

Newnham Parish Council Meeting Minutes,
Thursday 8th September 2022

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

In attendance: Louise Bareham Parish Clerk,

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted from Cllrs Simmons and Lehmann

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 14th July 2022.***

4. Open Session

Cllr Lehmann had provided an update to say the KCC Cabinet agreed to send the bus subsidy cut decision to full council the following week.

Details regarding the War Memorial hedging were noted and agreement to fund 50% of the cost had been agreed previously

5. Planning

It was noted that 5 Wineycock had not been approved, but they would be appealing the decision.

6. EV Points

The Clerk had spoken to Dave and Claire Elliott who had no problem with the Parish Council contacting Shepherd Neame direct regarding EV points in the car park. A letter has been received from John Barnes acknowledging the proposal and he will come back with comments in due course.

7. Outdoor Gym

It was agreed to start a 12 week programme with Kesson starting in January 2023 to encourage residents to get fit while socialising, but also to advertise the location of the gym in the newsletter. It could be timed to allow users to go to the George afterwards to meet up over coffee.

Newnham Parish Council would subsidise the initial programme, although it was noted that making a small charge in future users would value it more.

Cllr Elworthy will liaise with Kesson on booking dates.

8. Defibrillator Training

It was agreed to book defib training for an evening in October and set up an Eventbrite link so we know numbers attending.

9. Energy and Cost of Living Crises

It was agreed to invite the Fuel and Energy Advisor from SBC to have a drop in session in the village hall.

10. Village Hall Representative

It was proposed that Jane Crampton be the new Village Hall Committee representative.

11. Items for Report

Cllr Elworthy gave an update on the recent SAC meeting, noting that there were currently 24 Swale PCSO's and this would be reduced to 5, by Christmas. Flo Churchill, the interim Head of Planning at Swale, gave a presentation.