

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7PM

Present: B. O'Sullivan (Acting Chairman), J. Barrett, J. Howard, E. Huntington, G. Lewis, E. Openshaw, B. Smith

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), Robert Hankinson (KC), Amy Tuttle (KC), David and Allison Burton (Eastwold residents)

1	<p>PUBLIC FORUM</p> <p>Mr Robert Hankinson and Amy Tuttle spoke on behalf of KC re item 9 – Provision of Superfast Broadband</p> <p>Mr Hankinson said that KC had looked at the business case for the whole of the East Riding of Yorkshire and confirmed that it intended to deliver superfast broadband to all East Riding villages, including Newbald. This would not be dependent on proving that there was demand in the village or on securing conversions from other suppliers.</p> <p>He said he would be able to provide further detail on the timings of the rollout for Newbald by Christmas, but thought it was likely to be February/March time.</p> <p>The plan was to create four 'footprints' in Newbald, so there will be four injections of superfast broadband into the village's network, thus diminishing the negative impact of long lengths of copper cable which reduce speed.</p> <p>The installation of true fibre optic cables would be some way off, but he was confident that this current technology would make a very significant impact and allow for speeds of up to 30MB/s for some places in Newbald, though that would obviously vary depending on location and distance from the cabinet.</p> <p>He mentioned that it would be beneficial for users to be made aware of the new service via the Parish newsletter.</p> <p>He said that he would get a map to confirm the full area being covered by the rollout and check to ensure that this includes South Newbald.</p> <p><i>Robert Hankinson and AmyTuttle left the meeting. Cllr. Smith arrived at 19.22</i></p> <p>Dave & Allison Burton of Eastwold re. Item 12 street lighting in Newbald</p> <p>Dave & Allison said that the residents in Eastwold would like the streetlights there to be replaced by heritage ones rather than standard ones. They wanted to know if the Parish Council may be able to fund them or know of any grant funding they could apply for.</p> <p><i>Mr and Mrs Burton left the meeting.</i></p>	
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2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr. Steward – on holiday Cllr. Joshi – childcare issues Cllr. Smith – apologised for late arrival due to work Cllr. Weatherstone – working ERYC Cllr. Pollard – important issues being raised at another Council may prevent her from being able to attend</p>													
3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>3.1 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr. O’Sullivan – Items 12 and 14 – non pecuniary Cllr Barrett – Item 12</p> <p>3.2 Dispensations – None</p>													
4	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2015 and are signed as a correct record.</p>													
5	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>5.1 External Auditor's Report 2014-2015</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the External Auditor report had stated that the Annual Return for 2014-15 is in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention to give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. The Clerk made the report available for Members to view.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the External Auditor's Report is received by the Council.</p> <p>5.2 Pest Control in the Cemetery</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that Despatch Pest Control is contracted for a further year.</p> <p>5.3 SLCC Training Day</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the Clerk attends the training day in Hessle on 10 September 2015.</p> <p>5.2 Payment Approval</p> <p>The following payments were approved – Clerk to arrange payment.</p> <table data-bbox="443 1899 1161 2094"> <tr> <td>101997</td> <td>External Audit of Annual Return</td> <td>£240.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101998</td> <td>WD Joinery – Repair Church Railing</td> <td>£30.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101999</td> <td>Despatch Pest Control – rabbit control in the cemetery</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>102000</td> <td>Clerk expenses</td> <td>£82.07</td> </tr> </table>	101997	External Audit of Annual Return	£240.00	101998	WD Joinery – Repair Church Railing	£30.72	101999	Despatch Pest Control – rabbit control in the cemetery	£100.00	102000	Clerk expenses	£82.07	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>102001 Dog Day Expenses £26.39</p> <p>102002 Clerk Salary £1093.79</p> <p>102003 HMRC Tax and National Insurance £212.59</p> <p>102004 Yorkshire Water – Cemetery £31.68</p> <p>102005 HAPS – Playing field grass cutting £71.00</p> <p>102006 Humber Landscapes – Cemetery/Churchyard grass cutting £333.33</p> <p>102007 SLCC Membership £149.00</p> <p>102008 ERYC – Allotment Rental £598.50</p>	Clerk
6	PLANNING	
6.1	Notices of Decision	
6.1.1	15/01165/PLF – Alterations to increase roof height and installation of velux windows to create additional accommodation – The Garth, Galegate – Planning permission granted	Noted
6.1.2	15/00713/PLF –Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings and integral garages – Development Land, South Newbald Road- planning permission granted	Noted
6.2	Planning Applications	
	<p>The Clerk said she had just received an application for a variation of a condition of an already approved development, namely:</p> <p>15/02502/VAR – Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of planning reference 15/40139/NONMAT (non material amendment for planning reference 08/00595/PLF) – West Hall Farm, 8 Westgate</p> <p>She said that she was currently making enquiries as to whether the change was one that the Council would want to comment on as it was unclear from the documentation online. If it was, which she felt unlikely, she would consult with Members.</p> <p><i>The Chairman moved to item 9 on the agenda.</i></p>	
7	PROVISION OF SUPERFAST BROADBAND	
	<p>Members were positive about the news from Kingston Communications (KC) of the rollout of superfast broadband to the village, although it was acknowledged that not everyone would want to use the new service. Some may prefer to stay with BT or consider other options.</p> <p>It was agreed that if KC were going to put something in the December 2015 newsletter, BT should be offered the same opportunity.</p>	
8	VILLAGE HALL	
	<p>Cllr. Openshaw said that the Village Hall Management Committee had been somewhat dismayed and mystified by NPC’s response to its funding requests.</p>	

