

**Newington Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**held at George's Barn, Newington on Monday 10 January 2022**

**Present:**

Councillors: John Neale (Chairman)  
Kevin Golding (Vice Chairman)  
Sarah Wright  
Clerk: Sharon Westby

<b>01</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Kent County Councillor: Susan Carey Folkestone and Hythe District Councillor: David Godfrey Councillor Cleo Smith Councillor Jill Sage	
<b>02</b>	To declare any <b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)</b> and <b>Other Significant Interests (OSI)</b> relating to items on the agenda. <i>A member who declares a DPI in relation to any item on the agenda will need to leave the meeting for the whole of that item and will not be able to speak or take part unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted. A member who declares an OSI will be able to speak on the item but will be required to leave the meeting for the vote.</i> None declared.	
<b>03</b>	<b>Agree and sign</b> the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 November 2021. The minutes were <b>agreed</b> as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.	
<b>04</b>	<b>Matters arising from the previous minutes</b> None.	
<b>05</b>	<b>Open session</b> No members of the public were present.	
<b>06</b>	<b>Report from Susan Carey - Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council District Councillor</b> Councillor Carey was unable to attend the meeting and the Clerk read out her previously submitted report, a full transcript of which can be found in Appendix A to these minutes.	
<b>07</b>	<b>Report from David Godfrey - Folkestone and Hythe District Councillor</b> Councillor Godfrey was unable to attend the meeting and the Clerk read out his previously submitted report, a full transcript of which can be found in Appendix B to these minutes.	
<b>08</b>	<b>Report from Community Warden Gary Harrison</b> No report received	
<b>09</b>	<b>Planning</b> To note applications decided and pending since the meeting held on 8 November 2021 (see Appendix C to these minutes) Application <b>21/2434/FH</b> : the Parish Council discussed the application and raised no comments. Application <b>21/1359/FH</b> : the application was refused by planning and the resident had asked the Chair to raise the decision and possible inconsistencies with other application decisions. Councillors suggested that the resident could consider an appeal.	

10	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Financial Statement (Appendix D to these minutes) detailing payments made since the 14 September 2021 was reviewed and the sums detailed therein were <b>agreed</b>. Councillor Wright queried two invoices from November and the Clerk explained.</p> <p>The asset register was reviewed and any amendments discussed and agreed. It was agreed that the flood alleviation ditch be removed from the register as this is now the responsibility of the Environment Agency. All other assets remain.</p> <p>The Clerk strongly advised that Councillors considered having an arboricultural report undertaken in light of the Cavanagh v Witley Parish Council case where the Parish Council had not undertaken a tree inspection and was found negligent. Councillors decided not to investigate an arboricultural report at this stage and instead Councillor Golding said he would contact a tree surgeon known to the Landscape Company used.</p>	KG
11	<p><b>Jubilee Event and Possible Tree Planting</b></p> <p>No decision was made regarding tree planting or celebrations for the Jubilee. Elham Valley trust had not met since the last parish meeting and therefore Councillors agreed that this item be revisited in the next parish council meeting.</p>	
12	<p><b>Peene local needs housing project</b></p> <p>There were no updates since the last parish council meeting.</p>	
13	<p><b>ElecLink</b></p> <p>Councillor Golding had attended a meeting with representatives from Hobbs Parker, ElecLink and Balfour Beatty where Councillor Golding had expressed the Councillors' dismay regarding the lack of resolution of the ongoing issues.</p> <p>As a result, it has been agreed that £4,500 be paid direct to the parish council for repairs to the playing field, removal of the fence (replacing with a hedge), subsequent maintenance of the hedging and a kissing gate installed to replace the stile in the corner of the field. This payment will be made on the proviso that Councillors agree to sign the easement right over the parish land. Work is unlikely to start until better weather in the spring.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to Councillor Golding for all his efforts in resolving this issue.</p>	
14	<p><b>Parish Council Meetings</b></p> <p>Councillors agreed the next meeting on 14 March 2022 at 7pm. The Clerk will contact Councillors to enquire on preferred meeting days going forward. Meeting dates to be agreed at next parish council meeting along with a date for the annual parish meeting.</p>	Clerk
15	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Councillor Wright enquired whether the Parish would be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean. There were no plans to do so.</li> <li>b. Councillor Wright had been made aware of dog poisoning reports locally. Councillor Golding advised that any incidents had been reported via the local veterinary practice.</li> <li>c. Councillor Golding advised that a water leak on the road outside Peene Farmhouse for many months has now been found and repaired.</li> <li>d. Councillor Sage had advised via email that the kissing gate by the allotment is broken. The Clerk will contact landowner Ben Corrie from Frogholt Farm to report this.</li> <li>e. The Clerk asked for clarification as to whether the ROSPA report needs booking annually or whether it is automatic. Councillor Neale will contact the previous Clerk for advice.</li> </ol>	Clerk JN
16	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>14 March 2022</p>	

