

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 13 APRIL 2015 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors C. Waite (Chairman), Cllr. Steward (Vice Chairman), M. Bainbridge, J. Howard, E. Huntington, E. Openshaw, B. O'Sullivan, B. Smith

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council)

1	PUBLIC FORUM None	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Steward – will arrive late as on business trip to London Cllr. Weatherstone – family bereavement Cllr. Barrett – prior long term commitment	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT	
3.1	Declarations of Interest	
3.2	Cllr. O'Sullivan – items 13 – non pecuniary	
3.2	Dispensations – None	
4	APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES	
4.1	Resolved: 1) that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 March 2015 and are signed as a correct record. 2) that the minutes of the Finance & Compliance meetings held on 26 February and 16 March 2015 are signed as a correct record and adopted. 3) that the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held on 16 March 2015 and are signed as a correct record and adopted.	
5	FINANCE	
5.1	2014-15 Financial Year Audit The Clerk reported that the 2014-15 accounts were now ready for the internal auditor and would be formally presented to Council in full at the May or June meeting as part of the Annual Return. Meanwhile she provided each Member with a Bank Reconciliation and the Receipts and Payments Account for the 2014-15 financial year.	

<p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>She explained that after taking advice, she had paid the Charities money into the main bank account.</p> <p>SLCC Clerk Training Day on 21st April in Withernsea</p> <p>Members considered whether the Clerk should attend the SLCC training day.</p> <p>Resolved: that the clerk attends the training day.</p> <p>Payment Approval</p> <p>The following payments were approved – Clerk to arrange payment.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="443 678 1161 981"> <tr> <td>101953</td> <td>Professional Membership</td> <td>£459.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101954</td> <td>Allotments</td> <td>£598.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101955</td> <td>Levelling of Green and filling holes</td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101956</td> <td>HAPS – grass cutting</td> <td>£65.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101957</td> <td>Clerk Expenses</td> <td>£132.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101958</td> <td>Clerk Salary</td> <td>£1025.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101959</td> <td>HMRC Tax and National Insurance</td> <td>£187.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101960</td> <td>SLCC Training Day – Clerk</td> <td>£20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101961</td> <td>Village Hall – Rent of room</td> <td>£15.00</td> </tr> </table>	101953	Professional Membership	£459.17	101954	Allotments	£598.50	101955	Levelling of Green and filling holes	£150.00	101956	HAPS – grass cutting	£65.00	101957	Clerk Expenses	£132.63	101958	Clerk Salary	£1025.74	101959	HMRC Tax and National Insurance	£187.04	101960	SLCC Training Day – Clerk	£20.00	101961	Village Hall – Rent of room	£15.00	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.2.1</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Planning Decisions</p> <p>15/00182/PLF – Erection of single storey extension to rear of The Old Vicarage, Church Mount – planning permission granted.</p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>15/00705/PLF – Erection of a wind turbine (24.8m to hub and 36.6m to tip and associated infrastructure (resubmission of 14/02716/PLF) – land north of Becks Farm, Beverley Road.</p> <p>Resolved: that Newbald Parish Council recommends that the application should be refused for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There are already a lot of wind turbines in the area, including two wind farms close by, and the cumulative impact on the environment is very pronounced and negative. The area already has its fair share of wind turbines 2) The wind turbine would have a significant adverse effect on the landscape character and harm visual amenity, especially when considered in conjunction with the other turbines 3) This wind turbine is particularly close to Newbald village, which would not only make it visually overbearing but would give rise to noise pollution. In certain weather conditions, residents can already hear the wind turbines at Sober Hill and Sancton Hill and this impact should not be exacerbated by 																												

