

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NEWBALD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 2 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30PM

**Present:** Councillors G. Steward (Chairman), B. O’Sullivan (Vice Chairman), J. Barrett, S. Dongray-Burke, J. Howard, G. Lewis, E. Openshaw.

**In attendance:** Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), 3 members of the public.

1	<p><b>PUBLIC FORUM</b></p> <p>Hazel Thompson raised the following subjects:</p> <p>1.1 Simon Hemmingway, a village resident, had given a very good talk on First Aid to the members of the WI. The WI now felt that it would be a good idea to arrange for him to hold another talk in May which would be open to all members of the public. Hazel said that the WI would be willing to organise it and arrange refreshments, but it would like the Parish Council to help with publicity via the newsletter, website and social media.</p> <p>As this was on the agenda at item 8, Members agreed that they would be happy for the Parish Council to support this project.</p> <p>1.2 Hazel said that the WI felt it would be a good idea to have a Perspex dispenser at the side of the notice board under the lime trees, which could be filled with walking maps for visitors to Newbald to use. Members said they would discuss this later in the meeting.</p> <p>1.3 Hazel also complained that she had been having a lot of power cuts of late. Some Members said that they too had been experiencing this. It was agreed that the Clerk would take this issue up with the network provider to investigate what the problem was and how soon it could be resolved.</p> <p>1.4 Terry Bowater and Lulu Morcom talked about the possibility of setting up a cold calling zone in the village. They said many residents had experienced people calling round trying to sell merchandise. Some elderly, more vulnerable, residents had felt pressured into buying goods that they did not need at inflated prices. Terry and Lulu thought that the strength of feeling about this in the village was quite high. If a cold calling zone could be established, it would make it a criminal offence for any such trader to knock on doors.</p> <p>In order for a cold calling zone to be established, it is necessary to consult with the entire village and to establish that there is 100% support for it. Terry and Lulu said that they were happy to establish a group that could go round the village and seek to obtain the necessary agreement.</p> <p>Members expressed their support for the idea of a cold calling zone.</p> <p><i>The Chairman thanked all members of the public and they left the meeting.</i></p>	Clerk
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2	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Cllr. Huntington – on holiday  Cllr. Clarke – had an operation  Cllr. Smith – 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary tomorrow  Cllr. Weatherstone – working away.</p> <p>The Clerk informed members that unfortunately Cllr. Weatherstone had resigned that day as he was unable to make meetings due to work commitments.</p>										
3	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b></p> <p>3.1 <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr. Lewis – item 13  Cllr. Openshaw- item 13  Cllr. Howard – item 13</p> <p>3.2 <b>Dispensations – None</b></p>										
4	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 are signed as a correct record.</p>	Clerk									
5	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p>5.1 <b>Priorities for 2018-19 Budget</b></p> <p>Members agreed that the priority for the forthcoming budget meeting should be securing a budget that helps to bridge the gap between what the Council is spending and its income.</p> <p>One project that could be considered as part of the budget would be the provision of a mobile, solar-powered speed monitoring sign to encourage motorists to slow down when driving through the village. This would cost in the region of £3,000.</p> <p>Members felt that it would be good for the village to have some nice signs at the entrance like the ones in Everthorpe but felt that could maybe be funded from other sources. The Clerk said she would put this on the agenda for next time.</p> <p>5.2 <b>Quotes for the Provision of Christmas Tree</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that she had not yet received any.</p> <p>5.3 <b>Approval of Payments</b></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 data-bbox="284 1973 1278 2076"> <tr> <td>Pocket</td> <td>Storm &amp; Lighthouse Ltd – printer cable</td> <td>£2.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Int. Payment</td> <td>Clerk Salary</td> <td>£1,117.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Int. Payment</td> <td>HMRC Tax &amp; NI</td> <td>£227.53</td> </tr> </table>	Pocket	Storm & Lighthouse Ltd – printer cable	£2.80	Int. Payment	Clerk Salary	£1,117.68	Int. Payment	HMRC Tax & NI	£227.53	
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	<p>Int. Payment East Riding Pension Fund £414.39</p> <p>Pocket Stone adhesive for Centenary Bench £19.00</p> <p>Int. Payment Clerk Expenses £63.00</p> <p>Int. Payment Campaign Monitor £17.00</p> <p>Int. Payment Countrywide Grounds Maintenance – grass cutting £987.48</p>	Clerk
6	<b>PLANNING</b>	
6.1	<b>Notices of Decision</b>	
	None	
6.2	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
6.2.1	<p><b>17/03048/TCA</b> – Ash, crown lift over garage up to approx.4m – New Place, Westgate.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC has no observations to make on this planning application.</p>	Clerk
6.2.2	<p><b>17/03149/TCA</b> – Birch: reduce in height by 4m as tree is leaning – Dales House, 26 Eastgate.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC has no observations to make on this planning application.</p>	Clerk
6.3	<p><b>Parish Council Comments on Planning Applications</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that Aldbrough Parish Council had written asking Newbald Parish Council to join up with them and other parish councils in tackling the problem of local authorities not taking parish councils’ comments into account when determining whether to grant planning permission.</p> <p>As this had been something that the Parish Council had already raised with ERYC, it was agreed that NPC would express its interest in joining with the other parish councils.</p>	
7	<b>VILLAGE SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Oil Spill in the Beck</b></p> <p>Members discussed the continued problem of oil being present in the beck and the slimy weed that appeared to have grown very quickly as a result.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the clerk contacts the Environment Agency and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to get their opinions on the weed.</p>	Clerk
7.2	<p><b>Road Safety, Traffic and Parking Issues</b></p> <p>The Clerk raised further concerns sent to her by a resident about parked cars obstructing the pavements.</p> <p>Members discussed the refusal of ERYC to offer any help in relation to the many concerns raised by NPC about road safety, traffic and parking in the village. ERYC’s</p>	

