

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NEWBALD SCHOOL ON 3 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

**Present:** Councillors C. Waite (Chairman), G. Steward, M. Bainbridge, J. Barrett, J. Howard, E. Huntington, E. Openshaw, B. O'Sullivan, P. Weatherstone

**In attendance:** Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), Cllr. Phyllis Pollard

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| <b>1</b>   | <b>PUBLIC FORUM</b><br><br>None   |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br><br>Cllr. D. Hart – working late<br>Cllr. B. Smith – dog is ill   |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>3</b>   | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>  |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>3.1</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br><br>Cllr. O'Sullivan – items 7 and 8 – non pecuniary   |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>3.2</b> | <b>Dispensations – None</b>   |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>4</b>   | <b>APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>   |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>4.1</b> | <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting and Extraordinary Council meeting held on 6 October 2014 are signed as a correct record.  |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>4.2</b> | <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes of the Finance & Compliance Committee held on 20 October 2014 be signed as a correct record and adopted.  |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>4.3</b> | <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held on 20 October 2014 be signed as a correct record and adopted.   |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
| <b>5</b>   | <b>FINANCE</b><br><br><b>Approval of Payments</b><br><br>The following payments were approved – Clerk to arrange payment.   |          |                            |        |        |                       |         |        |              |          |        |                 |         |        |                |         |        |                            |        |  |
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|            | 101923 HAPS – Playing Field grass cutting £65.00<br>101924 Centenary Event Catering £600.00   | Clerk                             |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>PLANNING</b><br><br><b>To consider and comment on the following planning applications:</b>   |                                   |
| <b>6.1</b> | <b>14/02946/PLF</b> – Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings and integral garages – development land, South Newbald Road<br><br><b>Resolved:</b> In addition to the points made in the Planning & Highways Committee proposal, it should also be pointed out that it would lead to a loss of trees.<br><br><i>The Chair moved to item 17</i>   | Clerk to inform Planning Officers |
| <b>6.2</b> | <b>ERYC Councillors</b><br><br>Members discussed the recent correspondence with Rob Mansell, Legal Officer at ERYC, regarding the width of Spring lane. Cllr. Pollard said that she would chase up a response and convey the thoughts of NPC.<br><br>Members also discussed wind farm applications. Cllr. Pollard said that single wind turbines are causing the ERYC Planning Committee a lot of problems. Farmers want them for good green reasons but the cumulative effect of them is detrimental. She suggested that it would be useful for NPC to have a map showing where all the current and planned wind turbines are when considering future wind turbine applications. It was agreed that the Clerk would see if she could find such a map on the ERYC website, otherwise Cllr. Pollard would provide one.<br><br><i>Cllr. Pollard left the meeting. The Chair moved back to item 6.2</i>  |                                   |
| <b>6.3</b> | <b>14/02716/PLF</b> – Erection of 1. No. wind turbine (24.8m to hub and 36.3m to tip) and associated infrastructure – land north of Becks Farm, Beverley Road<br><br><i>At this point, the Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item because he had already objected personally.</i><br><br><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC recommends that the application be refused on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are already a lot of wind turbines in the area and the cumulative impact on the environment is very pronounced and negative.</li> <li>• This wind turbine would have an overbearing effect on the surrounding countryside, especially when considered in conjunction with the other turbines. It is also very close to Newbald village.</li> <li>• The wind turbine would be visible from North Newbald and South Newbald conservation areas, which would be highly detrimental to the amenity of both of these special areas.</li> </ul><br>NPC feels strongly about the application and if the planning officer is recommending a different decision, NPC asks that this is referred to the Planning Committee. ( <i>Cllr. Huntington voted against</i> ) | Clerk to inform Planning Officers |

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| 7 | <p><b>NEWBALD FOOTPATH NO. 11</b></p> <p>Members discussed the fact that ERYC had stated that it did not feel that the restriction of the width of the Spring Lane footpath, as compared to the width declared in the DMMO, was significant enough to warrant taking any action to have the low level obstruction removed.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC writes back to ERYC stating that Members of Newbald Parish Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. believe that the width should be enforced at precisely that declared in the DMMO i.e. 2.8 metres at the South Newbald Road end.</li> <li>ii. are in agreement with the comments made to ERYC by the Chairman and the Clerk and were disappointed not to have had a reply yet.</li> </ol>   |  |
| 8 | <p><b>PLAYING FIELD</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> 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><i>The Chairman decided to take items 8 and 13 together.</i></p> <p>Cllrs. O’Sullivan and Weatherstone reported back on a positive meeting held between members of Newbald Playing Field Association (NPFA) and Village Hall Committee. Members were very open to the possibility of working together in the future on a joint project.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> now that NPC has had further discussions with relevant parties and ascertained that in principle there is a way forward with Option 1, to ask ERYC if they can begin negotiations on NPC’s behalf to ascertain whether the land can be made available.</p> <p>Members agreed that providing positive confirmation is received from ERYC on this, Members will discuss organising an Extraordinary meeting to include Members of NPFA and the Village Hall Committee.</p> <p><i>The Chair moved back to open session.</i></p> |  |
| 9 | <p><b>PROPOSAL TO SITE A SHOP AT THE TIGER INN</b></p> <p>The Community Development Working Party reported that it had held a meeting at The Tiger on 23 October 2014. They had discussed the plans for a shop with Julie, the Landlady.</p> <p>Julie had worked out a timetable for the shop, detailing when she felt she might need voluntary help.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. that a meeting is organised in the New Year with a view to setting up a committee of volunteers who will then take over the voluntary staffing aspect of the shop</li> </ol>  |  |