	<p>adding an additional turbine</p> <p>4) The wind turbine would be visible from both North Newbald and South Newbald conservation areas, which would be highly detrimental to the amenity of both of these special areas.</p> <p>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>).</p>	Clerk
6.2.2	<p>15/00713/PLF – Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings and integral garages (Revised scheme of 14/02946/PLF) – development land, South Newbald Road.</p> <p>Resolved: NPC recommends that the application is refused on the grounds that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Building these two properties would result in unacceptable building density and lead to saturation of the residential site. The properties on Monckton Rise are already very close together 2) Several trees would need to be felled to accommodate the new properties 3) The loss of the open space and trees would have a very negative impact on the visual amenity of the whole residential site. In particular nearby properties will suffer a loss of outlook to the detriment of their residential amenity 4) When the planning application for the original Monckton Rise development was submitted and subsequently granted, the open land on which these two properties would be sited formed an integral part of the plans - designed to preserve an open aspect, improve the residential amenity of the development and make it more appealing. Without the inclusion of this open land, planning permission may well not have been granted. Therefore to now attempt to destroy that open land and include two new properties is unacceptable 5) The land is much more appropriately kept as amenity land for the site, for example somewhere where children can play safely 6) The site lies outside of development limits in an area that is defined as open countryside. The hamlet of South Newbald has no need for new dwellings and the creation of the two properties would not constitute sustainable development and would have a very significant negative impact on the character of the area as a whole. The priority should be to preserve the open countryside location and not allow any further developments that will erode its pleasant outlook. <p>NPC feels strongly about this application and if the planning officer is recommending a different decision, NPC asks that this is referred to the Planning Committee.</p>	Clerk
6.2.3	<p>15/00593/PLF – Erection of a single storey extension – Stackyard Cottage, Monckton Walk Farm, Littlewood Farm.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC has no objections to the application.</p>	Clerk

7	<p>CEMETERY MEMORIAL</p> <p>The Clerk tabled a diagram of a non-standard memorial which Rotherhams had requested permission to install in the cemetery.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that permission for the memorial is granted.</p>	Clerk
8	<p>TOUR DE YORKSHIRE</p> <p>8.1 Outdoor Toilets</p> <p>Members discussed whether it would be a good idea to provide portable toilets for the day of the Tour de Yorkshire to ease the pressure on the toilets in the Church Rooms and Village Hall</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the Parish Council organises for there to be 6 portable toilets - 4 will be positioned on the Green outside Mr & Mrs Langton's house (The New House) and, subject to getting ERYC permission, two others will be located near Townend/Burgate corner.</p> <p>8.2 Helping with Approaching people/houses re bunting</p> <p>Members discussed whether they should help to approach houses about erecting bunting. Cllr. O'Sullivan felt it was unnecessary for Council members to do this and said she would talk to her fellow NPFA members to arrange something.</p>	Clerk Cllr. O'Sullivan
9	<p>SOBER HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND</p> <p>The Clerk outlined the applications that had been made to the Sober Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund and said she would email the details to all members.</p> <p>She said that she had been unable to open a bank account specifically for the community benefit fund as she needed a Council resolution to do so. Therefore on this occasion, the money would pass through the Parish Council's normal current account.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that Newbald Parish Council opens a bank account with the Unity Trust Bank for the Sober Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.</p>	Clerk
10	<p>FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND PROVISION IN NEWBALD</p> <p>10.1 Broadband Meeting</p> <p>The Chairman outlined how the meeting with our MP, Senior Management at BT and representatives of ERYC on 20 March had gone. He explained that broadly it was good news. BT were already going to supply 150 houses in the village with superfast broadband, as part of the joint broadband rollout project it was working on with ERYC. The other houses could not legally be supplied because another provider (in our case likely to be KC) had already committed to supplying the village. However as an option, BT was prepared to look at the costs involved with supplying the whole village and would let the Parish Council know what the village would need to contribute towards those in order for BT to be able to go ahead.</p>	

10.2	<p>In addition, another provider, Connexin, who create wireless networks that operate at the same speed as fibre optic broadband had expressed an interest in expanding its service to include Newbald.</p> <p>The Clerk added that since the meeting, Relaxbroadband, which offered a similar service to Connexin, had said it too would be happy to talk to NPC about supplying Newbald Parish.</p> <p>Action to Take</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the Chairman and John Connolly talk to the various suppliers to see what the plans and possibilities are when it comes to introducing superfast broadband to Newbald.</p>	Chairman & John Connolly
11	<p>PATH OUTSIDE THE TIGER</p> <p>The Clerk said that progress in replacing the path across the grass to The Tiger was slow as ERYC were insisting that the specification for it needed to be improved because this land belonged to Highways. Normally ERYC would insist on tarmac, but recognised that this was unacceptable to the community, so it was a matter of reaching a compromise.</p> <p>She said that she and the Chairman were meeting with the Head of Highways at ERYC on 16 April 2015 and hopefully a solution acceptable to both parties could be agreed upon.</p> <p>She said that unfortunately she was sure that the final specification would cost more than Punch Taverns had committed to pay.</p>	Clerk & Chairman
12	<p>SETTING UP OF A SHOP IN NEWBALD</p> <p>12.1 Volunteer Meeting</p> <p>The Chairman and Cllr. Howard reported that the meeting of potential shop volunteers had been poorly attended. Only 6 people out of a possible 75 had turned up. They had done some brainstorming and, while there was some enthusiasm for the ideas generated, Cllr. Howard had been unable to organise a time for a second meeting when all could attend.</p> <p>12.2 Action to Establish a Shop</p> <p>Given the lack of commitment to push the project forward, it was decided that the idea of introducing a shop to the village should be put on the back burner for now.</p>	
13	<p>PLAYING FIELD ACCESS ROUTE</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had not yet received any quotes for tarmacking the lane from NPFA. Cllr. O'Sullivan said she would chase these up.</p>	Cllr. O'Sullivan
14	<p>CENTENARY BENCH INSCRIPTION</p> <p>Cllr. Steward said he had not had opportunity to prepare a possible inscription, however he would put something together and email it to all Members.</p>	Cllr. Steward

