



# Newbald Parish Council

## Annual Report – May 2016

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In line with custom, tradition and practice it falls upon me as your Chairman for the past 12 months to highlight some of the achievements, near misses and goals achieved by your Parish Council.

To give you some idea of the works undertaken and matters resolved I would offer the following:

#### **Reduction in Meetings**

When I took the Chair in May 2015, we were having 30+ meetings per year. This year we have restricted our meetings to one per month, whilst still covering the same workload. This in itself is an achievement, demonstrating that your councillors are working diligently and efficiently on your behalf to resolve matters.

#### **New Councillors**

Over the year we have been pleased to welcome two new Councillors and one old one into our midst, these being Geoff Lewis, Becky Clarke and Mamta Joshi, thereby bringing us back up to full strength. We also said goodbye to Meryl Bainbridge and would like to thank her for her valuable contribution.

#### **Finance & Banking**

During the year we have updated our banking practices from endless cheque signing to online banking which has proved to be both less time consuming and more efficient.

In line with East Riding & Northern Lincolnshire Local Council Association (ERNLLCA) recommendations and other financial advice, Newbald Parish Council (NPC) has begun to establish a good financial asset base, which, with the input of the Sober Hill Wind Farm donations, puts us in a strong position for the future.

#### **The Newsletter, Website and Social Media.**

With her usual efficiency, our Clerk to the Council, Suzanne Smith, has regularly produced the wonderfully informative parish newsletter which I believe is the main way we can access our parishioners on an individual basis. Also, to increase NPC's community engagement, Suzanne has further developed the website and introduced us to social media.

Unfortunately, though we have been sincerely promised coverage by some high speed broadband providers, only a select few houses have to date received it. This is an ongoing situation which we as a council feel passionate about.

#### **The Cemetery**

Various works have been undertaken to maintain the pristine condition of the Cemetery, including rabbit control, a change in grass cutting contractor (to increase the quality) and the proposed introduction of a Garden of Remembrance which has the Council's approval but is currently awaiting construction.

#### **The Church**

Apart from the regular grass cutting and general maintenance throughout the Churchyard, we have closely monitored the trees and shrubs, culminating in us seeking quotations for tree surgery following consultation with a tree consultant and East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC). These works are ongoing.

## **Health & Safety + Risk Assessments**

Health & Safety and Risk Assessments form a major part of our duties in respect of all public and NPC owned/controlled areas and I would confirm that these have been undertaken thoroughly and efficiently on all occasions where they have been legally required.

## **Sober Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund (SHWF)**

Donations from the Sober Hill Wind Farm have made a big impact on the village as a whole. NPC is the administrator of the fund and I believe Members have been fair and just in their assessment of who to allocate awards to. The following grants have been given out in this first year of the fund's existence:

Newbald Playing Field Association	Wetpour Surface	£3,276.84
Church Rooms Young People's project	Play Leader	£3,788.00
St Nicholas' Church	Church Entrance Hall	£4,000.00
Newbald Playing Field Association	Wetpour Surface & Maintenance	£4,515.76
Church Rooms Young People's project	Play leader and Supplies	£5,857.00
Newbald Village Hall	Cooking facilities and Maintenance	£2,690.00

## **NPC Grants**

In addition to the Sober Hill Wind Farm grants, Newbald Parish Council has given other grants to good causes in the village. £84 went to Newbald Young People's Project to enable them to purchase a lawn mower to maintain their new outdoor space and £425 went to the very successful Newbald Football Club to enable them to purchase new kit ready for competing abroad.

## **The Mires & The Beckies**

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust was employed to maintain the Eco-environment and to undertake general maintenance of both The Mires & The Beckies, which I believe they have done admirably.

## **The Green and Defibrillator**

The Green and general surrounding area is a constant issue with regards to traffic, parking and speeding, all of which NPC have discussed at length with ERYC and the Police, but this remains an ongoing consultation process.

However, on a more positive note, I am pleased to confirm that we have recently installed and commissioned a defibrillator within the existing telephone box. This this will aid any future speedy medical assistance required by our parishioners and visitors alike.

