

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NEWBALD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 4 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM

Present: Councillors G. Steward (Chairman), B. O’Sullivan (Vice Chairman), J. Barrett, T. Bowater, B. Clarke, S. Dongray-Burke, J. Howard, E. Huntington, G. Lewis, E. Openshaw

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), Jody Nightingale – ERYC, Mr Clive Bolton

1	<p>PUBLIC FORUM</p> <p>See Minute 5.4</p>
2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr. Smith - ill</p>
3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>3.1 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr. Dongray-Burke – item 7 (Church application) – non pecuniary Cllr. Huntington - item 7 (Church application) – non pecuniary Cllr. Lewis – items 7 (Village Hall applications), 14 – non pecuniary Cllr. Openshaw- items 7 (Village Hall applications), 14 – non pecuniary Cllr. Howard – items 7 (Village Hall applications), 14 – non pecuniary</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 6 November 2017 are signed as a correct record.</p>
5	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>5.1 Overspend on Christmas Lights</p> <p>The Clerk said that the spend on the Christmas lights was £4.96 more than was authorised at the last meeting.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC approves the over-spend.</p> <p>5.2 NPC Insurance Policy</p> <p>Members considered three quotes for the insurance policy and the schedule of items insured.</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i></p> <p>i. that NPC is insured with Inspire via the specialist broker Came & Company at a cost</p>

including insurance premium tax of £440.57.

- ii. that Newbald Parish Council is happy with the insurance schedule, the level of cover and that it meets the Council's needs.

5.3

Approval of Payments

Resolved: In accordance with financial regulations, the following payments are noted and/or approved. Clerk to arrange payment where appropriate.

Int. Payment	Dispatch Pest Control – cemetery	£100.00
Pockit Card	Alpha Batteries Ltd – 2 Leisure batteries for Christmas lights	£339.98
Pockit Card	Festivelights – lights for the Christmas Trees	£314.98
Int. Payment	Cllr. Steward – reimbursement for purchase of tree for Mires from Henley's Nurseries	£24.66
Int. Payment	Clerk Salary	£1,117.68
Int. Payment	HMRC Tax & NI	£227.53
Int. Payment	East Riding Pension Fund	£414.39
Int. Payment	S.P. Memorials – repair of Coates memorial	£150.00
Int. Payment	Clerk Expenses	£40.62
Int. Payment	MY Print Services – printing of Dec newsletter and supplement	£138.00
Pockit Card	Campaign Monitor – monthly charge	£17.00
Int. Payment	Clerk – reimbursement of cost of printing old photo poster	£44.08
Int. Payment	Came & Company – Local Council Insurance	£440.57
Int. Payment	Lodge Landscapes – Christmas Tree	£408.00

Jody Nightingale arrived at the meeting

The Chairman moved back to item 1 – Public Forum

5.4

Jody Nightingale from Trading Standards, ERYC re. item 11 Campaign Against Cold Calling.

Mr Nightingale described how to go about setting up a cold calling zone. He said it would only stop people who have not been invited. Regular invited people, such as the milkman or tea seller etc. could carry on their business as usual.

He recommended that NPC initially chooses one street which has vulnerable people living on it. Reasonable attempts to consult with every house in the street need to be carried out and, if no objections are received, the zone can be set up. Stickers can then be put on front doors and signs erected in the street.

It is not currently illegal to cold call in a cold calling zone but that may change in the near future. A cold calling zone gives vulnerable people the confidence to close the door on cold callers, as they may otherwise be too polite to do so.

It was agreed that if NPC decided to go ahead, the clerk should email details of its chosen zone to Mr Nightingale, together with the number of people that live there.

The Chairman thanked Mr Nightingale.

