

**Newnham Parish Council Meeting Minutes,**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 8pm, Newnham Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Elworthy, Turner, Crampton, Chesson. Wickenden and Gunner

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were noted from Cllr Pawlik,  
KCC Cllr Lehmann

In attendance: SBC Cllr Simmons and The Clerk.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Minutes and Matters Arising**

Cllr Elworthy thanks Cllrs Turner and Wickenden for organising the tree. She also reported that 5 people attended the outdoor gym session with a further person seeing the banners, who will attend the following week.

It was proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Pawlik 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> December 2022.***

**4. Open Session**

An update on the 20mph survey was provided, noting that half the village had been covered and there had only been one objection. A suggestion was made regarding adding Val Buckett's name to the flower container in the church, but as this was donated by the Village Hall, Cllr Crampton will take the idea to the next meeting.

**5. Wineycock**

It was agreed contact SBC and if necessary get a quote for the reduction in some of the trees on the Wineycock site. A discussion took place regarding possible equipment which would suit young people and it was agreed to ask two companies to provide a demonstration during February half term if possible.

**6. Speed Indicators**

Some concerns were raised whether there were sufficient areas within the village where three poles for mounting the speed indicators could be sited. Councillors had reviewed The Street previously, but at the time KCC officers were not undertaking site visits. It was agreed to ask whether an officer could come and advise on the viability of the project before proceeding any further.

**7. Community Transport**

A request had been received from Faversham Town Council, including a survey to ascertain transport needs in Faversham and surrounding villages and whether there was a need for a community minibus. It was generally agreed that for the needs of the

villagers, a car share scheme would probably work better. It was also felt that the Kent Karrier scheme may be helpful to some and that it should be shared more widely. Copies of the application form will be distributed by Councillors to anyone interested.

## **8. Budget and Precept**

It was proposed by Cllr Wickenden, seconded by Cllr Gunner and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to set the Precept at £5,370.50 with a Band D of £34.29 meaning a 0% increase for 2023/24***

## **9. Clerk's Report**

Cllr Elworthy proposed, seconded by Cllr Wickenden and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to pay £330 plus VAT for the Clerk to attend Practitioners' Conference***

It was proposed by Cllr Elworthy, seconded by Cllr Chesson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to pay the half share of the War Memorial Insurance of £109.40***

It was noted that Doddington PC was keen to promote the elections in May and provided a copy of the text for the newsletter and had invited NPC to join. However, after a discussion it was agreed that NPC would invite people to attend a meeting to see the role of the parish council.

Cllr Simmons was thanked for providing funding for the purchase of the hedging for the War Memorial.

Councillors noted the 20's Plenty campaign material and the request for a motion on next month's agenda.

The Clerk updated on EV points and had received correspondence from Char.gy which would be forwarded to Shepherd Neame for their comment.

It was agreed to adopt the KALC community award and agree recipients at the next meeting.

## **10. Matters for Report**

Cllr Wickenden raised awareness of a mushroom fungi present in the village.

Cllr Elworthy gave a report on the KALC SAC where they discussed neighbourhood police and planning enforcement.