	<p>reasons were always a lack of funding and a policy which states that road improvements will not be made unless or until a serious accident occurs.</p> <p>Members felt frustrated by this and questioned whether the remit laid down by Aldbrough Parish Council in relation to planning applications could not in fact be extended to include the County Council's response to requests for help with road safety. The Clerk said she would ask Aldbrough Parish Council the question.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that NPC asks ERYC to send a traffic warden to the village to look at the way cars are parked during a busy period, namely early morning, evening or at the weekend.</p>	Clerk
7.3	<p><b>Quote for Clearing Weed out of the Beck</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that she had had a quote of £70 to clear the weed out of the beck.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that Nick Reed is given the go ahead to carry out the work.</p>	Clerk
7.4	<p><b>Increased Level of Dog Fouling in the Village</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that as well as this being brought up by Cllr. Clarke at the last meeting, this subject had also been raised by a member of the public.</p> <p>Members felt at a loss to know how to tackle the situation, having already tried many approaches in the past. It was agreed that the Clerk should chase up the dog waste bag dispenser unit that remained broken and not in situ outside the Village Hall.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the Chairman writes a strongly worded article for the next newsletter.</p>	Cllr. Steward
7.5	<p><b>Pest Control in the Cemetery</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that she had met with the men who had volunteered to do pest control in the cemetery. She said they did appear to have the necessary insurance and licence but questioned whether it would be appropriate to have them shooting in the cemetery most evenings at dusk.</p> <p>Paid pest control costs the Council in the region of £400 a year.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the volunteers are given the go ahead to carry out pest control in the cemetery and that this decision will be kept under review. <i>(Cllrs. O'Sullivan, Howard and Barrett voted against)</i></p>	Clerk
7.6	<p><b>Decorative Arch in the Cemetery</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that Mrs Pauline Fisher would like to meet Members to discuss the possibility of installing a decorative arch at the entrance to the cemetery.</p> <p>Members agreed that she should be asked to come along to the next Parish Council meeting and bring with her a full proposal for Council to consider.</p>	

