

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 20 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors Waite (Chairman), Steward (Vice Chairman), M. Bainbridge, J. Barrett, J. Howard,
E. Huntington,

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council)

1	PUBLIC FORUM - None	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. P. Weatherstone – delayed at work	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT None	
4	PLANNING	
4.1	Notices of Decision DC/14/02864/TCA – Various tree works at Burgate House, Burgate – Planning Permission granted.	
4.2	Planning Applications	
4.2.1	14/02946/PLF – Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwelling and integral garages – development land, South Newbald Road. Recommended: i. that the application is refused on the grounds that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of that land is much more appropriately used as amenity land for the site, for example somewhere where children can play safely. • increased overfill of the area will lead to saturation of the site. The properties are already close together ii. If the planning officer is recommending a different decision, NPC would like this planning application to be referred to the Planning Committee. Resolved: that this is put on the Full Council agenda for full discussion.	
5	DOG FOULING ON THE MIRES Members discussed a problem with dog waste being carried on vehicle tyres and ending up on the highway. Resolved: that NPC refers this matter to ERYC dog warden and see if they can take some action	
6	DISEASED AND DAMAGED TREES The clerk said that a tree surgeon had come and looked at the various trees discussed before. Both the twisted tree on the Mires and the one in front of the Church were dead	

	<p>inside and would need to come down soon. She said she had not yet received a quote for the work.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That an application is made to fell the tree on The Mires ii. That the tree in front of the Church is referred to ERYC as it is on Highways land 	
7	<p>FORMER SOUTH CAVE TRACTOR SITE, EASTGATE</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had had an email from ERYC stating that they were going to negotiate with the landowners to see if they would take steps to tidy up the site and provide a suitable enclosure. Should that approach not work, they intended to ask their Enforcement team to take action.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Clerk chases this up to see what progress has been made.</p>	
8	<p>EASTGATE/GALEGATE CORNER</p> <p>Members considered whether NPC should take on the land and maintenance duties at Eastgate/Galegate corner</p> <p>Recommended: that NPC should pursue the taking on of the land as part of a community asset transfer</p>	
9	<p>SANCTON HILL WIND FARM PROPOSED EXTENSION</p> <p>Members discussed the group opposing Sancton Hill Wind Farm Extension and whether NPC should take any further action to fight the proposal.</p> <p>Given that the group had been featured in the newsletter and had been given their own space on the website, it was felt that NPC had done enough for now.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that the group might want to look at extending their survey to include Newbald too.</p>	
10	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had had feedback from ERYC which suggested that the legal process of removing the road across the Green would not be too onerous, providing not too many objections were received. In addition, very minimal signage would be required, possibly one change of road layout sign on Burgate.</p> <p>Resolved: that this be put on the Full Council Agenda and recommended as a way forward.</p>	
11	<p>BRIDGE ACROSS THE BECK</p> <p>The Clerk said that ERYC had taken steps to repair the dangerous hole in the bridge, however the legalities as to who should be responsible for maintenance generally were complicated and ERYC would come back to her in due course with an answer.</p>	
12	<p>SOUTH NEWBALD ROAD/HOTHAM ROAD JUNCTION ON A1034</p> <p>Members discussed whether there should be a "Cyclists Crossing" sign at the junction for safety reasons.</p> <p>Resolved: to request that ERYC come and take a look and say what they are able to offer to improve safety at the junction.</p>	

13	CHURCH WALL Members discussed the wall and agreed that there was cause for concern. Resolved: that three builders are asked to come and look at the wall and state what work they feel needs carrying out.	
14	WANDER – ART ON THE YORKSHIRE WOLDS WAY Given Cllr. Bainbridge had volunteered to apply for funding for this, no further action was felt to be necessary at this point in time.	
15	GUIDELINES FOR APPROACHING WIND FARM AND WIND TURBINE APPLICATIONS Members discussed whether it was necessary to have guidelines or whether each application should be treated on its own merits. The opinion was expressed that it was dangerous to consider applications in isolation as the cumulative effect of individual wind turbines would be very detrimental to the landscape in the long term. It was agreed that Cllr. Barrett would come up with a specific proposal that could be considered at the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee.	

Meeting finished at 8.45pm