

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2 MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM

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

**In attendance:** Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), County Cllr. P. Greenwood.

### 1. PUBLIC FORUM - none

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. B. Smith – working late.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

#### 3.1. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Howard – item 18 – non pecuniary  
Cllr. Lewis – items 17, 18 – non pecuniary  
Cllr. Milner – items 17.2, 18 – non pecuniary  
Cllr. Openshaw – item 18 – non pecuniary

#### 3.2. Dispensations – None

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020 are signed as a correct record.

### 5. FINANCE

#### 5.1. Annual Governance Statement – Statement 7

Members considered the statement, using the detailed advice provided by ERNLLCA.

**Resolved:** that NPC meets all the criteria and can legitimately respond ‘yes’ to this.

#### 5.2. NPFA Grant Application

Members considered an application from NPFA for help with grass cutting costs in the playground.

**Resolved:** that NPC grants £450 to NPFA to help with the costs.

#### 5.3. Payments to Authorise

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

Int. Payment	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – clearance work Mires	£300.00
Pocket Card	Currys PC World – new laptop	£599.00
Pocket Card	Cartridge People – cyan ink cartridge	£10.49
Pocket Card	Solopress – printing of newsletter	£53.60
Pocket Card	Amazon – stapler	£9.86
Int. Payment	Clerk Salary	£1,198.91
Int. Payment	HMRC Tax & NI	£243.07
Int. Payment	East Riding Pension Fund	£386.73
Pocket	Stargrange – monthly cost for email subscribers	£5.00
Int. Payment	Lodge Landscapes – tree planting	£636.00
Int. Payment	Shed Grounds Maintenance – grass cutting	£436.06
Direct Debit	Information Commissioner’s Office – registration	£35.00

## 6. PLANNING

### 6.1. Notices of Decision

- 6.1.1. **19/02418/PLF** - Erection of 4 dwellings and associated works following removal of existing buildings - Land West And South West Of Ivydene Westgate – **planning permission granted.**
- 6.1.2. **19/04211/PLF** - Erection of a single storey extension to side and overcladding to existing Elevations - Newbald Village Hall Townside Road– **planning permission granted.**

### 6.2. Planning Applications Received After Publication of the Agenda

- 6.2.1. **20/00480/PLF** - Erection of a single storey extension to rear – Flaxfield, Trundlegate, South Newbald.

**Resolved:** that NPC has no observations to make on this planning application.

## 7. DANGEROUS STRUCTURES/BUILDINGS

### 7.1. Hall Farm Estate Boundary Wall

The Chairman and Cllr. O’Sullivan reported that they had met with the son of the owner of Hall Farm, who had been very helpful. Work was being carried out to make the wall safe.

### 7.2. Denver Lodge

Members decided that there was nothing they could do about this. ERYC are already aware of it and, in any case, there are several other properties in the parish that are also in a state of disrepair.

## 8. CHURCH ROOM DOORS

The Chairman said he had talked to the neighbours that adjoin the Church Rooms on the left hand side. They had said that they jointly owned the doors with the Church Rooms’ owners and the neighbours on the other side and each is responsible for one third of the costs of any maintenance work. The Chairman said he would make some enquiries with the other neighbours.

Cllr. Bushby reiterated that the Diocese had stated firmly that it did not own the Church Rooms’ doors.

Members agreed that any decision relating to whether or not to fund the doors would be postponed until after further information had been received.

## 9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr. Dongray-Burke raised two matters which he had already raised with ERYC.

The first was the problem of people parking on the verges on Spring Bank.

The other related to the need to remove a tree stump and waste which was accumulating behind a garage at the end of Spring Bank. (The tree had had to be felled because it was forcing itself against his fence. It has weakened the fence so much that it will now to be replaced).

The Clerk said she had yet to have anyone contacting her to volunteer for the Community Speedwatch scheme following her recent appeal in the newsletter. The Chairman and Cllrs. O'Sullivan, Howard and Lewis all said they would be happy to take part.

## 10. LEAKS AND FLOODING

Cllr. O'Sullivan reported that she had a meeting about flooding and there had been about 50-60 people there representing many villages in the area. (Members had previously had sight of photos and reports from other areas).

The purpose of the meeting was to find a joint plan to combat flooding. One of the issues raised is that while flood barriers can save places from flooding, this can then sometimes cause a flooding problem further downstream. Therefore the approach has to be a joined up one that takes this into account.

She said that ERYC is planning an emergency meeting about flooding in April, to which Parish Councils, the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water are invited. Members agreed that it was important that NPC takes part in such a partnership approach. Cllr. O'Sullivan and the Chairman volunteered to attend.

Meanwhile, the Clerk said she would continue to try and organise the meeting with Yorkshire Water in Newbald to discuss the concerns about flooding and sewage leaks. This had so far not been able to take place because Yorkshire Water engineers were so busy dealing with flooding problems. ERYC officers had attended a meeting in the last couple of weeks but the matters raised were not ones that they were responsible for. She is still waiting to receive the history of Yorkshire Water call outs to incidents in Newbald village and a map showing all the drains and sewers.

Local matters raised by Members included water flowing down Trundlegate towards Monckton Rise because a farmer was channelling water away from his field. Also the drain at the bottom of Eastwold continued to be blocked.

