

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

**Present:** Councillors G. Steward (Acting Chairman), J. Barrett, J. Howard, E. Huntington, B. O'Sullivan, B. Smith, P. Weatherstone

**In attendance:** Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), County Cllr. Phyllis Pollard, 6 members of the public

1	<p><b>PUBLIC FORUM</b></p> <p>Cllr. Pollard addressed the subject of Crawberry Hill drill site, as it was of obvious concern to both Councillors and members of the public present.</p> <p>She stressed that there is no fracking anywhere in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The drilling process at Crawberry Hill is not fracking. V. Byron from Newbald against Fracking counteracted this stating that the 'mini frack' which is being done can cause the same environmental damage as normal fracking.</p> <p>Cllr. Pollard suggested various ways in which the Council might effectively object to the drilling work in the area.</p> <p>She said the ERYC will not be making a decision on the planning application to extend the testing period at the site based on the rights and wrongs of the process, rather on environmental factors - such as the impact on an area of higher landscape value, the effect on the traffic etc.</p> <p>She also stated again that it is the Government that issues the licences for exploratory drills and fracking, not ERYC.</p> <p><i>Cllr Pollard and four members of the public left the meeting.</i></p>	
2	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Cllr. Waite - on holiday Cllr. Hart - work commitments Cllr. Bainbridge - on holiday</p>	
3	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. O'Sullivan – item 10 – Playing Field – non pecuniary</b></p> <p><b>3.2 Dispensations – None</b></p>	

4	<p><b>APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting 11 August 2014 be signed as a correct record.</p>																						
5	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Approval of Payments</b></p> <p>The following payments were approved – Clerk to arrange payment.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="443 533 1161 801"> <tr> <td>101901</td> <td>Clerk Salary</td> <td>£1038.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101902</td> <td>HMRC Tax and National Insurance</td> <td>£195.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101903</td> <td>Clerk Expenses</td> <td>£60.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101904</td> <td>SLCC Membership</td> <td>£147.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101905</td> <td>PKFLittlejohn</td> <td>£240.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101906</td> <td>Horticulture &amp; Property Services</td> <td>£65.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101907</td> <td>Grass Cutting Playing Field &amp; Cemetery</td> <td>£870.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>5.2 External Auditor's Report 2013-2014</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the External Auditor report had stated that the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention to give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.</p> <p>She said that the External Auditor had however stated that the precept was different to the amount stated in the return. She had established that this was because Newbald Parish Council received a grant from ERYC for that period, which had lowered the precept.</p> <p>The Clerk made the report available for Members to view.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the External Auditor's Report is received by the Council.</p>	101901	Clerk Salary	£1038.25	101902	HMRC Tax and National Insurance	£195.36	101903	Clerk Expenses	£60.19	101904	SLCC Membership	£147.00	101905	PKFLittlejohn	£240.00	101906	Horticulture & Property Services	£65.00	101907	Grass Cutting Playing Field & Cemetery	£870.00	Clerk
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6	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>14/02622/STVAR</b> – Variation of condition 2 of planing permission 12/02945/STPLF to allow a further 24 months in which to complete the approved operations - Land South West of Crawberry Hill, Walkington Heads, Walkington, East Riding of Yorkshire</p> <p>Members were concerned about the continued impact on an area of aesthetic beauty, the risk to the environment and questioned why Rathlin should need two extra years.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. that NPC objects to the planning application</li> <li>ii. that Members of the Parish Council send their reasons for objection to the Clerk within 7 days</li> <li>iii. that the Clerk be given delegated authority to formulate a response to submit to Planning Officers.</li> </ol>	Clerk to inform Planning Officers																					

