

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 27 JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors C. Waite (Chairman), G. Steward, J. Barrett, H. Fuller, E.Huntington,

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), Mr Grant

1	<p>PUBLIC FORUM</p> <p>None</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr. Weatherstone – work commitments Cllr. Howard – away visiting family</p>	
3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</p>	
4	<p>PLANNING</p>	
4.1	<p>Notices of Decision</p> <p>None</p>	
4.2	<p>13/03967/PLF – Installation of a glazed link canopy to front and erection of single storey extensions to front and rear – North Newbald County Primary School.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that Newbald Parish Council positively supports the application</p>	
4.3	<p>13/04083/PLF – erection of a new dwelling following removal of existing dwelling.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> Newbald Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed new dwelling is too large for the plot and too tall. • The plot is already elevated; therefore putting a high building on there will make it too imposing. • It is not in keeping with the surrounding bungalows. • A property of this size will doubtless attract at least two cars and these will be entering and exiting the grounds on a blind corner. • The building is recognised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England as being a building of interest. It is a relic from the past and valued by parishioners. • The village has an overabundance of 4 bedroom+ homes and the Council does not believe that having an additional one would be appropriate. <p>Newbald Parish council requests that if the decision looks like it is going in favour of this development, that this matter gets referred to the Planning Committee.</p>	

5	<p>WHITE POSTS ON EASTGATE</p> <p>The Clerk informed Council that ERYC had put the white posts up to protect the grass border from large vehicles driving over it.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC writes to ERYC and says:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that it would like them replaced by something more rustic, in keeping with the conservation area: NPC thinks that white plastic is totally inappropriate. ii. NPC feels Members should have been consulted about this beforehand. 	
6	<p>LITTERING OF THE STREETLIGHTS</p> <p>Cllr. Barrett observed that there had been a lot of posters littering telegraph poles and lampposts, which were not removed even after the events they were promoting had finished.</p> <p>Recommended: that a polite notice is put in the newsletter asking people to remove posters after the events have taken place.</p>	
7	<p>TREE ON THE GREEN</p> <p>Members considered a request from the Playing Field Association to permanently plant a tree on the Green for use at Christmas time.</p> <p>Recommended: that it is not appropriate to plant a tree on the Green, but the Parish Council will commit to paying for a Christmas Tree each year.</p>	
8	<p>THE MIRES</p> <p>8.1 Re-surfacing Work</p> <p>The Clerk said that the work had gone ahead unimpeded and there were no problems to report</p> <p>8.2 Tree Consultant</p> <p>Members considered whether a tree consultant should be called out to examine the trees on the Mires, but felt it to be unnecessary at this time.</p>	
9	<p>PARKING AT THE CEMETERY</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had spoken to Cllr. Pollard about this. Cllr Pollard did not feel that there was any further action she could take at ERYC to encourage them to create an official parking area.</p> <p>Members decided that no further action was necessary at this time.</p>	
10	<p>Hall Farm</p> <p>The Clerk said that the Trustees of the Hall Farm site had worked cut back the overgrown trees on Eastgate and repaired the roof tiles.</p> <p>She said she would contact ERYC again about the saplings on the border of Townside Road.</p>	

11	SOUTH NEWBALD ROAD DRAINAGE No action was felt to be necessary at this point in time.	
12	PARKING AND SPEEDING PROBLEMS ON BURGATE The Clerk said that the speeding survey had been carried out on Burgate, but the results were still being analysed. She would report back to the next meeting.	
13	BRITAIN IN BLOOM Members considered whether Newbald might like to enter Britain in Bloom, but decided against it.	
14	FLOOD LIAISON GROUP Cllr. Fuller volunteered to attend the Flood Liaison Group on 30 May 2014.	

Meeting finished at 8.20pm