8	<p><b>DEFIBRILLATOR AND LIFE SAVING TRAINING</b></p> <p>Members agreed that they would like to support the WI with arranging a training event on life saving in the spring.</p>	
9	<p><b>POWER SUPPLY FOR THE 2017 CHRISTMAS TREE</b></p> <p>The Chairman said that NPFA were putting together a proposal for the light and power supply that they would like and would come back to the Parish Council for approval.</p>	
10	<p><b>CAMPAIGN AGAINST COLD CALLING</b></p> <p>Members were very happy to lend support to the idea of setting up a Cold Calling Zone in the village and were appreciative of the offer made by Terry Bowater and Lulu Morcom to do the necessary village consultation about it.</p>	
11	<p><b>SUPERFAST BROADBAND ROLLOUT</b></p> <p>The Clerk said she had no further information to report as yet.</p>	
12 12.1 12.2	<p><b>VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD AND PHONE BOX</b></p> <p><b>Noticeboard Under the Lime Trees</b></p> <p>The Clerk said she was obtaining permission from the people that provided photos for the Newbald Natter display to use them on the notice board, website and newsletter.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that a display of old village photographs should go in the notice board and on the Parish Council's website.</p> <p><b>Perspex Container to Hold Walking Leaflets</b></p> <p>Members felt that it was not a good idea to have the Perspex container as it may cause litter and look unsightly.</p>	Clerk
13	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL</b></p> <p>Cllr. Openshaw said that the Village Hall had secured the full amount of WREN funding for Phase One. Members were delighted to hear this and passed on their congratulations to the Village Hall Management Committee for all their hard work in achieving this.</p> <p>Unfortunately there would be a delay to the start of Phase 1 as there was a lot of paperwork to complete before contractors could be instructed to commence work. This meant that it would probably be the New Year before the project got started.</p> <p>The Village Hall Management Committee said that it was planning on holding another Meet &amp; Greet at Christmas to say thank you. They also have a meeting scheduled on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to discuss Phase 2.</p> <p>Newbald Village Hall's AGM was scheduled for 24 October 2017.</p>	

14	<p><b>PARISH TRANSPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that Cllr. Huntington had already been in touch with Sancton Parish Council about this and that responses from other local Parish Councils were being awaited before deciding what action could potentially be taken to improve public transport.</p>	
15	<p><b>FLY TIPPING OF GARDEN WASTE ON TOWNSIDE ROAD</b></p> <p>Cllr. Dongray-Burke said that he had distributed leaflets to all the houses in the vicinity as agreed.</p> <p>Members said that although the original waste had been removed, more garden waste had appeared.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to report fly tipping which had occurred on High Hunsley Road and on the road to Little Weighton.</p>	Clerk
16	<p><b>GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGISTRATION (GDPR)</b></p> <p>Given the imminent change in the law and the potential impact it would have on the working practices of the Council, the Clerk asked if she could attend a sector specific webinar on the subject at a cost of £30.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the Clerk attends the seminar.</p>	Clerk
17	<p><b>ERNLLCA 2017 CONFERENCE</b></p> <p>The Clerk said she felt it would be advantageous to attend the ERNLLCA conference for CPD purposes and because many of the subjects that were being discussed there were relevant to Newbald Parish Council. The cost would either be £85 or £45 if NPC was lucky enough to secure a reduced rate.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that the Clerk attends the seminar.</p>	Clerk
18	<p><b>COMMUNITY PAYBACK</b></p> <p>The Clerk said she had still not heard back from the service and said that she would chase NPC's application up again.</p>	Clerk
19	<p><b>NPC CHRISTMAS PARTY</b></p> <p>The Clerk agreed to create a poll to work out what the best date for the Christmas party would be.</p>	Clerk
20	<p><b>ERYC COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>None in attendance.</p>	
21	<p><b>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</b></p> <p>None</p>	

22	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
22.1	<b>The Turner's Trust – Annual Awards</b> – request for nominations and publicity – email received on 5 September 2017 from the Clerk to the Turner's Trust. It was agreed that NPC would promote this.	Noted
22.2	<b>Countryside Alliance Awards 2017</b> – request for nominations and publicity-email received on 11 September 2017 from the Countryside Alliance.  <i>Resolved:</i> that NPC nominates the Gnu Inn	Clerk
22.3	<b>Save Our Surgery</b> – to consider an invitation from the 'Save Our Surgery' Action Group in Little Weighton to attend a meeting at 7pm on 9 October at the Blackhorse Public House, with a view to ensuring that Little Weighton has adequate medical provision, following the proposed closure of its surgery.  <i>Resolved:</i> that the Chairman and the Clerk attend the meeting.	Cllr. Steward Clerk

**Meeting finished at 9.25pm**