

**Newington Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**held at George's Barn, Newington on Monday 14 March 2022**

**Present:**

Councillors: Kevin Golding (Vice Chairman)  
 Councillor Sarah Wright  
 Councillor Jill Sage  
 Clerk: Sharon Westby

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| <b>01</b> | <b>Apologies</b>  |  |
|           | Folkestone and Hythe District Councillor: David Godfrey<br>John Neale (Chairman)<br>Councillor Cleo Smith   |  |
| <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.<br><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><br>Councillor Golding declared a personal interest in item 12 of the agenda.   |  |
| <b>03</b> | <b>Agree and sign</b> the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 January 2022.<br>The minutes were <b>agreed</b> as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Vice Chairman.   |  |
| <b>04</b> | <b>Matters arising from the previous minutes</b><br>None.   |  |
| <b>05</b> | <b>Open session</b><br>Three members of the public were present and welcomed to the meeting. Concern was raised by them regarding the Peene local needs housing project (planning application ref 21/2434FH land adjoining Fairview House, Newington Road, Peene). Councillors listened to the concerns raised: more village green space disappearing with the channel tunnel already having impacted upon the village, additional parking needs for the development and lack of communication from F&HDC.<br>Councillors explained the idea of the development is to provide the opportunity for those already living in or with a connection to the parish to have access to affordable housing. Councillors confirmed that they have discussed the project at length many times during their meetings ensuring that care was taken by the developers when drawing up plans and guidelines on who will be able to apply for the housing along with addressing parking concerns.<br><br>Another concern raised by a member of the public was the lack of care taken by both car and delivery drivers through the village. There are many ruts in banks on the roadside with boulders put on the banks to stop this often being removed. A discussion took place on how to address this but it was agreed that it would be very difficult to resolve. |  |
| <b>06</b> | <b>Report from Susan Carey - Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council District Councillor</b><br>No report received.  |  |
| <b>07</b> | <b>Report from David Godfrey - Folkestone and Hythe District Councillor</b><br>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 A to these minutes.  |  |



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| 14 | <p><b>ElecLink</b></p> <p>Councillor Golding reported that although a kissing gate has now been replaced, it is faulty and does not close properly potentially allowing livestock to escape. Councillor Golding has contacted Hobbs Parker chasing a repair advising them that the work has not been completed satisfactorily. As a result of this, the other work required has been delayed. Councillor Golding will continue to chase.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that the conversion of stiles to kissing gates will ultimately have to be completed but would await the outcome of these repairs along with the decision regarding grounds maintenance work as detailed in item 12 of this agenda as all costs would need to be considered.</p>   |                               |
| 15 | <p><b>Parish Council Meetings</b></p> <p>Councillors agreed that meetings would continue to take place on the second Monday of every other month with the next meeting agreed on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 7pm at Georges Barn. It was also agreed that the annual parish meeting would take place on the same evening.</p> <p>The clerk will send an email to councillors detailing meeting dates and times for the next twelve months.</p>  | <b>Clerk</b>                  |
| 16 | <p><b>Telephone box and noticeboards</b></p> <p>Councillor Sage gave an update on the progress of converting the telephone box to a community library. She has many books available to fill the space but unfortunately has been unable to arrange for shelving to be fitted. A suggestion was put forward of placing a bookcase in the space but it was agreed that this could be dangerous if it fell.</p> <p>Councillor Golding offered to inspect the telephone box to see if there is any way a bookcase could be fixed to the back of the structure.</p> <p>The clerk holds the only set of keys for the three noticeboards. As she does not live locally, it is not cost effective for her to visit regularly to keep notices updated. It was agreed that a further set of keys would be cut for Councillor Sage. If this was not possible, Councillor Sage was happy to be custodian of the keys and both she and the clerk would manage the noticeboards.</p> | <b>KG</b><br><br><b>Clerk</b> |
| 17 | <p><b>Allotment Parking</b></p> <p>The clerk made councillors aware that she had been contacted by a parishioner regarding problems with allotment holders parking on and obstructing the pathway outside the allotments. Bollards appear to have been removed. The clerk had reported the bollards to KCC Highways and also contacted Hinxhill Estates who will speak to allotment holders.</p>   |                               |
| 18 | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>None raised.</p>   |                               |
| 19 | <p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm (to incorporate the annual parish meeting).</p>  |                               |
| 20 | <p><b>Close meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.25pm.</p>   |                               |