15	<p>TREE PLANTING IN THE MIRES</p> <p>The Clerk said that of the two trees that the Parish Council had decided it wished to plant, one could be planted now but the other would have to wait until November. Alternatively they could both be planted in November.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the trees are both planted in November.</p>	
16	<p>OPPOSITION GROUP – NO MORE WIND TURBINES FOR SANCTON</p> <p>Members discussed a communication received from the group opposing the proposed extension at Sancton Hill Wind Farm which was keen to find ways in which Newbald residents could participate fully in its campaign.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that NPC is happy to support the opposition group with its intention of going door-to-door in the village and delivering its newsletter to Newbald residents. 2) That NPC will include an article in the newsletter outlining how and why they should oppose to the wind farm extension, should they wish to do so 3) That NPC should consider its own strategy in relation to the proposed wind farm extension. This should be put on the agenda for the Planning & Highways Committee to consider. 	Clerk PHC
17	<p>LAND BACK OF THE VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Cllr. Howard said the Community Development Working Party would look again at the allotments proposal and re-familiarise themselves with it so this could be discussed further at a future meeting.</p>	CDWP
18	<p>DEFIBRILLATOR FOR PHONE BOX</p> <p>The Clerk reported that we are still at the stage of applying for and getting approval for adopting the phone box. This can take up to 3 months to complete as ERYC is consulted.</p>	
19	<p>COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS</p> <p>The Clerk gave the latest update about the land at the corner of Eastgate and Galegate. The ERYC legal department was still checking the legal title of the land in order to establish whether a community asset transfer is possible.</p> <p>Members further discussed whether it would also be advantageous if the land outside the Tiger, which currently forms part of ERYC Highways, was transferred into the ownership of the Parish Council and became part of The Green.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC applies to acquire the land outside The Tiger by means of a Community Asset Transfer</p>	Clerk

20	PROGRESS REPORTS	
20.1	<p>Community Support Working Party (CSWP)</p> <p>Cllr. O’Sullivan said that the Members of the group had been struggling to find opportunity to work together as two of the Members had to work nights. However they had established a meeting date for the near future.</p> <p>She said the Community Emergency Plan was completed and currently being checked by ERYC.</p> <p>She also said that Dog Day would be organised for later in the year as the usual date in early May was not appropriate this year because of the Tour de Yorkshire race on 2 May.</p>	
20.2	<p>Community Development Working Party (CDWP)</p> <p>The priorities for this group had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.</p>	
21	ERYC COUNCILLORS	
	None in attendance	
22	INFORMATION EXCHANGE	
22.1	The Clerk said raised the subject of ERYC’s Village Taskforce Walkabout which was due to take place on Thursday 16 April 2015. They would like the Parish Council to be represented. Cllrs. Huntington and Openshaw volunteered to attend.	
22.1	Cllr. O’Sullivan raised the issue of parking in the village. It had been shocking at the weekend as a result of a cycle race & jogging group both starting out from Newbald. She would like to see measures taken to try and tackle the situation, such as a polite notice to go on car windscreens. It was agreed that the parking situation should go on the next Planning & Highways Committee agenda for discussion.	
23	CORRESPONDENCE	
23.1	Changes to the smaller authorities’ local audit and accountability framework – document published by the Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2015.	
23.2	Hornsea (Round 3, Zone 4) Offshore wind farm: Project Two – Application for a second offshore wind farm project with the Hornsea Round 3 Zone and associated offshore cable route, electrical infrastructure and connection of the existing National Grid substation located at North Killingholme – letter dated 10 March 2015 received from the Development and Consents Manager, Smart Wind Ltd.	Noted
23.3	Annual Wolds Cycle Challenge to take place on 11 and 12th July 2015 – email received from the Assistant Safety Officer from cycleyorkshirewolds.com.	Noted

Meeting finished at 9.30pm