

Newnham Parish Council Meeting Minutes,
Thursday 14th July, 8pm
Newnham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Elworthy, Turner, Chesson, Wickenden, Gunner

In attendance: Louise Bareham Parish Clerk, Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were approved for Cllrs Crampton and Pawlik

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Chesson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of Newnham Parish Council Annual Meeting dated 9th June 2022.**

It was noted that the Clerk had been contacted by Mid Kent Planning regarding the planning application at 5 Wineycock, as they felt it was too large for the area. The Clerk provided details of why Councillors supported the application.

4. Open Session

Cllr Lehmann noted KCC's intended cuts in bus services and although it had been called into Scrutiny he did not expect the decision to change. He reported other services including Kent Karrier and Age UK transport and will also be speaking to Chalkwell direct.

5. Planning

15/509343/FULL 75 The Street – Single storey extension with velux windows and new rear dormer with Juliette balcony.

Cllr Turner proposed, seconded by Cllr Wickenden and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to support the application as the extension was sympathetic to the property enhancing a family home. The changes were not visible from the road and the application had support from neighbouring properties.**

22/503113/FULL Martlesham, Faversham Road – Erection of a single storey side and rear extensions to habitable space within the roof along with side and rear dormers together with changes to external fenestration. Erection of a garage to front of site and relocation of vehicle access.

Cllr Elworthy proposed, seconded by Cllr Turner and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to support the application as the property required updating and**

the proposed changes were sympathetic to an otherwise ugly house and should make an attractive and useable family home. The property sits in its own land and has no close neighbours overlooking.

6. **Clerk's Report**

It was agreed to obtain a wreath for Remembrance Sunday as before. It was decided not to join Rural Kent.

7. **Community Energy Feasibility Study and EV Points**

A specification had been sent out to two companies, one had responded with reasons why he felt the opportunities for this type of infrastructure were extremely limited and would not yield useful information. For a project such as this costs could be anything up to £50,000. Instead he had suggested a review of the original brief looking at individual properties around insulation, appliance energy efficiency, lighting etc. However it was agreed that many of the suggestions may already been available from Swale Borough Council and the Clerk will investigate for the next meeting and consider putting together a survey.

8. **Bus Alternatives**

Wealden Wheels had provided a revised quote of £79 to reinstate the weekly shopper bus. Kent Karriers are a dial up service, Cllr Lehmann will confirm more details of when the service is available and whether it goes to Faversham and Sittingbourne. The cost of this is £3.50 but they do not accept bus passes. Other suggestions were sharing car journeys. Further investigations will be made.

9. **Defibrillator Training**

Faversham First Responders, who had previously provided training, had been contacted but no response had been received. Cllr Turner will look into alternative options.

10. **Outdoor Gym**

Ideas to get the outdoor gym used more were considered. The Clerk had spoken to a couple of people who were interested in running boot camps around the gym, teaching people how to use the equipment. It was **RESOLVED that further investigations would be made for training, suitable for families, during the summer holiday and final agreement would be made via email due to timing**

11. **Items for Report**

None