Jody Nightingale left the meeting

5.5	<p>Mr Bolton said that anyone who is unhappy with the Post Office outreach service should contact the Post Office themselves to complain.</p> <p>He mentioned that it is illegal for cars to park facing oncoming traffic, but this happens a lot in Newbald.</p> <p>He also said that Peggy Youngman has a large collection of old photographs of the village which NPC may be interested in.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Bolton.</p> <p><i>Mr Bolton left the meeting. The Caiman moved to back to item 8.</i></p>
6	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>6.1 Notices of Decision</p> <p>17/03596/TCA - North Newbald Conservation Area: T1 Mature Beech Tree – Fell - Church Beck House 2 Millergate North Newbald - withdrawn</p> <p>6.2 Planning Applications</p> <p>6.2.1 17/03479/PLF– Erection of a dwelling and detached garage with covered walkway – Land north of Mulberry House, South Newbald Road, South Newbald</p> <p>Resolved: Newbald Parish Council recommends that this application should be refused on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It would lead to too great a density of buildings in this part of the conservation area. b) The architecture and materials proposed are not in keeping with the surrounding buildings. c) The loss of the open aspect would be to the detriment of residential amenity. d) The road on which the entrance lies is already very busy for its size and condition and would be adversely affected by the further traffic this extra property would generate. e) Newbald has no housing allocation in the East Riding Local Plan (2016) because it is not considered suitable for further development. The proposed location is also outside of the development limit lay down by the accompanying Policies Map. f) Newbald’s Community Led Plan (2014) supports this view, with over 67% of residents that were interviewed as part of the research for it saying that they did not think that Newbald needs more new housing. In the plan, Newbald Parish Council affirms that it remains strenuously opposed to new housing development applications. Reflecting parishioners’ views, it sees Newbald’s rural setting as a key asset and seeks to protect that characteristic. <p>If the planning officer is minded to grant planning permission, Newbald Parish Council requests that this application comes before the Planning Committee.</p>

6.2.2	<p>17/03989/TPO- North Newbald Conservation Area. Beech: fell as unbalanced with heavy limbs extending over the neighbouring garden and cavities with decay evident – Church Beck House, 2 Millergate, North Newbald</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC has no observations to make on this planning application.</p>																																			
6.2.3	<p>Any applications received between the publishing of this agenda and the meeting which the Clerk has not been able to negotiate an extension for.</p> <p>None received</p>																																			
6.3	<p>Parish Council Comments on Planning Applications</p> <p>The Clerk said that she had not yet received any further information from Aldbrough Parish Council.</p>																																			
7	<p>SOBER HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND APPLICATIONS</p>																																			
7.1	<p>Meeting Privacy</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under item 7, that the press and public are excluded under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.</p>																																			
7.2	<p>Consideration of Applications</p> <p><i>Resolved:</i> that grants are made as follows:</p>																																			
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<p>The meeting moved back to open session.</p> <p>Members said that they would like the information regarding grants already given out by Sober Hill Wind Farm Fund Community Benefit to be more readily available on the website. The Clerk said she would put the summary document on as a downloadable pdf.</p>																																				

8	<p>CEMETERY</p>
8.1	<p>Memorial</p>
	<p>The Clerk said she had received an application for a memorial for the Johnson family that is very slightly wider than the cemetery regulations allow.</p>
	<p><i>Resolved:</i> that NPC gives permission for the memorial to be installed in the cemetery.</p>
8.2	<p>Gap in Hedge</p>
	<p>The Clerk outlined various correspondence received from Revd. Bushby regarding the measures he had taken to restore the cemetery hedge and the rabbit wire that runs alongside it. He had also said that sheep would be grazing on the field shortly.</p>
	<p>No action was felt to be necessary at this point.</p>
8.3	<p>Pest Control at the Cemetery</p>
	<p>Members considered information received from ERNLLCA advising strongly against using shooting as a method of controlling rabbits in the cemetery.</p>
	<p><i>Resolved:</i> that C. Potter is employed once more to manage the rabbits using ferrets.</p>
8.4	<p>Decorative Arch</p>
	<p>The Clerk and Members that had attended the meeting with Mrs Fisher tabled an illustration of the proposed arch. Mrs Fisher had said she was going to commission someone to do some drawings and costings but these had not yet been received.</p>
	<p>As the design incorporated the original railings, the Clerk had got an initial figure to have the railings restored. If they were taken to a blacksmith in Market Weighton, he had estimated a cost of about £400 to blast them and coat them. However, NPC would have to find a way to take them out and that would be difficult as they are encased in concrete. She said that there were more specialist contractors that restored railings that were not local to the area but which would be happy to come and provide a quote.</p>
	<p>Cllr. Huntington said that she knew someone locally who may be able to do the work and said that she would contact them to find out more.</p>
8.5	<p>Garden of Remembrance</p>
	<p>Cllrs Steward, O’Sullivan and the Clerk said that after meeting at the cemetery to discuss options, they came away thinking that the brick built building at the back of the cemetery should be used in some way.</p>
	<p>The Clerk had priced up the cost of putting a columbarium with 12 storage spaces in there and it would come to over £4,000. Members felt it would be better if people scattered ashes in an area with roses and if the building was used to house plaques and a bench where people could go to contemplate and remember. Time being short, it was agreed to consider this at another point.</p>
	<p>The Clerk said she would look into the legalities of scattering ashes in the cemetery.</p>

