

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NEWBALD SCHOOL ON 1 DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors C. Waite (Chairman), G. Steward, J. Barrett, J. Howard, D. Hart, E. Huntington, E. Openshaw, B. Smith, B. O’Sullivan, P. Weatherstone

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

1	PUBLIC FORUM None	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Bainbridge – delayed at work	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT 3.1 Declarations of Interest 3.2 Cllr. O’Sullivan – items 7 and 8 – non pecuniary The Clerk – item 5-3) - pecuniary 3.2 Dispensations – None	
4	APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES 4.1 Resolved: that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3 November 2014 are signed as a correct record. 4.2 Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance & Compliance Committee held on 20 November 2014 be signed as a correct record and adopted. 4.3 Resolved: that the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held on 20 November 2014 be signed as a correct record and adopted.	
5	FINANCE 5.1 Budget and Precept for 2015-16 The Clerk tabled the budget and precept proposal prepared by the Finance & Compliance Committee. She then also highlighted some potential changes in view of new information about her salary and the fact that predicted expenditure in a couple of areas was likely to be less than anticipated for 2014-15. Resolved: that the budget be approved as per the attached sheet. See Appendix 1. Newbald Parish Council will therefore raise a precept of £29,363.67 for the financial year 2015-16.	

<p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>5.5</p>	<p>SLCC Training at South Cave</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the Clerk attends the SLCC training at South Cave on 9 December 2014</p> <p>Pay Award for Clerk</p> <p>Members considered the pay award that had been given to all clerks on the scale</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that Council notes as and approves the pay increase.</p> <p>Parish Council Insurance Review</p> <p>The Clerk said the insurance was due for renewal at the end of the Year. NPC is on a three year contract. She had checked the insurance schedule and was confident that the Council was adequately covered. She tabled the insurance schedule for Members to consider</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that Members consider the insurance cover to be adequate for the Council's needs and, in line with the three year agreement already entered into, chooses to remain insured with Came & Company for 2015.</p> <p>Approval of Payments</p> <p>The following payments were approved – Clerk to arrange payment.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="443 1077 1161 1317"> <tr> <td>101925</td> <td>C Potter - Pest Control at Cemetery</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101926</td> <td>Parish Council Insurance</td> <td>£331.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101927</td> <td>Clerk Salary</td> <td>£1038.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101928</td> <td>HMRC Tax and NI</td> <td>£195.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101929</td> <td>Clerk expenses</td> <td>£186.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101930</td> <td>SLCC Training</td> <td>£20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101931</td> <td>HAPS – Playing Field grass cutting</td> <td>£65.00</td> </tr> </table>	101925	C Potter - Pest Control at Cemetery	£100.00	101926	Parish Council Insurance	£331.99	101927	Clerk Salary	£1038.25	101928	HMRC Tax and NI	£195.36	101929	Clerk expenses	£186.02	101930	SLCC Training	£20.00	101931	HAPS – Playing Field grass cutting	£65.00	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Members considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>14/03481/PLF – 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</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC has 'No observations' to make on this planning application.</p> <p>14/02860/PLF – 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.</p> <p>Members concurred with the Planning Committee's proposal.</p>	<p>Clerk to inform Planning Officers</p>																					

	<p>Resolved: NPC objects to this planning application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. iii. This is one of the most elevated sites in the area and this would increase the adverse impact on the surrounding countryside. iv. The wind turbine is going to provide power for domestic purposes and will not be of benefit to the community. <p>Should the planning officer be recommending a different decision, NPC asks that this planning application be brought before ERYC Planning Committee</p> <p><i>(Cllr. Huntington abstained)</i></p>	
6.3	<p>14/03067/PLF – Erection of first floor extension – Whale Bridge Park, South Newbald Road</p> <p>Resolved: No observations</p> <p>The Clerk told Councillors that NPC had received another wind turbine application and that a response was required by 19 December 2014. If Council wishes to respond, this will require another Full Council meeting to be called before Christmas.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Full Council meeting would be held on 15 December 2014 instead of the usual two committee meetings.</p>	Clerk to inform Planning Officers
6.4	<p>Wind Farm Planning Policy</p> <p>Members considered the proposal put forward by the Planning Committee.</p> <p>Cllr. Huntington expressed concern that NPC should not treat wind turbine applications any differently to other planning applications.</p> <p>Other members said that it was important to have a strong approach given the cumulative effect of the wind turbines in the area.</p> <p>Some Members expressed the opinion that it should not be expected that the applicant rather than the agent is comes along to the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: The presumption will be that planning applications for new wind turbines will not be supported by NPC. However NPC will invite the applicant or the agent to attend the meeting at which it is to be discussed and present its case. Members will then take all the arguments into account and come to a considered decision.</p> <p><i>(Cllr. Huntington voted against this; she stated she regards it as a rather draconian measure).</i></p>	The Clerk
7	<p>NEWBALD FOOTPATH NO. 11</p> <p>The Clerk fed back ERYC response to NPC’s previous assertion that the width of Spring lane should be strictly enforced by ERYC. ERYC had maintained its stance that the obstruction was de minimus in terms of a public footpath and it would not be taking any action.</p>	