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 District Councillor David Godfrey  
**Ukraine**

A month ago, I was looking forward to easing of Covid restrictions and enjoying the early signs of Spring but all of my thoughts were shattered by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the awful Humanitarian Crises emerging there.

The rising energy costs and other inflationary issues will impact on us all,

I can only take hope from the resilience of the brave Ukrainian people and in the fantastic response within in our District to provide Aid.

Details on how you can get involved can be found here [Channelling district's help for Ukraine - Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/news/channelling-districts-help-for-ukraine)

### **Other news from FHDC**

#### New lease of life for empty properties

More than 800 long term empty properties have been brought back into use in the Folkestone and Hythe district thanks to Kent's No Use Empty (NUE) run by Kent County Council with Folkestone & Hythe District Council. [New lease of life for empty properties - Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/news/new-lease-of-life-for-empty-properties)

The first of the district's new 94 charging points for electric vehicles (EV) are now up and running.

These are in car parks at Church Road, New Romney, High Knocke, Dymchurch, and The Paddocks, Hythe. From Friday 11 March, those at Tram Road, Folkestone, and Wilberforce Road, Sandgate, will be working, making a total of 20 points across the five car parks.

Work is underway at 23 more sites and it is expected all will be operational by the end of April 2022. [It's full charge ahead for our car parks - Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/news/its-full-charge-ahead-for-our-car-parks)

#### £2m award for social housing decarbonisation

I am particularly pleased with this news which falls within my Cabinet Portfolio

More than 100 council managed homes in the Folkestone and Hythe district will benefit from increased energy efficiency, thanks to a £2 million government grant.

The successful award is the result of a bid made by Folkestone and Hythe District Council under Wave 1 of The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF). Tenants will be individually contacted and a time arranged for the work to be carried out over the next 12 months, with the funding being used for homes with the most urgent need. [£2m award for social housing decarbonisation - Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/news/2m-award-for-social-housing-decarbonisation)

#### Help for more businesses hit by pandemic

More businesses in the Folkestone and Hythe district affected by the growth in the Omicron variant of COVID-19 at the end of last year can now apply for funding support. Eligibility for the Additional Restrictions Grant has been extended to assist more business sectors and businesses also now have another three weeks to send in their applications as the deadline has been extended to Friday 4 March 2022. [Help for more businesses hit by pandemic - Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

### A balanced budget for Folkestone & Hythe

An exciting programme of investment into the district has been agreed by councillors.

The 2022/23 budget approved last night (23 February) will see £18m spent on core council services and projects that will continue the revitalisation of Folkestone & Hythe following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council's portion of council tax equates to about 13% of the total bill. An increase of 1.96% (equivalent to less than 15p a day for an average Band D property) was agreed for 2022/23

Cllr David Godfrey  
Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

## **APPENDIX B**

### **NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Schedule of planning applications decided and pending since the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 January 2022**

#### **A. DECIDED**

None

#### **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 bedroom 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  
No comments submitted by the Parish Council
- ii **Ref: 21/2536FH:** Frogholt Manor, Frogholt, Folkestone CT18 8AT  
**Proposal:** Installation of solar panels in the brick terrace.  
**Status:** Under Consultation
- iii **Ref: 22/0025FH:** Frogholt Manor, Frogholt, Folkestone CT18 8AT  
**Proposal:** Listed building consent for the installation of solar panels in the brick terrace.  
**Status:** Under Consultation
- iv **Ref: 22/0092FH:** Coombe Farm Cottage, Coombe Farm, Etchinghill CT18 8BP  
**Proposal:** Conversion of outbuilding to residential dwelling  
**Status:** Under Consultation