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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. that those that have already expressed interest in helping at the shop, together with anyone else interested, should be invited to come along.</li> <li>iii. that Julie from The Tiger Inn will be requested to be present</li> <li>iv. that the meeting will be promoted in the December 2014 newsletter and an update given to residents on the current progress in terms of the shop.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>CENTENARY BENCH AND OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <p>Members discussed the competition to determine what the inscription for the top of the bench should be</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the competition should ask for inscriptions of up to 30 words only. If there are any graphics, these can be determined afterwards by the Council.</p> <p>All other aspects of preparation for the event were already in hand.</p>   |  |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN</b></p> <p>Members discussed the Planning &amp; Highways Committee's recommendation that NPC pursues the idea of removing the diagonal road across the Green</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That NPC would like to remove the diagonal road if it is an idea supported by the village</li> <li>ii. That as a first step, NPC should talk to those people who live on The Green. They should be invited to attend the Public Forum of an NPC meeting</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>12</b> | <p><b>ACQUISITION OF CO-OP CORNER</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Community Asset Transfer</b></p> <p>Members considered the possibility of acquiring the piece of land at the corner of Eastgate and Galegate as part of a community asset transfer, which would see NPC taking on responsibility for its upkeep and management.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC asks ERYC to progress the community asset transfer.<br/><i>Cllr. Huntington voted against.</i></p> <p><b>12.2 Proposal from Newbald Resident</b></p> <p>The Clerk outlined the proposal from a Newbald resident who lives adjacent to the land. He would like to buy a 6m strip of the land for his personal use and would then contribute towards landscaping the remaining part of the land for the benefit of the village. He said that ERYC had previously refused his request.</p> <p>Members felt that a decision on this would need to be made further down the line once NPC had successfully acquired the land.</p> <p>Cllr. Huntington said that she would like it recording that if ERYC were not prepared to sell the land to the resident, we should keep it as community land in her opinion.</p> |  |

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| <b>13</b>   | <b>VILLAGE HALL</b>  |  |
| <b>13.1</b> | <b>NPC's Use of The Hall</b><br><br>Time being short, this item was deferred   |  |
| <b>13.2</b> | <b>Future Plans for the Hall</b><br><br>The plans drawn up for the Hall had previously been shown to Council as part of item 8.  |  |
| <b>14</b>   | <b>FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND PROVISION IN NEWBALD</b><br><br>The Clerk said that she had not heard back from the KC Representative as yet, so this item was deferred.  |  |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>FIELDS FARM</b><br><br>Cllr. Huntington said that the matter of lorries erroneously coming into the village when on their way to Fields Farm Eggs had been referred to the police.<br><br>The Police are now progressing this with a view to telling the vehicle drivers that they are breaking the law coming into the village.<br><br><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC writes to Newbald's PCSO and asks her to write back with an update on what is happening.  |  |
| <b>16</b>   | <b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>  |  |
| <b>16.1</b> | <b>Community Support Working Party (CSWP)</b><br><br>The party said that it had met just a short while ago. It was arranging First aid training in the new year. It was also considering updating the dog poo signs with some harder hitting ones.   |  |
| <b>16.2</b> | <b>Community Development Working Party (CDWP)</b><br><br>The activities of the Community development working party had already been discussed as part of item 9.<br><br>The Chairman noted that he had been looking at the terms of reference for the working parties and felt that the Community Development Working Party was perhaps overburdened. It was agreed that the terms of reference and the members of the different committees should be looked at by the Finance & Compliance Committee. |  |
| <b>17</b>   | <b>ERYC COUNCILLORS</b><br><br>See Minute 6.2.   |  |

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| <b>18</b> | <b>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</b><br><br>The Clerk said that as Rathlin had obtained an 18 month extension to its contract and NPC had been invited to a police meeting, work at the site was likely to commence quite imminently. |       |
| <b>19</b> | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b><br><br>1) <b>“Connect To Support”</b> – one stop e-market place to help people who have cared support needs to access advice, services and products that will help them retain their independence.     | Noted |

**Meeting finished at 9.35pm**