

Newnham Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday 13th January, 8pm
Newnham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Elworthy, Woods, Gunner, Turner, Wickenden, Crampton, Pawlik

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Parish Clerk
2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted from Cllrs Simmons and Lehmann

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Gunner and seconded by Cllr Turner and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th December 2021**

4. Open Session

A member of the public spoke in support of the planning application 21/505995, 1 The Tapster and answered questions from Members on the proposed siting of the garage.

A member of the public questioned why the Parish Council, at last month's meeting, had raised concerns over nuisance noise on planning application 21/505995, 1 The Tapster, but had not shown the same concern over complaints of nuisance noise at The George Inn. Cllr Turner explained that the noise from The Tapster had been every weekend, often to 2am or later, while it had been operating as an Air BnB and attempts to ask for the noise to be reduced were ignored by visitors. The George's events were always advertised in advance, were not so regular and ended at 11pm; it was acknowledged that the pub was a business, but Members felt the pub was also a community asset and part of the heart of the village.

5. Planning

21/505995/FULL 1 The Tapster, Seed Road, Newnham, Erection of an oak framed triple garage with office above

It was proposed by Cllr Elworthy, seconded by Cllr Woods and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to not support the application but withdraw the Parish Council's previous objection. To request a condition not to allow the garage to be used as accommodation in the future.**

6. Precept and Budget 2022-2023

Cllr Gunner proposed, seconded by Cllr Crampton and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Precept of £5,449.36 with a Band D of £158.91 being a 0% increase**

7. Clerk's Report

The Clerk noted that Swale Borough Council defib grant application had been successful and would cover the replacement pads and battery for the defib.

The grit bin for Wineycock had been delivered and Cllr Turner will arrange for it to be put in place.

Payments for Primary Care Supplies and Gladson were agreed by Members.

Members agreed that they would like to take part in the KALC Community Award and the Chair, Cllr Elworthy, requested that the item be adjourned to private session at the end of the meeting.

Cllr Turner agreed to be responsible for the fire hydrant project, which is part of a Kent Fire & Rescue Service initiative to increase community resilience to report any defects or water provision issues.

8. Action Plan 2022-2023

Members agreed that items of the Highways Improvement Plan would largely form the Action Plan for the forthcoming year.

9. HIP Review

It was agreed to remove Foxenden Lane from the HIP, but to add a request for the 30mph speed limit to start somewhere between the junction of North Eastling Road and the village.

The Clerk confirmed that works to the lay-by gulley had been concluded following two visits. Tree roots had been removed and the gulley was now free flowing, unfortunately it would not deal with the issue of flooding which was due to the camber of the road and lay-by, but excessive water would now drain away.

10. Youth Survey

It was noted that Stalisfield Youth Club was going well and young people from Newnham were attending. It was agreed to proceed with the youth survey to find out the number of young people and their ages.

11. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was agreed that Cllr Wickenden would check on the availability of the Church for jubilee celebrations and form a small group to organise events. Once an event is agreed, the Clerk can apply for funding.

12. Private Session

To Resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.

It was proposed by Cllr Wickenden, seconded by Cllr Pawlik and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to put forward a nomination for the KALC Community Award 2022***

13. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10th February 2022, 8pm.