

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 17 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors G. Steward (Acting Chairman), J. Barrett, H. Fuller, J. Howard, Huntington, P. Weatherstone

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council)

1	PUBLIC FORUM None	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Waite – away Cllr. Howard - away	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT None	
4	PLANNING	
4.1	Notices of Decision 13/03967/PLF – Installation of a glazed link canopy to front and erection of single storey extensions to front and rear - planning permission granted	
4.2	13/03301/PLF – Change of use of land and buildings from agricultural to domestic and alterations and extension to link existing house and outbuilding to create additional living accommodation – Mill Farm, South Newbald Road.- AMENDED PLANS <i>Resolved:</i> that Newbald Parish Council has no observations to make on this application.	
4.3	13/04083/PLF – erection of a new dwelling following removal of existing dwelling – Cornerhouse, South Newbald Road - AMENDED PLANS <i>Resolved:</i> Newbald Parish Council still objects to this application on the following grounds and sees no reason to change its mind from the amended plans: <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. 	

	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.	
5	<p>WHITE POSTS ON EASTGATE</p> <p>The Clerk read out ERYC's response to NPC's decision to object to the white posts on Eastgate</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC writes back to ERYC and states that while we understand that they are ecoposts and hence more durable and maintenance free, the Council is still of the opinion that white painted wooden posts, similar to the ones on the Green, would be more in keeping with the conservation area.</p>	
6	<p>HALL FARM</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had had a commitment from ERYC to send somebody to assess whether or not the saplings were going to cause a problem to the Highway now or in the future. She would report back on the outcome.</p>	
7	<p>GRITTING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had received a request from the school for a commitment to either gritting the pavement outside when necessary or providing a grit bin so that the school could carry this out itself.</p> <p>Recommended: that NPC writes to ERYC to ask if they can put a grit bin within the curtilage of the school</p>	
8	<p>PARKING AND SPEEDING PROBLEMS ON BURGATE</p> <p>The Clerk said that the speeding survey which had been carried out on Burgate had indicated that the problem was nowhere near severe enough for ERYC to take any action. In addition, it had ruled out changing the priority of the junction of Townend Road , Burgate and High Hunsley Road.</p>	
9	<p>COMMITTEE PRIORITIES</p> <p>Members considered the list of actions that had come out of the Community Led Plan for the Planning & Highways Committee.</p> <p>Recommended: that NPC writes to ERYC to ask for a brown tourist sign directing people from the A1034 to St. Nicholas Church.</p> <p>Members discussed whether a potential Village Warden should be employed or whether it should be a voluntary role and, if a voluntary role, what the remit might be.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr. Barrett and the Clerk would produce a list of potential duties for a voluntary Village Warden that could be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	Cllr. Barrett, Clerk
10	<p>DRAINAGE AND FLOODING</p> <p>The Clerk explained that in view of the recent inclement weather, she had put this on the agenda as a precaution in case any issue arose which needed to be dealt with.</p> <p>No action was considered necessary at this point in time.</p>	

Meeting finished at 8.40pm