	<p>Resolved: that NPC finds out who it should write to to take this matter further and then writes a strong letter to that person/organisation maintaining that it feels that the footpath should be maintained at the width declared in the DMMO.</p> <p><i>(Cllr. Weatherstone votes against)</i> <i>Cllr Weatherstone left the meeting as he had another commitment.</i></p>	The Clerk
8	<p>PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>The Clerk said she had been informed by ERYC that negotiations with the landowner would be commenced by Neil Archbutt, but that he would most likely want to speak to the Parish Council first.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Clerk contacts Neil Archbutt and finds out when he is going to talk to NPC.</p>	The Clerk
9	<p>PROPOSAL TO SITE A SHOP AT THE TIGER INN</p> <p>The Clerk said a meeting for people who were willing to volunteer at the shop had been organised for Wednesday 14 January at 8pm and publicised in the newsletter. People who had already expressed an interest in volunteering would in addition be contacted directly in the New Year.</p> <p>Members agreed it was important that the meeting was well organised and purposeful in order to engage potential volunteers and secure their commitment to the project. They also felt that The Tiger should take the lead.</p> <p>Resolved: that in the next two weeks the Community Development Working Party (CDWP) meets to discuss what the main aims of the meeting are, how it should be implemented and then agrees the approach with the management at The Tiger. The CDWP will then feed back to the next Full council meeting on 15 December 2014.</p>	CDWP
10	<p>ACQUISITION OF CO-OP CORNER</p> <p>The Clerk said that the potential community asset transfer had been referred to the V&E team at ERYC team, whose job it was to survey the land and look at the issues around granting a transfer to the Parish Council. They had not come back to her as yet.</p>	
11	<p>VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Given that NPC's representative on the Village Hall Committee was no longer at the meeting, this item was deferred until the New Year.</p>	
12	<p>FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND PROVISION IN NEWBALD</p> <p>The Clerk provided feedback from KC that Newbald was now being actively considered for fibre optic broadband. The technical aspects and commercial viability were being looked into and may need to be supported by a village survey in the future.</p> <p>The Clerk said she had already thanked KC, but would do so again on behalf of NPC.</p>	

13	<p>GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE IN THE CEMETERY</p> <p>Members considered the Finance & Compliance Committee's proposal.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC agrees that a garden of remembrance should be created out of three current burial plots in the cemetery.</p> <p>This will be put back on Finance & Compliance Committee in January so that they can come up with more firm plans.</p>	FCC
14	<p>MEETING TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN</p> <p>Members discussed when to hold the meeting with the residents of The Green to discuss the potential removal of the diagonal road across The Green.</p> <p>Resolved: that the meeting be held for half an hour ahead of the January Full Council meeting.</p>	
15	<p>COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN DECEMBER</p> <p>Given that Members had already decided to hold a Full Council meeting on 15 December, rather than the Committee meetings, this item no longer required discussion.</p>	
16	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>16.1 Community Support Working Party (CSWP)</p> <p>Time being short, this item was not discussed at this meeting</p> <p>16.2 Community Development Working Party (CDWP)</p> <p>Time being short, this item was not discussed at this meeting</p>	
17	<p>ERYC COUNCILLORS</p> <p>None</p>	
18	<p>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</p> <p>Cllr. O'Sullivan said that she had noticed that chip fat had been poured down the drains near co-op corner and on The Green. She volunteered to take some photos in order that this could be reported to Yorkshire Water.</p> <p>Cllr. Steward said he had attended the wind farm panel meeting and gave a run-down of which organisations had been successful in obtaining funding. Given that there had been applications with a total value of £175,000, many people had been disappointed. However various Newbald organisations had benefited.</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had been to a police meeting about the Crawberry Hill site. They had stressed the need for great care to be taken when driving along that road as the protestors were often very close to the road.</p>	

19	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>1) Private Sewage Pumping Stations in Yorkshire – Transfer to Yorkshire Water – to consider an email received from the Stakeholder Assistant at Yorkshire Water informing us from 1st October 2016, all eligible private sewage pumping stations in Yorkshire will automatically transfer to Yorkshire Water and asking for people’s help in reporting their pumping stations to them.</p> <p>2) Exploring Opportunities for Rural Development – Invitation to attend a half day seminar on 4 December 2014 at Bishop Burton College, which aims to provide an opportunity for representatives of Community Wind Farm Fund Panels to share insights on rural issues and consider ways to address them – email received on 6 November 2014 from the Rural Policy & Partnerships Manager, ERYC</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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Meeting finished at 9.35pm

