

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NEWBALD SCHOOL ON 2 JUNE 2014 AT 7.30PM

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

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), Cllr. Bradley Birmingham, one member of the public

1	PUBLIC FORUM	
1.1	<p>Richard Howarth, “Frack Off” – re item 14 – Fracking at Crawberry Hill</p> <p>Mr Howarth spoke about Frack Off’s concerns that fracking may take place in East Yorkshire, the potential damage they felt it could do to the environment and the need to take steps now to ensure that it does not happen.</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>None.</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 7 – Playing Field – non pecuniary</p> <p>3.2 Dispensations – None</p>	
4.1	<p>APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES</p> <p>Resolved: that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12 May 2014 are signed as a correct record.</p> <p>Resolved: that the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held on 19 March 2014 be signed as a correct record and adopted.</p> <p>4.2 <i>As Cllr. Bradley Birmingham was present, the Chair moved to item 22 – ERYC Councillors.</i></p> <p>In line with NPC’s stated objective to improve broadband speed in Newbald, Cllr. Hart spoke on behalf of the Community Support Working Party which is looking into how to secure the introduction of fibre optic broadband to the village.</p> <p>Cllr. Hart asked if Cllr. Birmingham could speak to Jonathon Hall at ERYC, Head of the Fibre Optic department, to help add some weight to the argument that Newbald should be on the list of places that gets fibre optic broadband.</p> <p>There are two infrastructure providers in Newbald – BT and KC – and neither of</p>	

	<p>them appears to be committed to the cause.</p> <p><i>Cllr Birmingham left the meeting</i></p> <p><i>The Chair returned to item 5 on the agenda.</i></p>																									
5	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Approval of Payments</p> <p>The following payments were approved – Clerk to arrange payment.</p> <table> <tr> <td>101877</td> <td>Clerk Salary</td> <td>£1038.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101878</td> <td>HMRC Tax and National Insurance</td> <td>£195.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101879</td> <td>Clerk Expenses</td> <td>£56.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101880</td> <td>Domain name and hosting</td> <td>£65.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101881</td> <td>Cartridge Save – printer cartridge</td> <td>£27.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101882</td> <td>Envisage – questionnaire</td> <td>£99.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101883</td> <td>HAPS – Playing Field Grass Cut</td> <td>£65.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101884</td> <td>Nick Reed – Cemetery/church grass cutting</td> <td>£870.00</td> </tr> </table>	101877	Clerk Salary	£1038.25	101878	HMRC Tax and National Insurance	£195.36	101879	Clerk Expenses	£56.74	101880	Domain name and hosting	£65.95	101881	Cartridge Save – printer cartridge	£27.08	101882	Envisage – questionnaire	£99.00	101883	HAPS – Playing Field Grass Cut	£65.00	101884	Nick Reed – Cemetery/church grass cutting	£870.00	Clerk
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6	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>6.1 Development Proposal – single wind turbine at Becks Farm, North Newbald Noted and will wait for the planning application</p> <p>Members noted the letter and decided to wait until the formal planning application was received before making any comments.</p> <p>6.2 DC/13/03571/PLF – Erection of a wind turbine at Newbald Lodge, North Newbald</p> <p>Members discussed what comments to make to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the appeal made by the applicants against the refusal of the above application.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC fully supports ERYC in its decision to object to the planning application and the reasons for it. (<i>Cllr. Huntington abstained</i>)</p> <p>It was agreed that NPC should discuss at its next meeting whether it wanted to produce some guidelines on how to approach future wind farm/turbine planning applications.</p>																									
7	<p>PLAYING FIELD</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>Members discussed various aspects of this subject and agreed that they would need to wait to hear until after the meeting on Wednesday 4 June to make any further</p>																									