We have also instigated the construction of a new more aesthetic and safer path outside The Tiger Inn, plus we have kept a watching eye on the condition and maintenance of the long standing trees and grass within the area.

## **Planning**

We have naturally been involved in planning application consultations for the parish, and, whilst I believe we have always made our decisions in the best interest of the village, there is always the odd one which gets overruled, such as the Tin Cottage in South Newbald which NPC fought to save.

## **Street Lighting**

ERYC has replaced some of the village's outdated street lights with new energy efficient ones. NPC also funded the repair and upgrade of one street light on Spring Bank.



## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016

2014/2015		2015/2016	
£	RECEIPTS	£	
29,364.00	Precept	29,364.00	
0.00	Sober Hill Wind Farm fund money received from developer	49,276.88	
2.48	Bank Interest -Newbald Parish Council	20.89	
0.00	Bank Interest - Sober Hill Wind Farm	20.11	
1,526.32	Allotments	1,249.20	
3,020.00	Cemetery	2,347.00	
325.00	Grass Cutting Contribution from the Playing Field Association	697.52	
0.00	ERYC Grant for the defibrillator	1,270.00	
4,630.63	Former charity money ring fenced for good causes	55.41	
2,089.84	VAT recovered	832.36	
94.99	Paid back into account via Clerk's expenses and by cash	0.00	
1,273.00	Commuted sums for centenary bench	0.00	
42,326.26	<b>Total Receipts</b>	85,133.37	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
18,304.52	General Administration	19,470.97	
270.22	NPC Grants	509.95	
0.00	Sober Hill Wind Farm Grants	24,127.60	
20.00	Training	152.50	
256.67	Big lottery fund repayment due	0.00	
1,424.18	Centenary bench project	334.30	
0.00	Welcome to Yorkshire' Event Expenses	625.00	
0.00	Defibrillator installation	2,020.00	
0.00	Christmas Tree	295.00	
832.36	VAT	1,415.28	
<b><u>Running Costs:</u></b>			
1,197.00	Allotments	1,795.50	
563.43	Cemetery maintenance costs	789.03	
155.00	Clock	140.00	
650.04	Grass Cutting - Playing Field	503.36	
4,350.00	Grass cutting - churchyard and cemetery	3,666.63	
1,342.29	Street Lighting	1,342.29	
0.00	Severe weather	0.00	
200.00	Churchyard maintenance costs	625.60	
0.00	Maintenance - Mires, Green, Village Hall	3,739.50	
29,565.71	<b>Total Payments</b>	61,552.51	
12,760.55	<b>NET PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS</b>	23,580.86	
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY</b>			
26,132.56	BALANCE brought forward at 1st April 2015	38,893.11	
12,760.55	Add Net Income/deficit for year as shown above	23,580.86	
38,893.11	Fund Balance carried forward at 31 March 2016	62,473.97	
These cumulative funds are represented by			
	NPC Unity Current Account Balance	33,466.74	at end of March 2016
	NPC HSBC Current Account Balance	121.40	at end of March 2016
	NPC Alto Card - Credit Balance	153.23	at end of March 2016
	Less unrepresented cheques	0.00	
	add unbanked receipts	0.00	
	NPC HSBC Deposit account balance	3,569.21	at end of March 2016
	Sober Hill Wind Farm Current Account Balance	11,625.14	at end of March 2016
	Sober Hill Wind Farm Deposit account balance	13,538.25	at end of March 2016
		62,473.97	

<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Wind Farm</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance 1.04.15	34,262.48	0	4,630.63	38,893.11
Receipts in year	35,780.97	49,296.99	55.41	85,133.37
Payments in year	-37,424.91	-24,127.60	0	-61,552.51
Balance at 31.03.16	<b>32,618.54</b>	<b>25,169.39</b>	<b>4,686.04</b>	<b>62,473.97</b>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of Newbald Parish Council as at 31st March 2016 and reflects its Receipts and Payments during the year.

### **N P C   C O N T A C T   D E T A I L S   &   C O U N C I L L O R S**

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