	<p>It was now waiting to receive development proposals back from its architect before taking any further action. NPC would have the opportunity to see these when they are ready.</p> <p><i>The Chair moved back to item 7 on the agenda.</i></p>																															
9	<p>ORGANISATION OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p>Members discussed whether to reintroduce the committees and what to do about the working parties.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Community Support and Community Development working parties are maintained but that the committees remain suspended (<i>Cllr. Huntington abstained</i>)</p> <p>It was agreed that membership of the working parties would be discussed at the next meeting as there was likely to be a new Councillor joining then.</p>																															
10	<p>PRIORITISING NPC INITIATIVES</p> <p>Members discussed a proposal by Cllr. Steward and the Clerk as to what the Council's priorities should be in terms of those objectives listed in the Community Led Plan. Members agreed on the priorities and the Clerk will use this as a guide for future agendas. Here are the priorities identified:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>High priority</th> <th>Medium Priority</th> <th>Low Priority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Allotment feasibility</td> <td>First Aid Training</td> <td>Cemetery extension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Superfast broadband</td> <td>Campaign for better mobile signal</td> <td>Cemetery renovation of building</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Combatting dog fouling</td> <td>Review of Village Hall lease</td> <td>Community transport</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green consultation</td> <td></td> <td>Dog fouling consultation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Creation of shop</td> <td></td> <td>Healthcare access in village</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Improving street lighting</td> <td></td> <td>Space for jobs - website</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Quality Council status</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Traffic consultation</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Tree Study</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>The Chair moved on to item 11</i></p>	High priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Allotment feasibility	First Aid Training	Cemetery extension	Superfast broadband	Campaign for better mobile signal	Cemetery renovation of building	Combatting dog fouling	Review of Village Hall lease	Community transport	Green consultation		Dog fouling consultation	Creation of shop		Healthcare access in village	Improving street lighting		Space for jobs - website			Quality Council status			Traffic consultation			Tree Study	
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11	<p>SOBER HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND</p> <p>11.1 Application by St Nicholas Church</p> <p>Members considered a request by St Nicholas' Church that the money allocated to the redesign of the entrance is paid in cash, rather than being committed to in a letter of intent (as was decided at the last meeting of NPC). This is because the nature of their funding applications and involvement of York Diocese make it necessary for actual funding to be in the bank account before further funding will be made available.</p>																															

