

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors Steward (Acting Chairman), J. Barrett, J. Howard, E. Huntington, P. Weatherstone
In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council)

1	PUBLIC FORUM - None	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Waite – on holiday	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr. Steward – Item 4-3 – non pecuniary	
4	PLANNING	
4.1	Notices of Decision	
4.1.1	14/01562/PLF – Alterations to increase roof height and installation of velux windows to create additional accommodation –The Garth, Galegate - planning permission refused.	Noted
4.1.2	14/02229/PLF – Erection of first floor and single storey extensions – Lower Mill Farm, Mill Lane – planning permission granted	Noted
4.2	Planning Applications	
4.2.1	14/02851/TPO – Fell two Sycamore trees located to the rear due to excessive shading and overbearing presence impacting on the amenity of the neighbouring properties – Pinetrees, Townside road, North Newbald. <i>Resolved:</i> that NPC has no observations to make on this planning application.	
4.2.1	14/02864/TCA – Fell and replace cherry tree (T1) as poor specimen, damaging the drive and is in a poor condition: Canopy raise Wych Elm to 5.5 metres and crown clean to improve shape and light into the garden: Crown reduce Coton-Easter by 1 metre and shape – Burgate House, Burgate. <i>Resolved:</i> that NPC has no observations to make on this planning application.	
5	BOUNDARY REFERENDUM Members discussed Hull City Council’s proposed boundary changes and the consultation being held by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. <i>Resolved:</i> that NPC fully supports ERYC’s objections to the proposed boundary change.	

6	<p>EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE RURAL STRATEGY (2013-2016) – REFRESH (2014-2015)</p> <p>The Clerk drew Members attention to this report because it was an important document, even though there was no action to take at the moment</p>	Noted
7	<p>STATE OF THE BECK</p> <p>The Clerk showed Members various photographs taken of the beck by Cllr. O’Sullivan showing that certain parts of it and the bridges going over it were poorly maintained.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. that we write to ERYC asking them to take action to make safe the hole in the driveway leading across the beck towards one of the adjacent properties. ii. that the responsibilities of riparian owners in relation to maintaining the beck are reiterated in the September 2014 newsletter 	
8	<p>DISEASED TREES</p> <p>Members discussed a horse chestnut on The Mires and another opposite the Church, both of which were in a poor condition.</p> <p>Recommended: that an arborologist is employed to come and look at the trees on the Mires and the two horse chestnuts to determine what the most appropriate course of action should be.</p>	
9	<p>UNFINISHED DEVELOPMENTS</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had spoken to the Conservation Officer with regards the former South Cave Tractors site on Eastgate. He said that he had no powers to take any action and suggested that we write to the planning department asking that an article 215 notice be served on the owner of the site, which would require them to tidy it up.</p> <p>She also reminded Members that the owner’s agent had assured her that the building work at the site was the next project on the builder’s list and would be commenced before the end of the year.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. that NPC writes to ERYC asking that an article 215 notice be served on the owner of the South Cave Tractors site 	
10	<p>BEVERLEY ROAD</p> <p>The Clerk reported back that the long closure had been to allow National Grid to recable their electricity pylons. Given it was now open, no further action was considered necessary.</p>	
11	<p>EASTGATE/GALEGATE CORNER</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had approached ERYC to see if they were willing to take action with regards the corner. The corner does not class as Highways, so it is not Highway’s responsibility, but another ERYC department had committed to come and look at the site to see what could be done.</p> <p>Members noted that action had already been taken to cut back the hedges an, eliminate weeds and plant a shrub.</p>	

	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that NPC writes to ERYC and asks whether they have any further plans to improve the corner ii. that Co-op corner is not addressed in the newsletter in the September edition, until it is clear what ERYC's intentions with it are. 	
12	<p>CLIFFE ROAD</p> <p>The Clerk said that The Area Engineer for ERYC had said that Cliffe Road does not meet the strict regulations laid down by law governing which sites can have a stop sign. The Department of Transport would therefore not give permission for one to be placed there.</p> <p>The Area Engineer also said that he had put in a bid to resurface Cliffe Road in August 2013, valued at £211,680. It will be rated every year against every other road in the authority on a number of factors and depending on how high up the ranking table it gets determines whether it receives funding or not. Cliffe Road is not in this financial year's programme but the re-assessment process starts this month.</p> <p>No further action was considered necessary at this time.</p>	
13	<p>SANCTON HILL WIND FARM PROPOSED EXTENSION</p> <p>The Clerk reminded Members that the next meeting of the group opposed to the extension of Sancton Hill Wind Farm was due to meet on Thursday 25th September 2014 at 7pm.</p> <p>Cllrs Barrett, Howard and Steward said they would go to the meeting.</p>	
14	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN</p> <p>The Clerk gave feedback from ERYC about NPC's query about removing the diagonal road across The Green. According to ERYC, the estimated cost of doing so would be about £35k and, given the current financial constraints, it would be unlikely that the funding would be forth coming either on the grounds of safety or for aesthetic reasons.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC writes to ERYC and finds out full details as to the feasibility of NPC removing the road itself using an approved contractor and what that would entail both practically and legally.</p>	
15	<p>CHURCH WALL</p> <p>Members discussed the wall but decided it would be beneficial to take a closer look prior to making a decision on whether any work needed to be carried out.</p>	

Meeting finished at 8.30pm