

Newbald Parish Council Action Plan

Village Hall- Referring back to the survey in 2013 85% of respondents rated the Village Hall important and should receive investment. The response in the last few years by the Village Hall Committee supported by the PC through the Co-opted members has with aid of Windfarm donations led to dramatic improvements to the Hall resulting in a significant benefit to the community.

This support should be considered as ongoing.

With the next phase to develop a separate meeting room should then be considered the PC's preferred venue for meetings.

Action –To continue to support to the Village Hall Committee

Playing Field- The playing field and playground were considered very important in the 2013 survey. The PC has pursued the access issue of Spring Lane to the fullest without a wholly satisfactory conclusion. At present it is not realistic to seek any further progress. The PC continue to support the PFA in projects but appreciate the effect that poor access has on future development

Action-- Although the PC will continue to support the PFA the access issue should be put on hold until such time that access may be discussed with more sympathetic residents.

St Nicholas Church- The PC continues to meet its responsibilities with maintenance as stated.

Action- To continue with support continue with maintenance as required. To consider whether adopting a more regular schedule of maintenance would be beneficial.

Newbald School- This was important to residents in the 2013 survey. The PC supports the School and fully appreciated the importance to the Village at present and for the future.

Action Continuing support with no active involvement

The Cemetery- On going maintenance in association with regular checks of grass cutting and gravestones.

Action- To continue

Garden of Remembrance- Still no absolute decision but likely to be a rose garden. The brick building to be considered for remembrance plaques.

Action- Ongoing with final decision to be made

Community Groups

The PC recognises the importance of community groups. It provides information via the Newsletter and the Web.

Allotments

This was full investigated by a working party in terms of possible sites and cost. Following the conclusions of the working party it was concluded that this could not be supported to proceed.

Action - PC decision not to proceed with the scheme

Crime etc- Greater Police presence is unlikely in the present climate.

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been introduced

Outlying Farms –uncertain

The Newsletter and web are used to keep residents informed.

Action To continue supporting the current approaches

Dog Fouling

This issue continues to cause anger and concern to residents and complaints to the PC. In spite of efforts with supporting poo bag dispensers and repeated comments in the Newsletter. No significant change has occurred.

Action - Ongoing but realistically no further action is likely to have desired effect.

Emergency Medical Services- First Aid training has been organised. Also defibrillator has been provided.

Action- Ongoing

Speeding Parking etc.- Still an issue raising concern with residents and PC. A Community Speed watch programme is being considered which may be rolled out to involve Newbald.

Parking also continues to be problematical. ER Council have expressed no interest to take any action. Parking issues raised in Dec. Newsletter

Action – To continue to monitor when problems arise.

Speeding.- Currently waiting for information regarding Community Speed watch Scheme. Referring to the 2013 survey shows that speeding and parking was a significant concern to residents at that time. The PC has continued to pursue these concerns. We are currently waiting for information regarding the Community Speedwatch Scheme which the PC has expressed an interest to be involved.

Action – wait for outcome of pilot scheme

Street Lighting . This issue continues to be raised.

Action- Currently no plan to change existing lighting. Also cost implications make this extremely unlikely in future. Also issues remain from an environmental aspect.

Medical Provisions- Further provision of service within the Village unlikely

Action- No further action at present.

Public Transport- Lack of public transport was cited as an issue in the survey. This issue continues to be problematical. The service from Hull to York via the village was welcomed but did not receive adequate support to continue. Lack of public transport to rural communities is clearly a significant issue but in the current climate seems unlikely to change.

Action - To support where possible

Community Transport- Is currently being investigated

Action- currently ongoing

Phone Broadband etc. – Poor broadband was noted in the 2013 survey. The PC responded to this and the continued efforts has eventually started to see results. Broadband has improved in terms of local development. This process is still continuing.

Action- The service will continue to be closely monitored to make sure that provision covers the whole village

Village Shop- The loss of the shop and post office was a significant issue in the 2013 Survey. This was fully investigated with a full survey and several meetings. Although reinsating a shop appeared to be well supported actual hands on support was found to be inadequate. A village shop is still seen as beneficial to the community but currently is not a viable prospect

Action- No further action in current climate

Business and Enterprise- PC will continue to support when possible

Action- Ongoing

Employment- PC continues to provide webspace for business.

Action- To continue

Rural Character & Setting- In the current climate with public funding being stretched can the PC promote the care of the environment and support of the local community.

Action- Consider possible actions to promote our local assets.

Public Transport & Economy- Public transport remains a significant issue and was highlighted in the 2013 survey. Previous efforts improved services but these did not receive sufficient support to continue

Action- No further action planned currently

Wind Farm Community Fund- The fund has provided great benefits to local causes which is having noticeable effect on the community. The PC will continue to administer the fund to aid local development

Action- Ongoing

Community- No change

Action- No change

Housing Development- Currently the PC continues to adopt the same view. However with current central government pressure the PC may have less influence.

Action- The PC could review its policy on what sort of local development that would be acceptable.

Housing Commercial Developments- Not currently an issue

Action- No action currently

Wind Turbines- The current approach is to consider each case on its merits.

Action- To continue

Communications- Continue to support development as an important issue in the current climate.

Action- Maintain current approach.

Drainage- This continues to be a significant concern. There have been no recent issues but drainage needs to be an important consideration in any future planning.

Action- To remain vigilant

The Green- As a very important asset to the Village again receiving significant priority in the survey. The Green needs to be cared for as an important asset to the rural nature and character of the Village and the community as a whole

Plans to change the road layout to enhance the visual appeal of the Green were considered but in view of the potential cost and lack of support from E R Council these have been shelved for the time being.

Action- To continue considering how to protect and enhance the Green. To prevent damage by parking and any inappropriate use.

The Mires – The approach to the Mires should essentially be the same as for the Green as again this is important to the character of the Village

Action- As per the Green

The Beck- This again is very important to the character and rural appeal of the village and is central to why settlement started in this area. The very fragility of the Beck was highlighted with the recent oil spill and pollution.

Action- This needs the continued vigilance of the PC and community as a whole. Hopefully with the continued advice and support of the YWT the Beck will continue to be a central feature for the community.

Street Scene & pavements- This reflects the general attitude and care of the community . It clearly rates highly to the residents.

Action- Ongoing vigilance is required but the residents need to be reminded of their own responsibility with issues such as litter dog fouling and leaving unsightly posters up after events.

Trees- These are important to the general character and appearance of the village and enhance the rural feel.

Action- The trees need to be continually monitored but also a more pro-active approach could be considered with a view to maintaining the trees for future generations.

Footpaths- These were considered to be very important in the 2013 survey. There are several footpaths including a section of the Wolds Way. It is important that these remain as an appealing attraction to the local residents and incoming tourists as possible benefits to local revenue

Action- To maintain active support

Wildlife- Very important to the community and visitors. This is closely linked with the care of the environment generally and the Beck and Mires specifically

Action- To continue to take active involvement and liaise with YWT.

Flooding- A significant concern and certainly has had a major impact to residents in recent years.

Action- To maintain observation of the Beck to pre-empt issues. The PC also needs to continue to watch over proposed developments and challenge ER Council on any planning issues.

Drainage- As above

Action- As previously

Tourism- This should be considered as a possible source of revenue for the village. It is therefore important where possible to make the Village and surrounding countryside as appealing as possible. It is important that residents should be reminded that they are privileged to live in such an attractive setting and take pride in the area

Action- The PC should use whatever means including the Newsletter and website to remind residents of the benefits of living here and raise issues of concern such as- litter ,dog fouling damaging the Green by parking etc.