

Minutes of a Meeting of Newenden Parish Council on 27 September 2022 at 7.30 pm in St Peters church

Present:

Mr D Rose (chairman)
Mr D Wheeler
Mrs H Masters
Mrs J Eldridge
Mrs T Gethin

Clerk

Mr J Leeves

There were 14 members of the public present.

The chairman welcomed Councillor Wheeler.

Apologies for Absence

1. None.

Declarations of Interest

2. None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 5 July

3. The minutes of the meeting on the 5 July having been circulated were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on 5 July

Fallen Tree on Burial Ground Footpath

4. The fallen tree had been cleared and access to the burial ground restored.

Jetty

5. The Jetty was under construction but would probably not be put in place before next spring when it would be needed.

Crocus Bulbs

6. The chairman said that he would collect the Crocus bulbs from Tenterden Rotary Club. They would then be distributed around the parish.

Financial statement

7. The clerk said that he had negotiated a substantial reduction in the renewal insurance premium. The second half of the precept was due next week. A loss had been made on the Platinum Jubilee celebrations as the grants received had not covered the full cost.

Invoices for payment

8. The following invoices were approved for payment:

Zurich Insurance	£541.07
Mr J A Leeves	£29.03
Mr Scott Pemberton	£120.00

Update on New Village Hall

9. The chairman recounted the history of the construction of the new village hall. Councillor Wheeler had recently been in the hall and reported that the cricket club had been using it for storage and that no proper fire break existed between the hall and the cricket pavilion. This situation could not continue. The Parish Council had written to the Charity Commission to clarify the position over trustees and the possibility of making the Parish Council the sole trustee of the village hall charity.

Planning

Application PA/2022/2054 Church Cottage

10. Mr Livesey, the applicant, confirmed that the application was for a summerhouse which would be screened by trees. Councillors said that a no comment return was appropriate.

Highways

11. Mrs Robinson said that the Council needed to pass a resolution calling for a 20 is plenty speed limit following the petition for such a limit in the village. Councillors agreed and passed a resolution calling for a speed limit.

Any other Business

Removal of boats from the river

12. It was confirmed that boats would be removed from the river on the 10 October when the crane would be available.

Cricket Club removal of Spoil from Riverbank

13. It had yet to be confirmed but the removal of the spoil from the river bank was imminent.

Containers for cricket club material

14. The containers would need to be clad which they were not at the moment. The cricket club would need to be reminded of this work.

Next Meeting

15. The next meeting would be on 15 November when the precept for 2023-24 would be discussed.

Chairman.....

Date.....