

**NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE  
HELD AT NEWBALD SCHOOL ON 20 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 8.00PM**

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

<b>1</b>	<b>PUBLIC FORUM - None</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr. Steward – prior commitment	
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>  None	
<b>4</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Notices of Decision</b>  None	
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
<b>4.2.1</b>	<b>14/03481/PLF</b> – Erection of first floor extension to side and erection of single storey extension to rear (Re-submission of 14/02229/PLF) – Lower Mill Farm, Mill Lane  <i>Resolved:</i> that the proposal is put to Full Council that NPC has ‘No observations’ to make on this planning application.	
<b>4.2.2</b>	<b>14/02860/PLF</b> – Erection of 1 no. 3.5kW wind turbine (height to hub 14.37m and 16.4m to tip) – Land North East of Stackyard Cottage, Monckton Walk Farm, Littlewood Road  <i>Resolved :</i> that the following proposal is put to Full Council for consideration NPC objects to this planning application for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. When looked at within the broader context, the cumulative effect of the many wind turbines and farms in the Wolds is detrimental to the local area.</li> <li>ii. This wind turbine would be very close to the village, visible from two conservation areas (North Newbald and South Newbald), and within an area that is designated as being of higher landscape value.</li> <li>iii. This is one of the most elevated sites in the area and this would increase the adverse impact on the surrounding countryside.</li> <li>iv. The wind turbine is going to provide power for domestic purposes and will not be of benefit to the community.</li> </ul> Should the planning officer be recommending a different decision, NPC asks that this planning application be brought before ERYC Planning Committee  (Cllr. Huntington abstained)	

4.2.3	<p><b>Trees at Ash Tree Farm</b></p> <p>Members discussed the fact that it had been reported that trees that were removed at Ash Tree Farm as part of the building work there had not been replaced as stipulated in the conditions of the planning application.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC writes to Alan Hemingway and requests that they check and confirm that the conditions of the planning application have been adhered to.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b></p> <p><b>5.2</b></p> <p><b>5.3</b></p>	<p><b>TREE WORK</b></p> <p><b>Removal of Diseased Tree from The Mires</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that she had applied for planning permission to remove the diseased Horse Chestnut on The Mires.</p> <p>She provided Members with the cheapest quote obtained for removing this tree and also for doing some work to the storm damaged willow.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. that, subject to getting planning permission, the work to remove the Horse Chestnut goes ahead</li> <li>ii. that planning permission is sought for the work on the willow and that NPC goes ahead with that work at the same time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tree Planting at the Mires</b></p> <p>Members discussed replanting trees on the Mires. They agreed it would be good to plant at least two, one to replace the Horse Chestnut and another to replace the previous tree lost to storm damage.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC asks Alan Hemingway, ERYC Tree Officer, what species we would be best planting.</p> <p><b>Beech Tree in the Churchyard</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that she had received a letter from the Parochial Church Council requesting that the branches of a large beech tree be cut back as they are very close to the South West corner of the Nave. This was picked up during their recent Quinquennial Inspection.</p> <p>She said that she had taken a tree officer there and he had not considered the tree to be a threat at this moment in time, especially as beeches only grow slowly. There was still a considerable distance between the Nave and the branches.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC writes to the Parochial Church Council and explains that is has sought professional opinion. Although the branches don't pose a problem at this stage, NPC will monitor the situation.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6	<p><b>FORMER SOUTH CAVE TRACTOR SITE, EASTGATE</b></p> <p>The Clerk informed Council that the site had been sold and ERYC were now liaising with the new owners to see if a more suitable enclosure could be created to make the site less of an eye sore.</p>	
7	<p><b>BRIDGE ACROSS BECK</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that she had still not received any information about this from ERYC but John Hannah was actively seeking to get to the bottom of whose responsibility the maintenance of the bridge is.</p>	

8	<p><b>SOUTH NEWBALD ROAD/HOTHAM ROAD JUNCTION ON A1034</b></p> <p>The Clerk said she was still waiting to hear from ERYC on this issue.</p>	
9	<p><b>CHURCH WALL</b></p> <p>The Clerk said she had received quotes to do maintenance work on the whole wall and these were proving very expensive. (£3,500+). However, just to repair the part of the wall that had fallen down was £240.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC goes ahead and gets the immediate work of repairing the decayed part of the wall done.</p>	Clerk
10	<p><b>GUIDELINES FOR APPROACHING WIND FARMS AND WIND TURBINE APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>Cllr. Barrett outlined the many factors that could come into play when considering whether or not to object to a planning application for a wind turbine.</p> <p>In view of the negative cumulative effect of so many wind turbines in the area, Members</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that a proposal is put forward to Full Council that NPC should object to every planning application for a wind turbine or a wind farm, unless the applicant (not the agent) comes along to a NPC meeting and convinces Members otherwise.</p>	
11	<p><b>SIGNAGE ON THE A1034</b></p> <p>Members discussed whether or not the many signs on the A1034 were acceptable.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC asks ERYC to come and look at the signage and take any appropriate action.</p>	Clerk
12	<p><b>LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that NPC had been invited to take part on the consultation over the next Local Transport Plan, due to be published next year. Members did not consider it necessary to comment at this stage.</p>	
13	<p><b>DOG FOULING</b></p> <p><b>13.1 Dog Fouling on the Mires</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported back ERYC's response to the problem of dog fouling on The Mires</p> <p><b>13.2 Dog Fouling Complaint</b></p> <p>The Chairman said he had received a complaint from a resident about dog fouling, specifically owners that cleaned up but then disposed of the bags in hedges or otherwise inappropriately.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that this issue is addressed in the December 2014 newsletter.</p>	Clerk

Meeting finished at 9.30pm