

**Newington Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held at George's Barn, Newington on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7 pm**

**Present:**

Councillors:

Councillor Kevin Golding (Vice-chair)  
 Councillor Sarah Wright  
 Councillor Jill Sage  
 KCC Councillor Susan Carey  
 DDC Councillor David Godfrey

Clerk:

Jonathan Mount

01	<b>Elections</b> Election of the Chair of the Parish Council. Kevin. Jill Election of the Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Sarah. Cleo	
02	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Cllr. John Neale.	
03	<b>Declarations of Interests or Other Significant Interests (OSI)</b> None	
04	<b>Minutes of the Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 to be received, approved, and signed by the Chairman</b> Done	
05	<b>Matters rising from the minutes</b> None	
06	<b>Public Participation – adjournment of the meeting</b> No members of the public present	
07	<b>Planning</b> To note applications decided and pending since the last meeting. There were none advertised.	
08	<b>Financial report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive the Bank reconciliation up to the end of August 2023 Done</li> <li>• To approve payments made since the last meeting as detailed on the financial statement</li>   <li>• To ratify payments currently due to be paid as detailed below.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clerk's salary</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
09	<b>New build housing in Peene</b> Clerk to forward emails concerning the development to Sarah.	
10	<b>Policy and procedure review</b> It was decided to postpone this agenda item until the next meeting.	
11	<b>Items for discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the recruitment of a new clerk 2 application received, both look suitable. 2 more information packs sent, but no replies received. Closing date has not yet passed.</li> <li>• Electro link and trees</li> </ul>	

	<p>An amount of £7456.00 has been received, of which £4056 is to be used for work completed.</p> <p>Parish Council to request an up to date quote for the work.</p> <p>Kevin will follow up tree planting etc. and source a tree supplier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grounds maintenance contract</li> </ul> <p>Various points raised:</p> <p>Is reseeding an annual job? No, now that it has been done it does not need to be done again.</p> <p>Children’s play area mowing and strimming...waste to be taken away, not left on site.</p> <p>No weedkillers and chemicals to be used.</p> <p>No changes to take into consideration.</p> <p>Problem with the maintenance of the Church...normally they will quote for each section and their quotes are then looked at separately.</p> <p>All contractors must be fully insured.</p> <p>Contract to be amended by Kevin and sent out asap. Quotes to be received by 1<sup>st</sup> November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuisance issues at the allotments</li> </ul> <p>Problem with parking. Bollards have been vandalised. Discussion took place as to whether or not the Parish Council could write a letter and voice its concerns. Discussion took place concerning the placement of the bollards currently in situ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment of new parish Councillors</li> </ul> <p>Could advertise on notice boards and Facebook and website. Start with the notice boards. Advert to be written by Sarah and ready for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget pressures for next year</li> </ul> <p>Will not be able to set next year’s budget until the quotes come in.</p> <p>Play area might need some work doing on it.</p> <p>Some of the playground equipment might need maintaining/repairing soon.</p> <p>A new laptop might be needed. Discussion about Chrome books versus laptop. Could ask for guidance from KALC on which system they recommend.</p>	
12	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Chloe officially resigned as a Parish Councillor.</p> <p>Arrangements will need to be organised for the venue of future meetings if Kevin is no longer in the village. Possibility of using the Village Hall or possibly the Church. Gill to contact village Hall secretary to enquire about availability.</p>	
13	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b></p> <p>The next parish council meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in George’s Barn at 7pm.</p>	