## 11. VE DAY ANNIVERSARY

Members decided that, as there was already a VE day event going on in the village, the Parish Council should support this.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk has delegated authority to apply for a grant for something for the VE day celebrations.

## 12. LITTER BINS

Members considered the Chairman's proposal for a new litter bin.

**Resolved:** that NPC requests a new litter bin for Co-op corner.

### **13. STREET LIGHTING IN SOUTH NEWBALD**

Members considered a request by 2 members of the public for more street lighting in South Newbald. They considered it to be very dangerous and were concerned for school children arriving home and being dropped off in a part of South Newbald Road which is completely dark. An extra light on South Newbald Road near the bottom of Trundlegate would help with the problem.

Members' views were very mixed. Many felt that it would be wrong to spoil the night sky with light pollution. However, others recognised the need to consider residents' views.

Members were reminded that when the village was surveyed about streetlights in 2013, about 50% were in favour of more lighting and 50% were against.

**Resolved:** it was agreed that the Clerk would ascertain the cost of installing a streetlight at the bottom of Trundlegate and then NPC would discuss this further.

### **14. COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME**

The Chairman and Cllr. Howard said that they were at the stage where they felt it would be good to meet with ERYC to discuss the way forward, including survey and funding options.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk organises a meeting with the ERYC representative.

### **15. RESPONDING TO QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Cllr. Lewis queried whether he could hold meetings/discussions with residents to discuss village matters, providing he made it clear that any opinions he expressed were his own, not the Parish Council's. Members felt that was absolutely fine as he would just be information gathering and passing on any relevant matters for discussion at the next meeting.

### **16. REQUEST FOR CHURCH SIGN**

The Clerk said that ERYC remained adamant that they would not consider providing a brown sign for the church. It was agreed that this should be removed from the agenda.

### **17. NPFA**

Cllr. Lewis said that he had nothing further to add beyond the grant that had already been discussed at agenda item 5.2.

Further to communications received from the NPFA Secretary, the Chairman sought clarification of how NPFA would like the southern boundary of the lane to be improved. He suggested that, with the relevant permissions, tidying it up could be a job NPFA members could undertake themselves. Cllr. Lewis said he would consult with the NPFA committee about this.

### **18. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. Openshaw confirmed that the planning permission had been approved for Stage 3. The architect was coming out the next day to discuss the implementation.

The Chairman questioned whether space could be found at the Hall to hold the historic Parish documents, currently filed at his house. Cllr. Openshaw said he would make sure this was discussed.

Cllr. Openshaw noted that, as for Phase 2, the funding providers would be likely to expect a match funding contribution from the owners of the Hall. This could be in the next 18 months.

## **19. NYPP**

Cllr. Stewart said that there was little news beyond the doors which had been discussed at item 8.

She said that Sally Askem had retired and they were grateful to her for all her hard work over many years.

NYPP had a meeting organised for 17<sup>th</sup> May at which they planned to discuss what to do to commemorate VE day.

## **20. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY**

The Clerk asked if she could attend a training event which was going to cover website accessibility. She felt it would be helpful to get some industry specific information.

*Resolved:* that the Clerk attends the training at a cost of £20.

## **21. COMMUNITY SUPERFAST BROADBAND SOLUTION**

The Clerk said that she was still waiting for BT to provide an estimated cost for connecting the remaining properties to their superfast broadband. BT had been very apologetic about the delay.

## **22. POWER CUTS AND MOBILE PHONE USE IN NEWBALD**

The Clerk said she did not have any further updates about this as yet, but she assumed investigations were ongoing, just Newbald would not be high on the priority list.

## **23. ERYC COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Greenwood had been present at the whole meeting and had noted matters she could help with.

## **24. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The Chairman informed the meeting of a “Wacky Races” event that was being planned for 4<sup>th</sup> July to take place down Burgate. This would be a fund raiser for local charities. The organisers are hoping to get support from the Parish Council.

It was decided that the organisers should be asked to come back with more details so that this can be discussed as part of the next agenda. The Clerk agreed to contact Market Weighton Parish Council to find out how they approached the soapbox race event when it was held there.

Cllr. O’Sullivan said that it would be helpful to get a map of the natural springs in Newbald to help with future flooding problems.

Cllr. Dongray-Burke noted that the French drain on Beverley Road was still blocked. The Clerk said she would report it again to ERYC.

Cllr. Openshaw suggested that he holds off from doing the safety inspections until May, in order that they can be discussed at the June meeting, rather than the Annual Meeting of the Council which is always very busy. He asked that Members reported any problems to him.

Cllr. Dongray-Burke raised the issue of dirty road signs and questioned whether ERYC would clean them. He also said that the sign near the cemetery was unstable and could be knocked over.

Cllr. O’Sullivan suggested that it would be a good idea to have another dog fouling poster competition at the school. Members agreed and the Clerk said this could be formally decided on at the next meeting.

## **25. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **25.1. Town and Parish Council Charter Consultation**

*Resolved:* that the Clerk has delegated authority to reply on behalf of Newbald Parish Council.

**Meeting finished at 9.26pm**