7	<p><b>DRILL SITE AT CRAWBERRY HILL</b></p> <p>Members discussed their concerns about the exploratory drilling at the Crawberry Hill site.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. that Newbald Parish Council is strongly opposed to further drilling at the site and the possibility of fracking in and around our local area in the future. This is because of the negative impact on the environment and the risk posed to the water supply, should the aquifer be accidentally contaminated</li> <li>ii. that this be stated on the website and in the newsletter</li> <li>iii. that NPC writes to Graham Stuart MP and states its position</li> </ul>	Clerk
8	<p><b>EMERGENCY PROCEDURE</b></p> <p>The Clerk explained the reason for the use of the Urgent Decisions Procedure to make a decision with regards to the cemetery. See Appendix 1.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC approves the use of the Urgent Decisions Procedure for this.</p>	
9	<p><b>CEMETERY RESERVATIONS</b></p> <p>Following on from the letters that had been sent out inviting people to renew their lapsed cemetery reservations, the Clerk said that she had received a phone call from an upset resident who said that she had been verbally assured by NPC back in 2002 that all the 14 year reservations she had had been automatically converted to 99 year reservations at no extra charge. In view of that it was:</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC writes again to the same people informing them that their reservations will be converted to 99 year reservations from the date they first booked them and that this will be free of charge.</p>	Clerk
10	<p><b>PLAYING FIELD</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that the planned meeting between Newbald Playing Field Association (NPFA) and NPC had not yet taken place, however NPFA had suggested a meeting on Wednesday 10 September 2014 at the Church Rooms.</p>	
11	<p><b>PROPOSAL TO SITE A SHOP AT THE TIGER INN</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that good progress was being made towards establishing a shop at The Tiger. A business plan had been submitted, a surveyor had been out to the Tiger to look at the work that needed to be done. Punch Taverns were now considering the application for funding to see if it should be approved.</p> <p>A meeting to discuss this had been organised for 2nd October at The Tiger and members of NPC were invited to attend. Representatives of Punch Taverns and “The Pub is The Hub” would be in attendance.</p>	

12	<p><b>CENTENARY BENCH</b></p> <p>Cllr. Steward said that he did not think it would be long before the bench would be built. John Danby was in discussions with Richard Freeman of K. F. Supplies to organise the materials.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Sullivan said that she had spoken to a couple of the charity organisations and they were willing to help with a street party.</p> <p>It was agreed that more discussions about this would take place when the bench was actually built.</p>	
13	<p><b>NEWBALD FOOTPATH NO. 11 (DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011)</b></p> <p>The Clerk tabled the Inspector's final decision on this and noted that the width of the lane was now only 2.8m at the point at which it met South Newbald Road and had been narrowed at other points as well.</p> <p>Although Members were disappointed with the final outcome, no further action was felt to be appropriate at this time.</p>	
14	<p><b>CHARITY OF CHARLES STATHER AND THE PRATTWOOD CHARITY</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that she was still awaiting advice from ERNLLCA on this issue.</p> <p>Also, she had spoken to Denise Hatfield about accessing the money in the Yorkshire Building Society accounts. Her husband was ill so it would be some time before she could help NPC with this matter.</p>	
15	<p><b>FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND PROVISION IN NEWBALD</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that although she had had some contact with a Robert Hankinson at KC, she was still waiting for the opportunity to have a proper conversation with him. He had suggested meeting up. Apparently the next phase of the roll-out isn't finalised, but there is nothing in relation to Newbald on any technical options to date. So it would seem unlikely that we will be part of that phase.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would meet with Mr Hankinson and feed back to Council, also inviting him to come to a Parish Council meeting if possible to discuss this further.</p>	Clerk
16	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL</b></p> <p><b>16.1 NPC Meetings</b></p> <p>Cllr. Weatherstone provided the meeting with a suggestion from the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) that for the annual sum of £100, the Parish Council can use the Village Hall two Mondays a month, unless they use more than that amount in gas and electricity and providing a full price paying customer does not want to use the Hall at the same time.</p>	

