

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOMS ON 1 AUGUST 2016 AT 7.30PM

Present: B. O’Sullivan (Acting Chairman), J. Barrett, B. Clarke, J. Howard, E. Huntington, M. Joshi, G. Lewis, E. Openshaw, B. Smith, P. Weatherstone

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), County Cllr. Bradley Birmingham, Jenni Howard, members of ‘Poo Busters’ and their parents

<p>1</p>	<p>PUBLIC FORUM</p> <p>Re: Item 5-1) – Year 6 Life Style Group ‘Poo Busters’ came to talk to Members about their plans to tackle dog fouling in the village.</p> <p>The pupils explained that they had been fund raising to raise money to purchase three dog poo bag dispensers that they would like to install in the village to help combat the problem.</p> <p>They wanted the Parish Council to help by approving the locations of the dispensers, buying them and committing to the ongoing maintenance and purchase of dog poo bags to refill the dispensers in the future.</p> <p><i>The Poo Busters and their parents left the meeting.</i></p> <p>Re: Item 11- Jenni Howard from the Village Hall Management Committee – Jenni showed Members a plan for alterations to and extension of the Village Hall, which incorporated a new community meeting room, new office and new toilets.</p> <p>She also tabled a document showing a program of works and anticipated time scales. She explained that, in order to secure funding, it was important that the work was carried out in such a way that the Village Hall’s income was protected and enhanced at all stages. That meant that it may be appropriate to buy seemingly less important items, such as AV equipment, ahead of doing structural work.</p> <p>She wanted to make sure that the Parish Council understood that whatever the Village Hall Management Committee applied for funding for from the Sober Hill Wind Farm Fund was part of the bigger plan and needed to be seen in that context.</p> <p>She also emphasised the fact that, in order to secure funding for the work to the Village Hall, everything they applied for had to meet a proven need within the community and that it was essential that the Parish Council supported the project financially.</p> <p><i>Jenni Howard left the meeting</i></p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr. G. Steward – working</p>	

<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr. Openshaw – item 11 – non pecuniary Cllr. Howard – item 11 – non pecuniary Cllr. Lewis – item 11 – non pecuniary</p> <p>Dispensations – None</p>																			
<p>4</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2016 are signed as a correct record.</p>																			
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Year 6 Lifestyle Group ‘Poo Busters’ - Request for Support in Tackling Dog Fouling in Newbald</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC will purchase and maintain the three dog poo bag dispensers for the village on the understanding that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. ‘Poo Busters’ reimburses the Parish Council for the cost of the bins, less the VAT which can be reclaimed ii. The dispensers are situated at the bottom of Dot Hill, outside the Village Hall and on the Playing Field near the bins iii. That ‘Poo Busters’ arranges for them to be installed and makes clear how they are going to do this prior to the purchase. <p>Approval of Payments</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> In accordance with financial regulations, the following payments are noted and/or approved. Clerk to arrange payment where appropriate.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Int. Payment</td> <td>The Cumbria Clock Company Ltd – clock service</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£186.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Int. Payment</td> <td>Clerk Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1076.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Int. Payment</td> <td>HMRC Tax & NI</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£214.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Int. Payment</td> <td>East Riding Pension Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£424.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Int. payment</td> <td>Clerk Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£67.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Int. Payment</td> <td>Countrywide Grounds Maintenance – grass cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£740.76</td> </tr> </table>	Int. Payment	The Cumbria Clock Company Ltd – clock service	£186.00	Int. Payment	Clerk Salary	£1076.17	Int. Payment	HMRC Tax & NI	£214.48	Int. Payment	East Riding Pension Fund	£424.15	Int. payment	Clerk Expenses	£67.01	Int. Payment	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance – grass cutting	£740.76	
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<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.1.1</p> <p>6.1.2</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Notices of Decision</p> <p>16/01568/VAR – Variation of condition 1 (holiday occupation only) on application 08/03411/VAR) to allow for holiday occupation and short-term business/employment letting only – planning permission granted.</p> <p>16/01662/PLF – Erection of first floor extension to side – 16 Galegate – planning permission granted.</p> <p>Planning Applications</p>																			

6.2.1	<p>16/02138/CLE – Certificate of lawfulness – Ground Floor Flat, Whale Bridge Park.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC has no observations to make on this application</p>	Clerk
6.2.2	<p>16/02298/PLF – Change of use of land to domestic curtilage of ground floor flat, conversion of existing store to garage and alterations to boundary walls and vehicular access – Whale Bridge Park, South Newbald Road.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC has no observations to make on this application.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>CEMETERY</p>	
7.1	<p>Application for Headstone and Flat Stone</p> <p>The Clerk tabled an application for a headstone and flat stone that was larger than those permitted by current cemetery regulations, but which was an exact match to the headstone and flat stone on the adjacent grave.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC approves the design</p>	Clerk
7.2	<p>Plastic Surround on Grave</p> <p>The Clerk said that, in line with the resolution passed at the last meeting, she had written to the grave owner of the grave where a plastic surround had been installed asking for it to be removed, but the grave owner had said it was not her that put it there, nor did she know who had.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC removes the plastic surround.</p>	Clerk
8	<p>BECK FLOOD RISK</p> <p>Members discussed the excessive weed growth in the beck and the concern that there may be a flood risk.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is approached to see if they will do a survey of the full length of the beck with a view to seeing if the amount of vegetation is impeding the flow of the water and if so, where.</p>	Clerk
9	<p>DANGEROUS PARKING</p> <p>Members discussed residents' complaints about parking issue where 2 cars had been consistently parking too close to the junction of South Newbald Road and Ratten Row, causing visibility problems for drivers navigating the junction.</p> <p>The Clerk said she had reported the situation to the police twice.</p> <p>Members discussed various options but came to the conclusion that, as there were no road markings there to forbid parking, options were limited.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the Clerk includes a message in the newsletter asking people to park considerately.</p>	Clerk