9	<p>COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH</p> <p>Cllr. Howard said that he had talked to a Chief Superintendent about a pilot scheme that is being carried out in Lincolnshire. Depending on the results, it may be rolled out nationwide. Newbald is one of only two places in the East Riding of Yorkshire that has expressed an interest and will therefore be considered if this does occur. Cllr. Howard said that he would keep the Council informed and acknowledged that it would be quite a long time before the success of the pilot scheme would be evaluated.</p>
10	<p>VANDALISM</p> <p>Members discussed a recent spate of vandalism in Newbald, which included young people jumping on a car roof, paint being thrown on a car in Church Mount and fox carcasses being left on the village entry sign.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would raise these issues with the Police and see if a Community Support Officer could come and patrol the village.</p>
11	<p>CAMPAIGN AGAINST COLD CALLING</p> <p>Following Mr Nightingale’s presentation during public forum, it was:</p> <p>Resolved: that a Cold Calling zone is considered for Galegate as that road had the largest population of more vulnerable adults.</p>
12	<p>SUPERFAST BROADBAND ROLLOUT</p> <p>The Clerk said that KCOM had still not provided an update.</p>
13	<p>NEWBALD POST OFFICE SERVICE</p> <p>Members discussed the unreliability of the service.</p> <p>Cllr. Huntington noted that the service was now more stable following the completion of recent engineering work.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr. Lewis would check the Village Hall records to see how many hours the Post Office had actually operated per month in recent times.</p>
14	<p>VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>14.1 Village Hall Meeting</p> <p>Members agreed that it was appropriate for Members to attend if they wanted as it was a public meeting.</p> <p>14.2 Update</p> <p>Cllr. Openshaw told Members the latest in terms of progress at the Hall, including the fact that the status of the Village Hall will be changed so that financial liability had been removed from the trustees. It was hoped this could encourage more people to volunteer in the future.</p>

15	VILLAGE SIGNS The Clerk said that she had asked for but not yet received estimates for producing signs similar to the ones at Everthorpe. She also said that she had contacted the Village Sign Society and had been made aware of a large array of alternative materials, as well as planning considerations that would need to be adhered to. Members still felt that stone would suit the village the best.
16	SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS The Clerk said that Nick Reed had been very busy and not yet had time to come and quote for the small outstanding jobs.
17	PARISH TRANSPORT No further progress had been made on this project. It was anticipated that feedback would be received in the New Year.
18	COMMUNITY PAYBACK The Clerk said that NPC was not going to receive any help from the Community Payback scheme, unless it could provide the equipment for the workers. Members decided that this would not be appropriate.
19	NPC CHRISTMAS PARTY The date and time was confirmed as 7pm on Monday 18 th December. It was agreed that the Clerk would start a round robin email so that organisers knew in advance what food people were intending to bring.
20	ERYC COUNCILLORS None in attendance.
21	INFORMATION EXCHANGE The Clerk said that Revd. Bushby had written to NPC to say that a flag pole was going to be erected in the churchyard. Members questioned the purpose of the flag pole and asked that this go on the agenda for the next meeting, along with the financial difficulties currently being faced by St. Nicholas' Church.
22	CORRESPONDENCE
22.1	Thank you letter for the Christmas Tree and the Lights – letter dated 20 November 2017 from NPFA – noted .
22.2	Notification of External Auditor Appointments for the 2017/18 financial year – email received 21 November from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd – noted .
22.3	Civil Parking Enforcement – Details on how ERYC implement it – email received 20 November 2017 from the Service Manager Traffic and Parking, ERYC – noted .

Meeting finished at 9.30pm