Request for information under the data protection act. Clerk to clarify the request with the applicant.
- d) Resident letter of 22.2.15 – Objections to Pond Farm development
- e) Summaries dated 31.1, 16.02, 20.02

*Clerk*

8. **Clerk’s Report**

- a) The Clerk had received a request for a non parishioner burial in a new grave space.
- b) Mr Belcher had advised that he was willing to take on the extra litter picking work at the same price as the work he was currently doing - £6.50 per hour. There had been one other expression of interest, no bid submitted. It was proposed by Cllr Haigh, seconded by Cllr Jackson that Mr Belcher’s bid be accepted; all were favour.
- c) There had been three requests for the Clerk job spec, but no applications.

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**9. Community Cohesion Committee Minutes and Recommendations**

It was proposed by Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Haigh that the minutes of the 17 February 2015 be accepted as a true record; all members of the CC Committee present were in favour and the minutes were duly signed.

The Committee proposed that the name be changed to Anti Social Behaviour Committee as it was felt that there were faith connotations around the title Community Cohesion, and after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Layer, seconded by Cllr Palmer that the Committee be called the Anti Social Behaviour Committee; all were in favour. *Asst Clerk*

The Chair of the Committee advised the Council that they did not wish to bring forward a proposal at this stage about the use of Social Media. *ASB Comm*

**10. Business of the Council**

**a) Amenities Committee Minutes and Recommendations**

It was proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Coles, that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 February be accepted as a true record; all members of the Amenities Committee present were in favour and the minutes were duly signed.

i) Terms of Reference It was proposed by Cllr Haigh, seconded by Cllr Layer that the revised terms of Reference to the Amenities Committee be accepted; all were in favour. *Clerk*

ii) Recreation Ground It was agreed that quotes would be sought for a new teen shelter. *Asst Clerk*

iii) NCSC

iv) Pavilion the provision of a mosquito alarm would be researched.

v) Football

vi) Footpaths and Bridleways

vii) CCTV As approved Cllrs Harvey and Mould had been in touch with the contractors and a new quote of £632.11 per quarter had been made for a 10 Camera system in the High St, Cllr Harvey advised that there might be the possibility for some analytical data from the new system, which would assist in any research about the amount of traffic on the A2. There would be an additional cost for the provision of the electricity to run the system. The Clerk was asked to seek KCC permission to mount a camera on a lamppost. It was proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Coles that the system be rented; all were in favour. *Clerk*

**b) Churchyard and Cemetery**

i) Consecration of Extension The ceremony would take place on Saturday 28 February at 3.30pm.

ii) The following items now needed attention:  
quotes for Memorial Bearers. *Clerk*  
Terms and Conditions of use of the new area, including memorials  
Further paths  
Benches and Trees.

**c) Roads, Pavements and lighting**

**d) Consultation on KCC library Services**

Councillors were asked to make personal responses direct to KCC

*All Cllrs*

e) **Cloud Storage** This item was deferred to the March meeting

f) **Village Voice** A draft had been circulated.

g) **Reports From Members** None

11. **Finance**

a) **Cheques**

Payee	Expenditure	Amount	£	Cheque No.
Mrs P Rowe	Litter Picking Recreation Ground and sight checking equipment February Doggie Bags		100.00  1.05 <b>Total 101.05</b>	2275
Mr B Belcher	Street Cleaning Jan to Feb 26 hrs	<b>Total</b>	<b>201.50</b>	2276
Mr M Marshall	Cemetery and Churchyard Cutting February	<b>Total</b>	<b>400.00</b>	2277
Five Arrows Business Finance	Repairs to lamps in Church Lane Repairs to lamps in Wickham, The Willows and Allsworthy VAT		74.00  160.00 46.80 <b>Total 280.80</b>	2278
Mrs CD Fordham	Salary 23.1 to 16.2. 40 hrs Advance for expenses Feb15		437.00 40.00 <b>Total 477.00</b>	2279
Mrs K Julier	Salary 23.1 to 16.2 6 hrs Expenses Feb		47.42 5.00 <b>Total 52.42</b>	2280
BJL Electrical	Electrical works at the pavilion VAT		255.00 51.00 <b>Total 306.00</b>	2281
Swale Borough Council	Grass Cutting 2014 VAT		2473.91 494.78 <b>Total 2968.69</b>	2282
Mr T Mould	Village Voice Extra	<b>Total</b>	<b>65.00</b>	2283
Profile Business Supplies	Village Voice February	<b>Total</b>	<b>60.00</b>	2284
HMRC	PAYE	<b>Total</b>	<b>24.80</b>	2286
Commercial Services Trading	Additional Cut at the Recreation Ground VAT		62.83 12.57 <b>Total 75.40</b>	2287

Mr D Fagg	Repairs to Notice board	<b>Total 124.00</b>	2288
Bell's Glass	Repairs to Bus Shelter VAT	301.67 60.33 <b>Total 362.00</b>	2289

Cheque No. 2285 was a spoilt. Under the Local Government Act 1972, (Sch 2) the signing of the cheques was proposed by Cllr Jackson seconded by the Cllr Palmer. All Councillors present were in favour. The Pavilion electricity and lighting; £140 was due to paid out on 1.3.15 and £630 on 1.3.15

12. **Any Other Business** None

13. **Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting of Newington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12 March at 7.30pm in Newington Vilhage Hall to discuss the Pond Farm application and then on Tuesday 31 March at 7.00pm in the Newington Room Newington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Date:

Signed:

Cllr T Mould  
Chair.