

Minutes of a Meeting of Newenden Parish Council on 2 October at 7.00 pm in the village hall

Present:

Councillors

Mr A Neilson (chairman)
Mrs R Edmonds
Mr B Livesey
Mrs J Eldridge
Mr D Richardson

Kent County Councillor Mr M Hill

Clerk

Mr J Leeves

Apologies for absence

1. None.

Declarations of interest

2. The chairman declared an interest in the planning application for Maron and left the meeting during discussion of this item. The vice chairman Councillor Edmonds took the chair for this planning application.

Items of interest at County level

3. Councillor Hill reported that the County Council were intending to freeze Council tax for a further year. They were intending to do this by doing things in a different and more efficient way. The result was that it had not been necessary to close services such as public libraries. There would be a Tenterden forum meeting shortly and he hoped that a representative from the Parish would be able to come.

Minutes of the meetings on 10 July, 7 August and 18 September

4. The minutes of the meetings of the 10 July, 7 August and 18 September having been circulated were approved as a correct record.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings of 10 July, 7 August and 18 September

5. None that would not be covered later in the meeting.

Financial statement

6. The financial statement to 2 October having been circulated was approved.

Finance

7. The following invoices were approved for payment:

Mr J Leeves	Clerk's allowance, postage stamps	£37.00
Mr J Leeves	Reimbursement for press notice	
	Advertising byelaws	£195.98
Mr F Warren	Flail mowing Selmes field	£330.00
Mr P Richardson	Fencing Selmes field	£350.00
Mr A Seal	Fencing supplies Selmes field	£255.91

Planning

8. Councillor Eldridge reported that the application for planning permission made by the Bodiam boating station to Rother District Council had not yet been decided.

9. The following planning applications were considered:

Maron, Rye road, Newenden
 Brook House, Rye road, Newenden

In both cases Councillors thought that the application should be supported.

10. An application to amend an earlier application for Bakers cottage had been submitted. Councillors noted that the changes were small and thought that the Council should continue to support the application.

Highways

11. Councillor Edmonds mentioned that road markings of speed restrictions had been partially removed by roadworks undertaken by contractors to the water company and that hedges were obscuring other speed restriction signs. Councillor Hill said he would contact Highways and ask them to rectify these problems.

Update on fencing and sheep grazing of Selmes field

12. Fencing of the Selmes field was now complete. However, the farmer considered that the grass having been mowed was now too short to provide adequate grazing and would not move his sheep onto the land until it had grown more.

Any other business

13. Councillor Edmonds mentioned the forthcoming firework display and bonfire planned for 3 November and asked about notification to the insurers. The clerk said that he had last year's notification and would email it to her for updating.

14. None that would not be covered in the township meeting to follow.

Date of next meeting

15. The next meeting will be on 27 November.

Chairman.....

Date.....