

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2020 AT 7.30PM IN NEWBALD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors G. Steward (Chairman) B. O’Sullivan (Vice Chairman), S. Dongray-Burke, G. Lewis, S. Milner, E. Openshaw, B. Smith, D. Stewart.

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM – none

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr. J. Barrett - shielding

Cllr. J. Howard – on holiday

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1) Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Lewis – item 19

Cllr. Milner – items 6.2, 19 – non pecuniary

Cllr. Openshaw – item 19

2) Dispensations - none

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 July 2020 are signed as a correct record.

5. FINANCE

Approval of Payments

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

Date	Amount	Payee	Reason	Type
30/06/20	£5.00	Stargrange Email tools	Send/Receive Emails	Pocket card
01/07/20	£449.14	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting	Int. Payment
07/07/20	£120.00	Aubergine	Domain registration	Int. Payment
31/7/20	£1,207.67	Suzanne Smith	Clerk Salary	Int. Payment
31/7/20	£232.51	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	Int. Payment
31/7/20	£358.19	ERPF	Pension contributions	Int. Payment
31/7/20	£74.18	Suzanne Smith	Clerk Expenses	Int. Payment
29/7/20	£5.00	Stargrange	Email tools	Pocket card
18/8/20	£449.14	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting	Int. Payment

6. PLANNING

1) Notices of Decision

To receive any notices of decision on planning applications received from ERYC:

- i. **DC/20/01464/TPO - TPO - NORTH NEWBALD NO. 5 - 2004 (REF 894) G2** - Fell 1 no. Beech tree due to nuts from the tree causing an allergic reaction and posing significant health risks to child - 3 Westcroft – **Consent granted.**
- ii. **DC/20/01789/TCA - NORTH NEWBALD CONSERVATION AREA** - Crown reduce 5 no. Silver Birch trees by 4 metres - Jubilee Farm Burgate – **No objections**
- iii. **DC/20/01948/TCA - NORTH NEWBALD CONSERVATION AREA** - Fell 2 no. Ash trees (T1 and T2) due to T1 displaying signs of Ash dieback - New Place Westgate - **No Objections.**

2) To consider the following planning application and determine what comments to make:

20/01245/PLF - Erection of a detached dwelling to South of Holmlea with associated access and works (Revised scheme of 19/04324/PLF) - Holmlea South Newbald Road

Resolved: that Newbald Parish Council has no observations to make on this application.

3) To consider and determine what comments to make on any other applications received between the publishing of this agenda and the meeting which the Clerk has not been able to negotiate an extension for.

None received

4) To consider the application for a pig farm down Cliffe Road, if required.

The clerk said that this application was still under consideration and no further information as to when it might come before the Planning Committee had been received as yet.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members felt that there were still various areas around the village that would benefit significantly from traffic calming measures. In particular Burgate is an accident waiting to happen with cars speeding along it and the obviously dangerous junction where Burgate meets the road across the Green.

Although ERYC has always insisted that there is no funding for such measures as Newbald is considered 'safe' compared to other places, Members felt they did not want to take no for an answer and may look at alternative ways of funding measures if need be. As a starting point it was:

Resolved: that the Clerk requests an onsite meeting with Senior members of ERYC Highways department to discuss Members' concerns.

8. CYCLE/FOOTPATH PROPOSAL FOR A1034

Members considered calls for a cycle way and footpath linking Newbald to Sancton and also extending southwards to South Cave and Brough. Prior to the meeting, Members had received a proposal document from interested parties on the village.

Although in principle it sounds like a good idea, Members noted that this matter had been discussed before back in 2016. A feasibility study had been carried out back then by ERYC and they had determined that it would cost

£2.5 million. This cost is prohibitive and not proportionate to the number of people that would choose to use it. There are considerable practical problems that would need to be overcome and the resultant footpath or cycle path could still be very dangerous as there is not much room on either side of the A1034.

Members felt that residents that really wanted to walk or cycle to Sancton or South Cave/North Cave, they could take alternative routes on minor routes such as through Hotham or along bridleways.

Further details about the rationale for not choosing to proceed are available on request from clerk@newbaldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

9. COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME

Members considered the progress to date on carrying out the feasibility study. It was agreed that it was important that Members were kept in the loop at every stage and the agreement of the Council sought for each progress step.

Members did not see why it would be necessary to form a Community Interest Company at this stage.

Members agreed that the Chairman, Cllr. O'Sullivan, Cllr. Howard and the Clerk would meet with BACB Renewables to determine the way forward, with a view to bringing whatever is agreed before a full Council meeting shortly afterwards.

