

Newnham Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday 10th February 2022, 8pm
Newnham Village Hall

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

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Parish Clerk

A minute's silence was held in memory of the former Swale Borough Councillor and Past Mayor, Colin Prescott, who served the East Downs Ward.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were approved for Cllr Wickenden

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 Turner and seconded by Cllr Gunner and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2022.**

The Youth Survey had been printed and distribution was agreed.

4. Open Session

Bruce Leckie attended the meeting and confirmed the Parish Council was welcome to use the church yard for the Platinum Jubilee picnic, noting there was no church service at Newnham that day. Bruce confirmed that the church steering group were willing to support the event, but did not want to take ownership. Cllr Gunner confirmed the village hall was available for use of the facilities.

Dave Elliott of The George advised that they would be running an event on the bank holiday Thursday at the pub for villagers only.

5. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was agreed that a 'Jubilee Big Lunch' picnic should take place on Sunday 5th June from 12pm, despite that being the same time as Doddington. People will be invited to bring along blankets, chairs where required and prepared food (no BBQs etc). Entertainment was discussed and Cllr Crampton offered to run a craft corner for children.

6. 20's Plenty and Parish to Town Walking and Cycling

The previous meeting had been cancelled and Cllr Elworthy is waiting for Adrian Berendt to confirm a date in March or April.

The Clerk noted that Roger Tuckey felt he was no longer able to be the parish council's footpath warden due to KCC's requirement for online reporting. It was suggested that this could be overcome if someone else was willing to input details online.

7. Highways Improvement Plan

Fly tipping and missing signage had all been reported. Cllr Turner noted that the fly tipping had been removed from Foxenden Lane, although there was some more. Cllr Elworthy reported the signage at Frith Road / Seed Road had been replaced. The Clerk had contacted KCC, but they were still waiting to replace Sarah Jayne Elcock, who was previously responsible for the parish HIPs.

8. Clerk's Report

Cllr Crampton will request a new password for the bank account.

9. Items for Report

Cllr Woods attended the planning enforcement session by Swale Borough Council, where they agreed that communications with parishes was not good. It seems SBC have been overwhelmed and have just not been able to cover all the issues. The CEO agreed for a dedicated resource to prepare updates for parish councils to be notified about enforcement issues. Only borough ward members have access to enforcement issues presently.

Cllr Elworthy attended the Swale Eastern Area Committee meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10th March 2022, 8pm.