	<p>Members were concerned about losing the use of the school, when the use of the Village Hall was not guaranteed.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC suggests to the VHMC that it pays £100 annually and for that will use the Hall on an ad-hoc basis, but always giving 2 weeks advance notice to the Hall to check that that is OK.</p> <p><b>Meeting with VHMC Members</b></p> <p>Cllr. Weatherstone said that the VHMC was yet to confirm the date of the proposed meeting but he would let Members know.</p>	Cllr. Weatherst one
17	<p><b>SANCTON HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND</b></p> <p>Cllr. Howard tabled some design drawings of Co-op corner that he and his wife had put together depicting a possible way of improving the site, which included replacing the paving stones with ones that were aesthetically pleasing. He did however cite concerns about the concrete layer below the paving stones, which he felt should be removed first, particularly in view of the drainage problems there had been at the site. That would make the venture very expensive.</p> <p>As the land belongs to ERYC, it was</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC writes to ERYC asking if they would consider grassing the area to improve how it looks. (Cllr. Howard voted against).</p>	Clerk
18	<p><b>PROPOSED EXTENSION AT SANCTON HILL WIND FARM</b></p> <p>Cllrs. Howard and Barrett reported back about the meeting of the group opposing the proposed extension of Sancton Hill Wind Farm.</p> <p>They said that the group was conducting a door-to-door short survey in Sancton to get the definitive view of the village. The group wondered if Newbald would consider doing the same and also displaying the opposition signs as Sancton has done.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the group and its aims are given coverage in the newsletter, with an invitation for residents of the village to get involved.</p>	Clerk
19	<p><b>COUNCILLOR VACANCY</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the interviews and co-option will take place on Monday 6th October 2014 directly prior to the next Council meeting</p>	
20	<p><b>GUIDELINES FOR APPROACHING WIND FARMS AND WIND TURBINE APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>Time being short, this item was deferred.</p>	

<b>21</b>	<b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>	
<b>22.1</b>	<p><b>Community Support Working Party (CSWP)</b></p> <p>Cllr. O'Sullivan said she had been in touch with Neil Marsay, Community Defibrillation Officer – North and East Yorkshire, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and was organising a meeting with him to discuss options for community support in Newbald.</p>	
<b>22.2</b>	<p><b>Community Development Working Party (CDWP)</b></p> <p>The CDWP said it had nothing further to report other than what had already been discussed under separate agenda items at meetings, namely the proposed allotments and cemetery extension.</p>	
<b>23</b>	<p><b>ERYC COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>See Minute 1.</p>	
<b>24</b>	<p><b>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</b></p> <p>The Clerk provided Cllr. Huntington with anti-dog fouling and dogs on lead stickers for use at the Churchyard. She would put some up at the cemetery.</p>	
<b>25</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>1) East Riding Parish News – August 2014 including information on the proposed boundary changes between Hull City Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council</p> <p>2) ERYC Conference – 9th October for Parish Council Members</p> <p>3) Recording of Parish and Town Council Meetings – briefing note received 12 August 2014 from the Head of Legal &amp; Democratic Services, ERYC</p> <p>4) Joint Local Access Forum – Annual Report for 2013-14 – email received 7 August 2014 from the Chair of the East Riding of Yorkshire &amp; Kingston Upon Hull Local Access Forum</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

**Meeting finished at 9.35pm**

**APPENDIX 1**

**URGENT DECISION PROCEDURE**

**Date of Use:** 15 August 2014

**Project:** Determining the cost of a memorial in the cemetery

**Extra Spend authorised:** None

Members of the Finance & Compliance committee considered a request from a resident not to have to pay for a new memorial as it was replacing one that was broken. Some cemeteries do charge for this, others don't, Newbald PC has no guidance on it.

Feelings were running high with the client, so the Clerk considered it best to proceed with making a decision rather than waiting for the next Council meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that the resident should not be charged for the new memorial.

Suzanne Smith  
Clerk to Newbald Parish Council  
27 August 2014