10. LEAKS AND FLOODING

Cllr. O'Sullivan outlined the "West Wolds Slow The Flow" Zoom meetings which she had attended on the Parish Council's behalf. The aim of the meetings was to unite villages in finding a solution to the rising incidences in flooding and sewage leaks happening in the area. Yorkshire Water had now secured funding to do a feasibility study looking at what potential measures could be put in place to protect the villages.

Concerns had been raised about infill sites which had been earmarked for potential new builds. These would overload the Victorian drainage and sewage systems even more.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr. O'Sullivan and the Clerk would attend the next meeting, which would hopefully be in person.

11. STREET LIGHTING IN SOUTH NEWBALD

The Clerk provided Members with the quote that she had received for installing a streetlight in South Newbald near the bottom of Trundlegate.

This was £2,986.81 for a standard light and £3,370.22 for a heritage light + VAT.

Members discussed the merits or otherwise of introducing a new streetlight. Members acknowledged that part of Newbald was very dark but also worried a precedent may be set if Members went ahead. This may result in demands for street lights in other parts of the village. It was agreed that Cllr. Lewis would approach the nearby properties to gauge their thoughts on having a streetlight outside.

The Clerk said there was no money in the 2020-21 budget for the light, but the budget meetings for 2021-22 would be taking place soon so it could perhaps be incorporated into that if the Council felt it wanted to go ahead.

The Clerk said she would put it back on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The Clerk said that she needed to find an IT solution to create accessible pdfs, host emails from newbaldparishcouncil.gov.uk and provide a secure GDPR storage solution for files.

The best option she could find to achieve these was Microsoft 365. Unfortunately, despite appealing their decision, Microsoft had said that the Parish Council is not eligible for any kind of discount despite being a Government body.

Resolved: that NPC subscribes to the £9.40 a month option of Microsoft 365. This includes downloadable apps of Word, Excel etc.

The Clerk said that the Domain Locking Service that she referred to on the agenda was actually free, so she would go ahead and register for this.

Members discussed whether or not they needed their own email addresses on newbaldparishcouncil.gov.uk domain and it was agreed that it was currently not necessary.

13. COMMUNITY SUPERFAST BROADBAND SOLUTION

The Clerk confirmed that, following the Parish Council's campaign, KCOM would soon be laying fibre to previously excluded properties on Townside Road, Spring Bank and other nearby roads.

Members considered the information and costs received from Openreach about rolling out superfast broadband to the final properties still excluded, because KCOM and BT did not consider them to be commercially viable.

The cost if all the work was done by Openreach would be £500,000. This cost could be brought down if the community was to seek permission and dig trenches for the cables across private land as necessary. How much it would reduce it by could only be determined if a full survey and feasibility report was carried out. The residents at the excluded properties would need to be approached and community civil engineering capabilities established as the digging could not be done manually.

Members felt that the cost would not come down that significantly due to the long area of public road that the fibre cable would need to traverse. This would be a very costly project to connect only 13 properties. Therefore Members decided not to pursue it at this time.

14. STORAGE OF HISTORICAL PARISH DOCUMENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Openshaw spoke on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee saying that it had been agreed that the files could be stored in the loft area of the Hall. Arrangements to transfer them would be made once the Covid-19 situation had improved.

15. VILLAGE TIDY GROUP

Members felt that it would be a good idea to establish a group that would volunteer to look after areas around the village, doing such jobs as removing weeds, watering plants etc.

Resolved: that the Parish Council puts an appeal in the next newsletter for volunteers.

16. DOG FOULING POSTER COMPETITION

Members agreed that it would be good to hold another poster competition at the school.

Resolved: that Cllrs. O'Sullivan and Smith organise this.

17. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR TREES

The Clerk said that she had submitted an application for trees for the little Becksies. The other application was still ongoing as she had had to change the type of trees she was applying for to meet ERYC requirements. Also, she was seeking permission from ERYC to site them on Trundlegate and Cliffe Road.

18. NPFA

Cllr. Lewis said that there was not much to report at the moment but he was impressed by the leadership of the charity.

19. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Milner said that the Village Hall is at the stage of getting quotes for the final phase of extending and upgrading the Hall, which will focus on the large main hall and will include a bar.

20. NYPP

Cllr. Stewart said that the organisation had not been meeting because of Covid-19. However, NYPP have produced a Covid 19 Risk Assessment for the Church Rooms and have been busy coordinating some essential maintenance work.

21. ERYC COUNCILLORS

County Cllr. Greenwood attended the meeting and offered her help with any matters that may arise.

22. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

None.