10	<p>WORK IDENTIFIED BY APRIL 2016 SAFETY REPORTS</p> <p>This item was deferred as the Chairman was not present.</p>	
11	<p>VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Cllrs Lewis and Openshaw emphasised the point that Village SOS, who are helping the Village Hall Management Committee with the development project, say that all work must be evidence led. Any application that the Village Hall makes for funding must be financially supported by the Parish Council or they will not be successful.</p> <p>No decisions were felt to be necessary at this point in time.</p>	
12	<p>FORMER CHARITY FUNDS</p> <p>12.1 Follow Up from Last Month's Meeting</p> <p>Cllr Huntington said that the Vicar was aware of one or two people who could do with some help in relation to fuel costs.</p> <p>She had also spoken to the Headteacher at school and she knows of at least one family that could do with access to the fund.</p> <p>It was agreed that this matter would be considered further at the next meeting.</p> <p>12.2 Other Potential Beneficiaries</p> <p>Time being short, this item was deferred.</p>	
13	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>Further to last month's decision to give notice to those tenants that had breached their contracts, the Clerk said she had gone to see Malcolm Oxtoby, who is the farmer that farmed the all four of the plots on the road towards Sancton, even though he is only the tenant for two of them.</p> <p>He had said that with modern day machinery, it would be impossible to realistically farm just one of the plots as they are too small.</p> <p>Given that repossessing individual plots for breach of contract would leave the Council in the position where it had to advertise individual plots, even though they are not suitable for individual use and the boundaries are undefined on ground level, the Clerk suggested NPC might want to consider giving notice on all the plots. Then it could approach ERYC and ask permission to combine all the allotments on the north side into one large plot and all the allotments on the south side into another. The two large plots could then be advertised and the Oxtobys and Levitts, who currently farm the land, invited to apply.</p> <p>Resolved: that NPC gives the mandatory notice period to all tenants and repossesses the allotments with a view to creating two larger allotments.</p>	

14	<p>ROLL OUT OF SUPERFAST BROADBAND</p> <p>The Clerk said she had heard nothing more following the email that had been forwarded to all Councillors.</p> <p>Technical problems were delaying KC's role out of superfast broadband and they had not come to any conclusion yet following their survey as to whether they could include the roads currently excluded from their plans.</p>	
15	<p>S2 BUS CONSULTATION</p> <p>Members agreed that, while Newbald is well served by other buses, the loss of the S2 would be a particular shame for Hotham as it is the only bus service to go to that village.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Clerk objects on behalf of the Parish Council to the stopping of the bus service.</p> <p>Members agreed that they would consider taking part in the consultation individually.</p>	
<p>16</p> <p>16.1</p> <p>16.2</p> <p>16.3</p> <p>16.4</p> <p>16.5</p>	<p>SOBER HILL WIND FARM FUND</p> <p>Request for Extension</p> <p>The Clerk said that Newbald Young People's Project had written asking for an extension to the deadline for the return of its End of Grant report, so that it could source a more suitable bespoke shed.</p> <p>Resolved: that Newbald Young People's Project is given a 3-month extension to its Sober Hill Wind Farm Fund grant which had been due to complete on 14 July 2016.</p> <p>Whether to Allow Salaries</p> <p>Following attendance at a Fashion Show Event held by Newbald Young People's Project by three NPC Councillors, Members discussed whether it wished to change its position in relation to its decision not to grant money for salaries.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Council's position remains unchanged.</p> <p>Administration Fee</p> <p>Time being short, this item was deferred</p> <p>Grant Payment</p> <p>Time being short, this item was deferred.</p> <p>Match Funding</p> <p>Time being short, this item was deferred.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

17	<p>CYCLE PATH OR FOOTPATH BETWEEN SOUTH CAVE AND MARKET WEIGHTON</p> <p>Time being short this item was deferred. Cllr. Openshaw said that he would circulate the report to other members and asked that this could be one of the first ten items on the agenda next time.</p>	
18	<p>GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE</p> <p>Members suggested that NPC might consider a wall with plaques or that it could make use of the shed at the back of the cemetery.</p> <p>Time being short, there was not the opportunity to discuss this in any depth.</p>	
19	<p>EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE ON THE GREEN</p> <p>Time being short, this item was deferred.</p>	
20	<p>POST OFFICE SERVICE</p> <p>The Clerk said she had submitted a complaint to the Post Office service about this, but had so far not had a response, even though more time had lapsed than they said it would take. She said she would chase it up again.</p>	
21	<p>GRANT APPLICATION FOR TREES ALONG TRUNDLEGATE</p> <p>The Clerk said she had been unable to apply for funding to plant trees along Trundlegate as the landowner had said he was not happy about the impact of the project on access to his field and the turning circle for his farming equipment. She and Cllr. Huntington had met him to discuss the matter.</p>	
22	<p>ERYC COUNCILLORS</p> <p>None present</p>	
23	<p>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</p> <p>None</p>	
24	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>1) Being Good Councillor Course – email received from ERNLLCA on 18 July 016 inviting Councils to express an interest if they would like some of their Members to attend.</p>	Noted

Meeting finished at 9.33pm