13.2	<p>As it was almost the end of the grass cutting season, Members agreed that it was not worth trying to change grass cutting contractors for the rest of the 2015-16 financial year.</p> <p>Flattening of rabbit holes in the cemetery</p> <p>The Clerk said she had not yet heard from Cllr. Steward whether he had contacted Nick Reed about this, so Members agreed this should go back on next month's agenda.</p>	
14	<p>ACCESS TO THE PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had not yet received any quotes from Newbald Playing Field Association (NPFA) for the tarmacking work.</p>	
15	<p>PROPOSED ALLOTMENT PROVISION</p> <p>The clerk fed back the results of the allotment survey for which the response rate had been poor and which had not produced a clear result one way or the other.</p> <p>It was agreed that Members of the Community Development working party would get together to consider the results and what the next steps should be.</p>	CDWP
16	<p>GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE</p> <p>The Clerk said that she needed delegated authority in order to liaise with Will Dowson and make decisions to get the project off the ground. She also requested that a couple of councillors join in the discussions so that she could consult with them.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the Clerk is given delegated authority to make decisions about this project and will consult with Cllrs. Smith and Lewis.</p>	Clerk, Cllrs. Lewis & Smith
17	<p>CREATION OF A VILLAGE SHOP</p> <p>Members agreed that given the Gnu were under new management, it would be a good idea to approach them to see if they might be interested in selling some basic provisions.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs. Steward and O'Sullivan would have a word with them and report back to the meeting.</p>	Clerk, Cllrs Steward, O'Sullivan
18 18.1	<p>THE GREEN</p> <p>Speed Bumps</p> <p>The Clerk said that it had been Cllr. Steward's suggestion that the Council consider whether to lobby for speed bumps on the main diagonal road across the Green in order to improve safety, particularly at the corner where the road meets Burgate. Members said they would prefer to discuss this further when he was present at the meeting.</p>	

18.2	Consultation with Village Members agreed generally that it would be a good idea to consult with the whole village as to whether there was any support for the idea of removing one or both of the diagonal roads across the Green. Time being short, it was felt that this should come back on the agenda for further discussion.	
19	SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER <i>Resolved:</i> that the Clerk be given delegated authority to produce the September 2015 newsletter in consultation with Cllr. Steward.	Clerk, Cllr. Steward
20	FORMER CHARITY FUNDS The Clerk said that, yet again, she had not heard back from Black Rock about the investments still held in the Charities' name. She has continued to chase it up.	Clerk
21	COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS AND/OR LEASING OF LAND – CO-OP CORNER The Clerk said that ERYC had come back to us to ask if NPC would prefer to obtain the freehold on the land (for a nominal fee) or to have a peppercorn lease. Given it would not commit them to proceed, it was <i>Resolved:</i> that NPC considers the terms for obtaining the freehold.	Clerk to obtain
22	ERYC COUNCILLORS - None attended	
23	INFORMATION EXCHANGE - None	
24	CORRESPONDENCE	
24.1	“The Dog Poo Challenge” – a project looking for volunteers who, whilst going about their normal activities, will feel able to confidently approach people that do not pick up after their dogs – request to promote this in our newsletter – email dated 10 August 2015 received from the Dog Warden, Public Protection, East Riding of Yorkshire Council.	Noted
24.2	Rathlin Energy UK Limited – Decision not to carry out further exploratory gas & oil work at the Crawberry Hill site – email received from the Chief Executive, Mercurygroup.	Noted
24.3	Opportunity to attend a “Being a Good Councillor” Course organised by ERNLLCA – email received 10 August 2015 from the Executive Officer, ERNLLCA.	Noted
24.5	SLCC 2015 Regional Roadshow, Brighouse, West Yorkshire – opportunity to attend this event on Wednesday 4 th November 2015 to keep up-to-date with the latest legal information for town and parish councils.	Noted

Meeting finished at 9.30pm

APPENDIX 1

URGENT DECISION PROCEDURE

Date of Use: 7 September 2015

Project: Sober Hill Wind Farm Fund – Grant Variation

Extra Spend authorised: None

At the meeting of Newbald Parish Council on 7 September 2015, the Clerk tabled a request by Newbald Playing Field Association for a variation in what it could use its Sober Hill Wind Farm Fund grant for. This was not on the agenda.

It was considered that it would be detrimental for Newbald Playing Field Association for the decision to be deferred to the next meeting on 5 October 2015.

This urgent decision procedure, agreed by Newbald Parish Council (See Minute 11.2, Page 2015/77), enabled the Council to make a decision, despite the item not being on the agenda.

Suzanne Smith
Clerk to Newbald Parish Council