NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD AT NEWBALD SCHOOL ON 16 MARCH 2015 AT 8.00PM

Present: Councillors Waite (Chairman), J. Barrett, J. Howard, E. Huntington, P. Weatherstone

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), 1 member of the public

1	PUBLIC FORUM	
	A member of the public came to address issues at no 57 Eastgate.	
	She felt that there were two problems at the property.	
	Firstly the owner had created a raised bed with high kerbs on what she considered to be Highways property. She felt the kerbs were dangerous.	
	Secondly, although the owners had obtained retrospective planning permission for a car port, they were now converting this into a garage without having obtained planning permission for this.	
	The member of the public left the meeting.	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Cllr. Steward – on business trip	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT	
	None	
4	PLANNING	
4.1	Notices of Decision	
	None	
4.2	Planning Applications	
4.2.1	15/00182/PLF – Erection of single storey extension to rear – The Old Vicarage, Church Mount	
	Resolved: that Newbald Parish Council has no observations to make	Clerk
4.2.1	Red House Farm Proposal to Apply for Stopping Up Order for Lane	
	Resolved: that Newbald Parish Council would not support this application but would be happy to assist the owner in ensuring that ERYC met its obligations to maintain the lane.	Clerk

5	CORNER OF DOT HILL CLOSE AND EASTGATE	
	Members discussed the issues raised in relation to no. 57 Eastgate. Members agreed that the kerbs were a hazard and that the issue of the garage being built without planning permission needed to be addressed.	
	Resolved:	
	 i. that, given the Council's concerns about the safety of the edging, the number of complaints received from residents and the observation that the raised bed is on ERYC Highways land, that the Head of Highways at ERYC is asked to come and take a look with a view to seeing whether some action should be taken by ERYC ii. that the car port being turned into a garage without planning permission is referred to ERYC planning enforcement team. 	Clerk Clerk
6	WOLDS WAY MANAGEMENT PLAN	
	Members considered various requests from the National Trails Officer at North York Moors National Park to contribute towards looking after and promoting the Wolds Way.	
	Members felt that the Parish Council currently had other more important priorities.	
7	DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN	
	Members discussed the way forward with potentially developing The Green. Most felt that on the whole it would be advantageous, from both a safety and aesthetic perspective to remove one or both the diagonal roads across the Green.	
	It was noted that the residents of The Green had been largely supportive, though some concern had been expressed about parking.	
	Resolved : that an on-site meeting is arranged with ERYC Head of Highways, the Chairman and the Clerk to discuss the matter further.	Clerk
8	STREET LIGHTING	
	Members discussed whether any measures needed to be taken to improve street lighting in the village.	Cllr. Waite &
	Resolved: that the Chairman and Cllr. Huntington take a walk round the village after dark to identify any areas which may be a cause for concern.	Cllr. Huntington
9	PUBLIC FOOTPATHS	
	Members discussed ways in which good maintenance of the public footpaths could be encouraged.	
	Resolved:	
	 i. That Cllr. Howard asks members of the WI who are keen walkers anyway, if they would mind reporting any issues that they see to NPC. ii. That the Ramblers Association is also asked to report back if it sees anything untoward on the footpaths around Newbald. 	Clerk