

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 21 MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM

Present: G. Steward (Chairman), B. O’Sullivan (Vice Chairman), J. Barrett,
E. Huntington, M. Joshi, G. Lewis, E. Openshaw, B. Smith

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), Ms Becky Clarke (later Cllr. Clarke), one member
of the public

1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr. J. Howard – away Cllr. P. Weatherstone – working</p>	
2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>2.1 Declarations of Interest - None</p> <p>2.2 Dispensations – None</p>	
3	<p>CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR</p> <p>3.1 Interview Questions and Interviewers</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the co-option interview questions tabled by the Clerk are approved for use in the forthcoming interviews. ii. that Cllrs O’Sullivan and Joshi ask the interview questions. <p>3.2 Option To Exclude Press and Public</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public are excluded for agenda item 3-3) under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.</p> <p>3.3 Interviews</p> <p>Individual interviews of the two candidates were carried out in line with East Riding of Yorkshire Council’s Equal Opportunity Policy.</p> <p>3.4 Co-option</p> <p>Councillors voted by show of hands and, having obtained a majority of votes, it was</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that Becky Clarke is formally co-opted onto the Council.</p> <p><i>Cllr. Clarke joined the Council.</i></p>	

4	<p>VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Members considered the response by the Village Hall Management Committee to NPC's communication arising from 7 March meeting. In particular, it was noted that the Chairman, David Williams, had resigned from the Committee.</p> <p>The Village Hall Management Committee had requested a meeting with the Chairman and Cllr. Openshaw to gain clarification and see what the way forward might be.</p> <p>The Clerk said she was seeking professional advice on the Village Hall lease and also on whether NPC would need to apply for permission from the Secretary of State for any extension to the Village Hall, given that it is on common land. As the proposed extension would only be small, Members hoped that it would not be necessary.</p> <p>The Clerk also provided costings for applying for the common land to be deregistered as this had been something the Village Hall Management Committee had felt would be beneficial. The starting price would be a non-refundable application fee of £4,900. The application would require further supporting documentation and land to offer in exchange.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the Chairman and Cllr. Openshaw meet with members of the VHMC as soon as possible and then report back to NPC. ii. That Cllr Openshaw seeks to obtain the previous extension plans for the Village Hall drawn up in the 1990s. iii. Once in receipt of the above, that the Clerk endeavours to find out if it is necessary to apply to the Secretary of State for permission to extend the current Village Hall based on those plans. iv. That NPC does not apply for the common land that the Village Hall is located on to be deregistered. 	
5	<p>QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>Members discussed whether FONS should be allowed to use the Green to hold a picnic event in June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed over whether they would have the necessary insurance.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC suggests to them that the School field would be a safer and more appropriate venue for such a celebration.</p>	