

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 16 MARCH 2015 AT 7PM

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

<b>1</b>	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> - None	
<b>2</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr. O'Sullivan – on holiday. Cllr. Steward – away on business	
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> <b>The Clerk – Item 10</b> - pecuniary	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Dispensations</b> - None	
<b>4</b>	<b>SOBER HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND</b> The Clerk tabled the copy of the Sober Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Contract, which had already been agreed by Full Council, for the Chairman to sign.  She said that she had been informed that almost all the charities/organisations in the village were planning on applying. She had set a deadline such that all the applications could be considered together at the April 2015 Finance & Compliance Meeting.	
<b>5</b>	<b>CREATION OF A SHOP IN THE VILLAGE</b> Members discussed the meeting of volunteers planned for the next night. The Chairman said he planned to inform the meeting of what had happened in relation to the plans for the shop at The Tiger, gather ideas about where else a shop could be set up and see if there was any possibility of setting up a community group that could move the project forward. Members agreed this to be the best course of action.	
<b>6</b>	<b>NPC'S USE OF VILLAGE HALL</b> Members considered a response from the Village Hall that reiterated that for the £100 annual payment to be agreed, the Parish Council would need to enter into a contract with the Hall, specifying what nights and what facilities it intended to use.	

	<p>Members felt that due to the difficulties in coming to a flexible agreement over regular use of the Hall, it was</p> <p><b>Recommended:</b> that NPC continues to use the school and Church Rooms for its meetings.</p>	
7	<p><b>CHARLES STATHER AND WILLIAM GILLS CHARITIES</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that following a visit to the bank with the signatories and Cllr. Steward, the two charity accounts had been closed down and she had cheques made payable to NPC for the full amounts. Unfortunately it had not been possible to transfer the accounts into NPC's name as the NPC minutes had not specified exactly who NPC wished the signatories to be.</p> <p>In terms of the invested funds, the Clerk said that the Fund Managers had still not reached a decision as to what they would do about Stather and Gill's lack of charitable status, but she would speak to them to determine the best way forward. She would then put this back on the agenda for consideration.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the Clerk opens a new bank account and makes sure that the dividends from the invested funds are paid into this.</p>	Clerk
8	<p><b>TOUR DE YORKSHIRE</b></p>	
8.1	Members felt no further action was necessary at the moment in relation to the Tour de Yorkshire.	
8.2	<p>Members considered Mr Parry's generous offer to buy 100m of Tour de Yorkshire bunting and felt that it should be accepted</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that this offer is referred to the Playing Field Association to action.</p>	Clerk
9	<p><b>CEMETERY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that following the decision to create a Garden of Remembrance in the cemetery, she felt it was necessary to mark the plot out in some way to distinguish it from the rest of the cemetery and make it easier to determine the plots as and when people wished to reserve them.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the Clerk obtain quotes for edging the Garden of Remembrance with block paving and creating a gravel path down the middle.</p>	Clerk
10	<p><b>PENSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CLERK</b></p> <p>The Clerk outlined the East Riding Pension Fund and the level of contributions that the Council would need to pay.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would do some more investigations into alternative pension arrangements so an informed decision could be reached.</p>	

Meeting finished at 8.15pm