	<p>decisions.</p> <p><i>The meeting moved back to open session.</i></p>	
8	<p>PROPOSAL TO SITE A SHOP AT THE TIGER INN</p> <p>No further action was thought to be necessary at this time as Members were in the middle of conducting surveys door to door round the village.</p>	
9	<p>CENTENARY BENCH</p> <p>Cllr. Steward said that he had not had opportunity to speak to John Danby yet, but would do imminently.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Finance & Compliance Committee would look at this again.</p>	
10	<p>CHILDREN PLAYING IN/NEAR THE BECK ON EASTGATE</p> <p>Members discussed an email received from a resident regarding the rights of children to play in the beck vs. the duties of riparian owners to protect the water voles' environment.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC replies to the email to say that the content has been noted.</p>	
11	<p>PROPOSED CEMETERY EXTENSION AND ALLOTMENT PROVISION</p> <p>Members of the Community Development Working party said that they really needed Yorkshire Water to conduct a survey to estimate the cost of laying on water to the allotments. Without this figure, it would be very difficult to produce a feasibility study.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC spends the £113 (approx.) on getting a survey done</p>	
12	<p>MEETING FACILITIES FOR NPC</p> <p>Members discussed a draft contract provided by the Village Hall Association. It was noted that the contract only referred to meetings once a month.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr. Weatherstone would go back to the Village Hall Committee to see if they would be prepared for NPC to hold all its meetings there.</p>	
13	<p>COMMEMORATION OF NEWBALD'S ACTIVITIES IN THE GREAT WAR</p> <p>The Clerk reported back to Council that various activities which had been suggested to NPC and which NPC had said it did not have time to organise but would support, would now not take place as no one was willing to volunteer to do it.</p> <p>Members agreed that when the centenary bench was finished, some kind of event could take place incorporating an opening ceremony. This would be discussed once arrangements and time scales for the creation of the bench had been firmed</p>	

	<p>up.</p> <p>Resolved: that an article should be included in a future newsletter asking people if they are aware of any mistakes or names missing from the war memorial in the cemetery.</p>	
14	<p>FRACKING AT CRAWBERRY HILL</p> <p>Members discussed the presentation given by “Frack Off” at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. that Newbald Parish Council should organise an information evening providing parishioners with all the facts about fracking. It was agreed that it was important to present a balanced picture, with Rathlin Energy Ltd, Frack Off and ERYC all in attendance. ii. that the meeting should be held before the schools break up in July 	
15	<p>MAINTENANCE OF THE BECK</p> <p>Members discussed whether to employ Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (YWT) to conduct an annual check of the part of the beck which they do not manage in order that they can alert NPC to any maintenance problems.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC pays £100 for the annual check and leaves it up to YWT to choose the most effective time to do the inspection</p>	
16	<p>LOCATION OF THE FISH & CHIP VAN</p> <p>Members expressed concern about the location of the fish and chip van.</p> <p>Resolved: that the local PCSO is asked to come and take a look and take action if felt appropriate.</p>	
17	<p>TREES ON THE MIRES</p> <p>Members discussed the state of the trees on the Mires and whether it was appropriate to call in a professional tree surgeon to carry out work to one or more of them.</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be discussed again once Cllr. Steward had completed his Health & Safety report, which will look at The Mires.</p>	
18	<p>HALL FARM</p> <p><i>Agenda items 18-1 and 18-2 were discussed at the same time</i></p> <p>Time being short, it was</p> <p>Resolved: that delegated authority is given to the Planning & Highways Committee to decide on any necessary steps to ensure that the site is safe. Future possible developments on the site will be discussed at a later date.</p>	

19	WANDER – ART ON THE YORKSHIRE WOLDS WAY	
19.1	Steering Group Members were asked to consider if they might like to be part of the steering group that looks at this project. The representative will be finalised later.	
19.2	Newsletter June 2014 <i>Resolved:</i> that this topic should be covered in the June 2014 newsletter.	
20	NEWBALD GALA Member discussed whether it was a good idea for NPC to be represented at this year's gala. Views were mixed. As time was short, it was agreed that those people that felt that NPC should be represented should come up with ideas of what NPC could do there for discussion at the July meeting.	
21	PROGRESS REPORTS	
21.1	Community Support Working Party (CSWP) The final arrangements for Dog Day were discussed.	
21.2	Community Development Working Party (CDWP) The main projects being conducted by CDWP had already been addressed earlier in the meeting.	
22	ERYC COUNCILLORS See Minute 4.2	
23	INFORMATION EXCHANGE None	
29	CORRESPONDENCE 1) Pocklington & Market Weighton Local Links Forum – invitation to attend an event on 24 th June 2014 from 10am to 12pm	Noted

Meeting finished at 9.35pm