17	<b>Close Meeting</b> The meeting closed at 8.30pm	
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Please note that these minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council's website at [www.newingtonandpeene-pc.gov.uk](http://www.newingtonandpeene-pc.gov.uk)

Signed and Dated .....

## APPENDIX A

From County Councillor Susan Carey

As we start the year the latest reports show a rise in the spread of Omicron but vaccinations and the new treatments for Covid seem to have limited both the severity of disease and the number of deaths. However, just before Christmas local government was asked by the Government to reinstate some of the measures we took during earlier waves of Covid.

- Our Public Health Team are working with the NHS to encourage everyone who's eligible to get vaccinated/boosted.

- We have reinstated our Temporary Place of Rest so that there is capacity for bodies should the hospital mortuaries be unable to cope (always a sobering step to take)

- We are once again promoting 'Kent Together' our online and telephone advice service where people can ask for help for themselves or someone else. Kent Together has helped vulnerable people get food and/or medicines or just a friendly voice at the end of a phone.

Kent Together can also signpost those in financial difficulty to the help available. Go to [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether) or call [03000 41 92 92](tel:03000419292)

KCC has its budget meeting [on 10 February](#) and once again we have to find savings to meet the rising numbers of people (and complexity of cases) that are eligible for our social care services. KCC has continued to fund several discretionary services which other County Councils have long withdrawn and we now need to do the same. You can find the 2022/23 draft budget, the 2022 – 2025 Medium Term Financial Plan and the 2022 – 2032 draft capital plan here; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/finance-and-budget/our-budget>

At KCC I have a particular responsibility for Environment and Waste and next week I am issuing my regular newsletters on each topic ahead of the next meeting of KCC's Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee (ETCC) [on 18 January](#). Primarily produced for KCC Members, the newsletters are also sent to KALC to share with parish councils and I hope you will find them of interest. We're making good progress on reducing our greenhouse gas emissions (and saving money) and recycling rates at our Household Waste Recycling Centres have improved. The papers for ETCC should be published on the KCC website [on 11 January](#) so you can read the full Performance Dashboard paper as well as a report on the public consultation held on whether to keep the booking system for the Household Recycling Centres.

Susan Carey  
Member for Elham Valley  
Kent County Council

## APPENDIX B

From District Councillor David Godfrey



Sorry I cannot be with you in person tonight and I hope you are all coping during these uncertain times. I remain positive for the coming months and agenda and thought I would share some good news stories and one less appealing item

### Supporting the homeless

Three flats have been purchased by Folkestone & Hythe District Council to provide homes for four people with a long-term history of rough sleeping as part of the government's Rough Sleeping Initiative and the council's Homeless Prevention Strategy.

The first occupants have already moved in and are receiving intensive support from a dedicated team at Porchlight who are working to ensure that the new tenants are able to retain their accommodation.

To support those rough sleeping in the district this winter there are again emergency arrangements in place when the temperature is predicted to be zero degrees celsius or below, or when other extreme weather conditions are predicted throughout any one night time period.

The outreach service that operates in the district throughout the year will also continue. Delivered by Serveco and Porchlight the service identifies people who are rough sleeping in the district or at risk of rough sleeping and works with them to help them access the accommodation and support services that they require.

Over the coming winter period the council will be also be working closely with the Rainbow Centre and local churches as they provide the annual winter shelter. Part of this work will be assisting those who are helped by the shelter to find suitable long-term homes and support services where necessary.

### Record number of Green Flags for our parks

Kingsnorth Gardens is the latest park in the district to proudly fly the Green Flag after being awarded the prestigious international accolade for the first time.

The popular haven in Folkestone joins the Royal Military Canal, Lower Leas Coastal Park and Radnor Park - all of which are managed by Folkestone & Hythe District Council - in holding the status for 2021/22.

The award is given to green spaces which boast the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent visitor facilities.

