

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT NEWBALD SCHOOL ON 20 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 6.30PM

Present: Councillors Waite (Chairman), B. O’Sullivan, P. Weatherstone
Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council)

1	<p>PUBLIC FORUM</p> <p>None</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr. Steward – prior commitment</p>	
3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>3.1 Declarations of Interest - None</p> <p>3.2 Dispensations - None</p>	
4	<p>NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL 2015-2016 BUDGET PREPARATION</p> <p>Members considered the budget and agreed a proposal to go forward to Full Council for consideration at its meeting on 1 December 2014.</p>	
5	<p>PATH ACROSS THE GREEN TO THE TIGER</p> <p>The Clerk showed Members the three quotes she had received for the path across the Green, including alternative materials that had been suggested by contractors.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC would prefer Plaspave Sorrento to be used as the paving material</p>	Clerk
6	<p>COUNCIL STRUCTURE AND EFFICIENCY</p> <p>Members discussed ways in which the Council could run more efficiently to ensure that agenda items are always completed.</p> <p>The Chairman tabled draft terms of reference for a potential new amalgamated Standing Executive Committee, which would take on the functions of both the Community Development and Community Support working parties. He felt this may help ensure that the important issues that the working parties are responsible for were dealt with more effectively.</p> <p>The possibility of keeping the current working parties but formalising them more was discussed also.</p>	

	<p>Resolved: that Members consider what the terms of reference and reporting procedure for the working parties might be and bring this back to Finance & Compliance Committee for consideration.</p>	
7	<p>CEMETERY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE</p> <p>Members discussed the possibility of creating a Garden of Remembrance within the existing Cemetery, rather than waiting for the cemetery to be extended.</p> <p>Resolved: that a proposal is put to Full Council that three existing burial plots are used as a Garden of Remembrance reserved solely for the burial of ashes.</p> <p>It was agreed that if this motion is approved by Council, this will be put back on the agenda of the Finance & Compliance for further discussion on how to implement it.</p>	
8	<p>CEMETERY REGULATIONS</p> <p>Members agreed to look further at these and consider them again at the next meeting.</p>	
9	<p>CHARLES STATHER AND WILLIAM GILL CHARITIES</p> <p>Members discussed what to do with the funds held in the Charities' names.</p> <p>Recommended: that the Parish Council seeks to become the custodian of the funds and that the money is distributed between the three charities.</p>	Clerk
10	<p>LOCAL GRANT FUND</p> <p>Members discussed the ERYC Local Grant Fund. The Clerk said that at an event she had attended recently, ERYC had made it clear that they would look favourably on applications for emergency equipment.</p> <p>Recommended: that NPC makes an application early in the New Year for emergency equipment</p>	Cllr. O'Sullivan & The Clerk
11	<p>RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The Clerk tabled copies of an amended Risk Assessment and Management document.</p> <p>Time being short, Members took the copies away to consider at home and agreed to discuss the document again at the next committee meeting.</p>	

Meeting finished at 8.00pm