

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NEWBALD SCHOOL ON 3 MARCH 2014 AT 7.00PM

Present: Councillors C. Waite (Chairman), G. Steward (Vice Chairman), J. Barrett, D. Hart, J. Howard, E. Huntington, M. Joshi, B. O'Sullivan, P. Weatherstone

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), Mr Barry Flux and colleague – Your Shout on behalf of REG Windpower, John Hudson, Boston Renewables – on behalf of the residents of Newbald Lodge

1	<p>PUBLIC FORUM</p>	
1.1	<p>Mr Barry Flux from Your Shout spoke on behalf of REG Windpower re: the proposed extension at Sancton Hill Wind Farm (Sancton Hill 2).</p> <p>Some of the key points made by Mr Flux were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The planning application will be for up to 11 new turbines, of equal size to the current ones, to be sited at Sancton Hill. ii. Vast numbers of technical studies are currently underway. iii. Sancton Hill 2 would bring up to £100,000 in additional community benefit funding per annum for the local area. iv. The final proposals will be developed by summer 2014. A planning application will be submitted to ERYC in the autumn. v. Contact details: www.sanctonhillwindfarm.co.uk, sancton@yourshout.org. <p><i>After their presentation and answering questions Mr Barry Flux and his colleague left the meeting.</i></p>	
1.2	<p>Mr John Hudson, Boston Renewables re: Planning application 13/03571 – erection of a small wind turbine at Newbald Lodge</p> <p>Mr Hudson spoke on behalf of the applicant. He requested that Newbald Parish Council withdraws its recommendation that the application should be refused. He cited the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The new turbine is required solely to provide electricity for use on the farm. As a primary producer, the only control a farmer has is in managing his/her overheads and farms have been struggling with the rising costs of electricity. ii. The planning system did not require the applicants to prove the need for the electricity but this would have been a very legitimate part of this case, had it been admissible. iii. The MOD insisted that the first turbine erected on the site had to be lower than they had originally wished for because otherwise it would have interfered with operations at RAF Staxton Wold. This had led to a requirement for a second turbine to meet the farm's energy needs. iv. Once completed, no further turbines would be necessary to meet demand. v. English Heritage is fine with the proposal. vi. Some of the power from the current and potential future turbine does and 	

	<p>would go into the national grid, because power cannot currently be stored. Storage technology is being developed but it is not available at the moment.</p> <p>The ERYC Planning Committee Meeting to discuss this will be held on 31st March 2014.</p> <p><i>After answering Members' questions, Mr John Hudson left the meeting.</i></p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr. H. Fuller – on holiday Cllr. B. Smith – has to attend a work meeting</p>	
3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>3.1 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr. O'Sullivan – Item 8 – non pecuniary</p> <p>3.2 Dispensations – None</p>	
4	<p>APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES</p> <p>Resolved: that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3 February 2014 are signed as a correct record.</p> <p>Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance & Compliance Meeting held on 17 February 2014 be signed as a correct record and adopted.</p> <p>Resolved: that the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held on 17 February 2014 be signed as a correct record and adopted.</p>	
5	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>5.1 Urgent Decisions Procedure</p> <p>The Clerk explained to the Council that an urgent decision had been reached by the Finance & Compliance Committee Members to get the church wall repaired, following an accident, because it had been left in a precarious state and there was a long wait until the next meeting. A payment had been received from the car owner's insurance company, which more than covered the cost.</p> <p>Resolved: that Newbald Parish Council approves this use of the Urgent Decisions Procedure.</p> <p>5.2 Approval of Payments</p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p>	
		Clerk

	<p>101849 Cemetery Pest Control £100.00 101850 Water and Sewage Cemetery £24.82 101851 Wainmans – Repair of Church Wall £750.00 101852 Grass Cutting – Playing Field £65.00 101853 Clerk Salary £996.56 101854 HMRC – Tax & NI £189.60 101855 Clerk Expenses £54.97</p> <p>Clerk to arrange payment.</p>	
6	<p>MEETING DATES</p> <p>Resolved: that from now on the Finance & Compliance Committee Meeting and the Planning & Highways Meeting will be held on the same night, namely the second Monday evening of each month.</p>	
7	<p>COMMUNITY LED PLAN</p> <p>Distribution of Summary Report</p> <p>Resolved: that the Council will take up Cllr. Joshi’s offer of delivering the report door-to-door round the village.</p> <p>Distribution of Main Report</p> <p>Resolved: that a copy of the main report will be delivered to the following places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries – Market Weighton, South Cave, mobile library, Beverley • ERYC • Newbald School • Newbald Playing Field Association • Church Rooms • WIN WI • Village Hall Management Committee • County Councillors • HWRCC 	
8	<p>PLAYING FIELD VEHICULAR ACCESS ROUTE</p> <p>Resolved: In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under item 6, that the press and public be excluded (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960).</p> <p>The Chairman informed Council about ERYC’s response to the Hall family’s proposals.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. that NPC responds to the Hall family in the manner outlined by the discussion ii. that NPC waits for more information from ERYC before making any further decisions in this regard. <p><i>The meeting went back to open session.</i></p>	