### Providing affordable homes which aim to be zero carbon in use.

A pioneering new development in Folkestone is setting the standard for future building in the district.

The 30 homes, which will be built on the former Highview school site in Moat Farm Road, have been designed by our in-house team, and are all for affordable rent. When complete, they aim to be zero carbon in use.

The team has, for the first time, been joined by three tenants who are assisting in looking at different ways of ensuring the homes substantially reduce carbon emissions, as well as accessibility and place-making.

The zero-carbon-in-use initiatives include: mechanical ventilation with heat recovery systems (MVHR), photovoltaics (solar panels), battery power storage (which links with the panels), and air source heat pumps (ASHP).

Work is expected to start on Highview's 24 houses and six flats (which include wheelchair-compliant units) early in 2022. The fully-accessible small neighbourhood will have open spaces with child-friendly landscaping, forming a sense of place. It will be connected to surrounding streets, with an emphasis on the movement of pedestrians, rather than vehicles.

### **Budget planning**

We will all be looking at budgets and precepts over the coming weeks and to kick things off residents have the opportunity to put their views through the consultation process which can be accessed here

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/news/budget-consultation-2022>

Cllr David Godfrey  
Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

## APPENDIX C

### NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

#### Schedule of planning applications decided and pending since the Parish Council Meeting held on 08 November 2021

##### A. DECIDED

- i      **21/1359/FH:** 1 Bargrove Farm, Bargrove, Newington, Folkestone, CT18 8BH  
**Proposal:** Removal of existing external door and sidelight and blocking up of existing aperture.  
Insertion of new patio doors  
**Status:** Refused
- No comments submitted by Parish Council
- ii     **20/1450/FH & 20/1462/FH:** Beachborough Park, Beachborough Park Estate, Beachborough,  
Newington, CT18 8BW  
**Proposal:** Listed building and planning consent for renovation and refurbishment of Gardeners  
Cottage including the rebuilding of the first floor and provision of a new roof as part of the renovation  
and refurbishment of Gardeners Cottage. Re-submission of 20/0594/FH.  
**Status:** Approved with conditions
- No comments submitted by Parish Council
- iii    **21/2132/FH:** Frogholt Cottage, Frogholt, Folkestone CT18 8AT  
**Proposal:** 2-3 Ash dieback and 2 small apple trees - fell to ground level, 2 small birch, 2 lime, 3  
hornbeam and 1 dead ash- fell dead ash and reduce height of the others. 2 hornbeams- reduce all  
round by 2.5metres.  
**Status:** No objections
- No comments submitted by Parish Council
- iii    **Ref: 21/2057/FH & 21/2031/FH:** Old Pound Manor, The Street, Newington, Folkestone, CT18  
8AU  
**Proposal:** Listed Building Consent for extension to double garage to form annexe, retention of a  
third garage and erection of timber shed  
**Status:** Withdrawn.
- No objection comment submitted

##### B. PENDING

- i      **Ref: 21/2434FH** : Land Adjoining Fairview House, Newington Road, Peene  
**Proposal:** Hybrid application consisting of an outline application for the erection of a 4 bed  
detached self-build plot with all matters reserved except for access to be combined alongside full  
planning for the erection of three residential dwellings being one 2 bed house and two 2 bed flats  
and associated vehicular parking and external works.  
**Status:** Under Consultation

**APPENDIX D****NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Financial Statement as at 20 December 2021****Bank balance as at 14 September 2021 = £11,071.16****Income**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>

**Expenditure**

<b>Date</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Value</b>
12/09/21	Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA	82.20
15/09/21	Melvyn Twycross	Remembrance Day Wreath	30.00
22/09/21	HMRC	PAYE September 2021	49.80
22/09/21	Melvyn Twycross	Clerk's Salary 29/08/21 – 28/09/21	199.80
30/09/21	Service Charge	Unity Bank	18.00
08/11/21	Griggs and Partners	Ground Maintenance	585.00
11/11/21	Elham Valley Line Trust	Donation for use of Georges Barn	130.00
19/11/21	Mr Tracey Block	Locum Clerk	520.08
19/11/21	Fasthosts	Mailbox Renewal	162.42
29/11/21	Mrs Sharon Westby	Clerk's Salary November 2021	217.53
01/12/21	Griggs and Partners	Ground Maintenance	130.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2142.83</b>

**Bank balance as at 20 December 2021 = £8946.33**