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Minutes of Meeting 2024-2 held on Monday 5th February 2024 in person in The Old Wool Store, Brooker Farm, Newchurch Lane, Romney Marsh, TN29 0DT. At 7.30 pm the Chairman Alison Youd welcomed all present and opened the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

Unique Minute Number	Agenda Heading	Record	Action by whom and within what timescale
2024-2-1	Persons Present	<u>Councillors</u> Alison Youd, Antony Youd, Colin Woollard, Tony Goode Deborah Woollard; Invited speaker Kent County Councillor Tony Hills <u>Officer</u> , Mr Michael Sharpe (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer/RFO to Newchurch Parish Council/ NPC)	
2024-2-2	Apologies	Invited speaker District Councillor Tony Cooper.	
2024-2-3	Declarations of Interest	The Chairman reminded all Parish Councillors to declare any conflicts of interest in the business before them. No declarations were made.	
2024-2-4	Approval of minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th January 2024 were examined, discussed and unanimously APPROVED. Proposed Tony Goode, seconded Antony Youd. The Clerk placed the signed copy in the Minutes Book straightway.	ACTION Clerk to update website by 15th February.
2024-2-5	Matters Arising	None	
2024-2-6	Invited speakers and public participation	No members of the public were present. KCC member Tony Hills presented his report verbally (previously circulated by email to Parish Councillors), and answered questions on Marsh Highways, Flooding Matters, Water Quality and Kent's Plan Bee. There is especial concern about the re-emergence of invasive Asian Hornet queens locally during the current warm spell. Councillors thanked him for attending and sharing the information. The written short report of invited speaker District Cllr Tony Cooper, who had apologized for absence (see Item 2 above), was read out to the meeting.	
2024-2-7	FINANCIAL REPORT	Mr Sharpe as RFO informed Councillors that the monies at bank on 6 th December totalled £1,524.77, according to the online statements. The Bank reconciliation was duly signed. No cheques were presented for payment on this occasion.	ACTION RFO to prepare for year-end on 31 st March 2024, and ensure continuity with FY24/25.
2024-2-8	Planning Matters	<u>23/0415/FH Marsh House, Newchurch, TN29 0EB</u> and <u>24/0057/FH/CON Honeywood Farm, Honey Wood Lane, Newchurch, TN25 7LD</u> had been notified to the Parish Council by FHDC as the Planning Authority. Councillors noted the details.	
2024-2-9	D-Day 80 commemoration	The Chairman updated Councillors with agreement that have been reached with key people for the use of The Spinney and the church on Thursday 6 th June 2024. She handed out the provisional programme, and has registered the Parish Council with the national organisers.	ACTION Alison Youd to continue to negotiate with various parties.
2024-2-10	Correspondence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Offer from Internal Auditor Mulberrys of Godalming for a 3 year Internal Audit contract. After a review of the current pricing structure and due debate, Councillors RESOLVED to accept the longer-term contract. Kent County Council Consultation for Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 – duly noted. 	ACTION Clerk to reply to email, accepting the amended contract, by 29 th February.
2024-2-11	Information-sharing	Councillor Tony Goode was congratulated on his recent appointment to the Romney Marsh Area Internal Drainage Board (RMAIDB). Alison Youd agreed to attend the rearranged Romney Marsh Forum meeting in New Romney on Thursday 8 th February. Antony Youd expressed thanks to the Village Hall for the recent vegetation cut-back near the Jubilee Field.	
2024-2-12	Date, time and place of next NPC Meeting	The Council RESOLVED to hold the next NPC Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at The Old Wool Store, Brooker Farm, Newchurch TN29 0DT on Monday 4 th March, at 7.30pm	ACTION Clerk to circulate Agenda etc. by 27th February.

The Chairman thanked all those present for their contributions, and declared the Parish Council meeting to be closed at 8.14 pm. END.