

**Newnham Parish Council Meeting Minutes,**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Present: Cllrs Elworthy, Turner, Chesson, Pawlik

In attendance: Louise Bareham Parish Clerk,

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Crampton

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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.***

**4. Open Session**

Cllr Lehmann had advised the Parish Clerk of a Green Doctors drop in to be held in the village hall on 8<sup>th</sup> December on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to midday. They offer free impartial advice and support to help save energy and reduce your bills.

**5. Planning**

Nothing to report.

**6. KCC Buses**

Cllr Lehmann had provided a written update on the bus service: There is no change on the bus situation currently. The subsidies will be debated at next week's full council meeting. If the council vote to go ahead with the cuts, we will presumably know on the day. If they vote to reverse the decision, we will then have to wait until the subsequent cabinet meeting (scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> November) for a final decision as cabinet will still have the option of overruling the council.

**7. Outdoor Gym**

Cllr Elworthy met with Adrian of Kesson Physio at the outdoor gym and they will be able to provide a weekly class, similar to those run in Faversham. The monthly cost would be £250, with NPC fully subsidising the first month. It was proposed by Cllr Elworthy, seconded by Cllr Turner and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Cllr Elworthy and the Clerk to meet with Kesson to finalise the details for a weekly class to commence in January 2023 to be subsidised by the Parish Council***

## 8. Defibrillator Training

Cllr Pawlik proposed, seconded by Cllr Chesson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to pay £240 to LTM Fire Safety for defibrillator training in the village hall.**

## 9. Energy and Cost of Living Crises

Councillors agreed to post leaflets around the village to advertise the event on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Cllrs Turner and Chesson will cover the two hour slot in the village hall.

## 10. Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised Councillors of KALC's AGM taking place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Ditton Community Centre from 10am, which includes lunch at a cost of £5.

Doddington Parish Council had agreed a quotation for new hedging around the war memorial and Councillors noted they had agreed to fund 50% of the costs at the meeting in June.

A request for seed funding for repairs and automation of the parish church clock was received on behalf of the Newnham Church Steering Group to enable them to secure further funding from local charities and organization's such as Friends of Kent Churches. Cllr Elworthy proposed, seconded by Cllr Chesson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to grant £2,000 subject to the full funds being raised within 12 months.**

Doddington Parish Council had raised concerns regarding Swale Borough Council's delay to the local plan and had requested a meeting. This will take place with Cllr Elworthy attending, on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr Elworthy proposed, seconded by Cllr Turner and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to pay X2Connect – 6 no security bits for telephone box - £48.00**

## 11. Items for Report

Cllr Elworthy reported on her attendance at KALC SAC meeting where Southern Water had given a presentation and Q&A session. They plan to invite South Eastern Water to a future meeting.