8.1	<p><i>ERYC County Cllr. Pollard arrived at the meeting and the Chair moved to item 17 on the agenda.</i></p> <p>Various issues were discussed briefly. It was agreed that the Clerk would let Cllr. Pollard know what the outcome of the Planning Committee with regards the wind turbine at Newbald Lodge.</p> <p><i>Cllr. Pollard left the meeting The Chair returned to item 9 on the agenda.</i></p>	
9	<p>SANCTON WIND FARM EXTENSION</p> <p>Proposed Extension and Public Meeting at Sancton</p> <p>Members considered whether it would be appropriate to hold a public meeting in Newbald to discuss the proposed extension of Sancton Hill Wind Farm but decided that at this stage it would be better to publicise the meeting in Sancton. A meeting in the village could be held further down the line if considered necessary.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that NPC publicises and encourages Newbald residents to attend the public meeting in Sancton. ii. that Cllrs. Derek Hart, John Howard and John Barrett will attend the meeting on behalf of NPC. <p>Proposal to Discount Electricity Bills</p> <p>Members discussed correspondence received from REG Windpower inviting NPC Members to engage in discussions about the possibility of electricity bills of people in the area being reduced in lieu of the traditional community support fund.</p> <p>Members felt that it was inappropriate to discuss such a possibility when the extension to the wind farm may never actually take place.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC writes back and declines the invitation at this stage.</p>	
10	<p>PROPOSED CEMETERY EXTENSION AND ALLOTMENT PROVISION</p> <p>Cllr. Howard reported that he had written to a Mr Timm of the Terrier Division at ERYC asking him about the suitability of the land next to the cemetery and any other available land in the village that might be suitable for allotments. He had also chased up by phone; however he had not yet received a response.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC Sends an email to Mr Timm asking for a response and copies Cllr. Pollard in.</p>	
11	<p>ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH CLOCK SERVICE</p> <p>Members discussed whether to continue using Smith & Derby to service the clock. This was in view of the quote they had sent for maintenance work, which, upon investigation, other companies had said they would do as part of the normal service.</p>	

	<p>Other quotes for servicing work were also considered.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Clerk obtain proof of qualifications and references for the company 'The Cumbria Clock Company' with a view to employing them to do the work instead. (<i>Cllrs Barrett, Huntington and Joshi abstained</i>).</p>	
12	<p>MEETING FACILITIES FOR NPC</p> <p>Cllr. Weatherstone reported that discussions were ongoing at the Village Hall Committee as to whether it would accept an annual donation of £100 in return for unlimited use of the Village Hall for meetings. They would make a definite decision at their meeting in March.</p>	
13	<p>WANDER – ART ON THE YORKSHIRE WOLDS WAY</p> <p>The Clerk said she had received a letter about a potential piece of art work that was planned for Sober Hill Trig Point. The developers were keen to come and consult with the Parish Council about it.</p> <p>Resolved: that the developers are invited to come to the next Parish Council meeting.</p>	
14	<p>PARISH STREET NAME BANK</p> <p>The Clerk said that NPC had been approached by ERYC to provide them with a list of street names that it would like ERYC to use in the event of new streets being created in the area.</p> <p>Given that the village is not earmarked for any development, Members felt this was inappropriate.</p>	
15	<p>NEWBALD SCHOOL</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had had a very positive meeting with Mrs Sinclair, the Head of Newbald School. She is very supportive of NPC and the school having closer ties with us.</p>	Clerk
16	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p>	
16.1	<p>Community Support Working Party CSWP</p> <p>The CSWP said it had had to cancel its planned meeting so had had no opportunity to discuss the objectives coming out of the Community Led Plan. A new meeting was scheduled for 25th March.</p> <p>In terms of the First Aid Training, Cllr. O'Sullivan said that she was chasing up the lady concerned and would report back in due course.</p>	
16.2	<p>Community Development Working Party CDWP</p> <p>The CDWP said it would be holding a meeting shortly to discuss priorities.</p>	

