

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1 MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

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

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

### 1. PUBLIC FORUM – none.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Cllr. J. Barrett – does not have the technology to attend by Zoom.

The Chairman announced the resignation of Cllr. Dongray-Burke. Members thanked him for his time on the Council and all the valuable help he had provided.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 3.1. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Lewis – items 7-1, 15 – non pecuniary

Cllr. Milner – items 7-1, 15 – non pecuniary

Cllr. Openshaw – items 7-1, 15 – non pecuniary

Cl. O Sullivan – item 6-4 – non pecuniary

#### 3.2. Dispensations – none.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2021 are signed as a correct record.

### 5. FINANCE

#### 5.1. Approval of Asset Register 2020-21

Members considered the Asset Register, which the Clerk had given them advance sight of.

**Resolved:** that the Asset register is approved. (See Appendix 1).

#### 5.2. Approval of Payments

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>
8/02/2021	£456.00	Lodge Landscapes	4 trees for the Little Becksies (Paid for by grant)	Int. Payment
8/02/2021	£2,868.00	Lodge Landscapes	15 trees for the village (paid for by grant)	Int. Payment
9/02/2021	£18,420.29	BACB Renewables	Completion of Energy Feasibility Study	Int. Payment
5/02/2021	£3,349.80	Sober Fund award to St. Nicholas' Church	'Connecting with our Community' project	Int. Payment
16/02/2021	£26.23	Refund to Cllr. O'Sullivan	Dog poster competition prizes	Int. Payment
14/02/2021	£14.39	Zoom Video Communications	Ability to hold online meetings	Pocket
13/02/2021	£3.60	Microsoft exchange	.gov.uk email address	Pocket
22/02/2021	£7,920.00	Sober Fund Grant to NYPP	Hall Refurbishment project	Int. Payment
28/02/2021	£5.00	Createsend/ Com	Send emails to email list	Pocket
28/02/2021	£367.99	ERPF	Pension contributions	Int. Payment
28/02/2021	£1,232.58	Miss. S. F. Smith	Clerk salary	Int. Payment
28/02/2021	£249.79	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	Int. Payment
01/03/2021	£123.30	British Manufacturing Solutions	Recycled plastic sign posts	Pocket

## 6. PLANNING

### 6.1. Notices of Decision

The following decision was noted:

**20/001149/PLF** – Erection of 2 livestock buildings, 1 straw storage building with associated feed bins, hardstandings and access and siting of a temporary agricultural workers' mobile home including associated infrastructure – **planning permission granted.**

### 6.2. Planning Applications

**6.2.1. 21/00324/PLF** – Construction of a concrete hardstanding to reduce sediment run-off from Agricultural Vehicle Traffic – Wrangmandale Wold, Beverley Road.

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

**6.2.2 20/04285/PLF** – Erection of a single storey extension with porch canopy to front and single storey extension to rear – 3 Spring Bank.

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

**6.3. 20/001149/PLF** – Erection of 2 livestock buildings, 1 straw storage building with associated feed bins, hardstandings and access and siting of a temporary agricultural workers' mobile home including associated infrastructure – Cliffe Road.

Members discussed the first stages of a judicial review which was being carried out by a local resident. It was agreed that right now, the only thing that can be done is to support the resident. This matter would need to be discussed again in the future, and possibly action taken by NPC, depending on how the case progressed.

#### **6.4. Development of Hall Farm (Planning Application 20/03469/PLF)**

No matters were raised in relation to this. The date this will be considered by the ERYC Planning Committee was yet to be confirmed.

### **7. SOBER HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

#### **7.1. Newbald Village Hall Management Committee (NVHMC)**

Members considered a request from NVHMC to slightly amend the use of their grant, though it would continue to be for the same project, namely Phase 3 - refurbishment of the main hall roof and exterior walls. NVHMC had applied to FCC Communities Foundation for the main part of the funding. Initially, the third-party contribution required by FCC (preferably from the landlord) had been £5,459.71 (10.75% of the total), so this had been the amount requested from the Sober Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. However, since being awarded the grant, ACRE had committed £10,000 to the project, thus reducing the total grant needed from FCC and hence also the third-party contribution required from NPC. The new third party contribution needed was £3,758.37.

NVHMC had requested that the remainder of the money already awarded (£1,701.34) could be retained and offset against NVHMC's considerable contribution towards the project of £8,122.

*Resolved:* that NPC agrees to the above and is happy for NVHMC to keep the balance of the grant awarded.

#### **7.2. Newbald Playing Field Association**

Members considered a revised application received from Newbald Playing Field Association requesting £5,000 for a project called Foul Water and Sewer Connection.

*Resolved:* that Members do not think that it is fair to consider this application without opening the fund to all other groups. Therefore, NPFA should be invited to re-submit their application once the fund officially reopens.

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

Members were pleased with the new streetlight which had been installed in South Newbald and was already making a considerable difference to residents venturing out at night.

### **9. LEAKS AND FLOODING**

#### **6.3. Current Leaks and flooding**

Members discussed the sewage and flooding issues that were currently causing problems in the village. The main sewers were taking in water resulting in sewage from houses being unable to get into the main sewage pipe. Toilets and showers were not draining properly, and this had got worse over the last couple of days.

These problems were being experienced along the whole of Eastgate. The drains were also bubbling up.

While wanting to help, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust had initially said that there were no obvious measures that could be taken at the Becksies that would alleviate the pressure further along the beck. However, it was agreed that this needed to be reviewed, along with any other possible measures soon.

Right now, pressure needs to be kept up on Yorkshire Water and ERYC to tackle the immediate problems. However, once water levels have dropped and sewers are functioning properly again, it is very important that the root cause of the problem needs to be tackled to prevent this from happening again. Environmental changes will mean that ground water levels are likely to increase year on year.

The main sewer pipe should be sealed to prevent ingress by ground water and/or alternative measures must be put in place to keep excess water out of the sewer. NPC needs to keep the pressure up until long term preventative action is taken.

It was noted that Yorkshire Water is now a private company and therefore interested in profits. It wants to spend as little as it can in fulfilling its statutory obligations to take sewage away from properties.

#### **6.4. West Wolds Slow the Flow**

Cllr. O'Sullivan and the Clerk invited other Members to join the next West Wolds Slow the Flow meeting which was due to take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. The Chairman and County Cllr. Bernard Gateshill committed to going.

### **10. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Members noted that the large pot hole on Burgate had been filled very quickly by ERYC. However there continue to be many other smaller pot holes throughout the Parish.

### **11. COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME**

The final Feasibility Study had now been completed and approved by Tees Valley Combined Authority. The final invoice had been paid, less the £36 of bank charges accrued.

Cllr. Howard said that he will investigate whether there is any mileage in re-visiting this in the future, with the support of professional agencies specialising in this type of project.

The Clerk asked for a resolution allowing her to shut the bank account which had been opened specifically for this project.

**Resolved:** that the Unity bank account should be closed.

### **12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk confirmed that the meeting with ERYC to discuss the possibility of creating a Neighbourhood plan was scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm.

Members considered a list of items that a Neighbourhood plan should cover, provided by Cllr. O'Sullivan and the Clerk. They agreed with these and the Clerk said she would send this to the Officer at ERYC.

**13. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Clerk said that she had consulted with ERYC about the possibility of installing a power point on The Green to allow a better Christmas light display. She was expecting to receive a quote but had not yet done so. Given connecting to a power source on The Green was quite difficult, this could take ERYC a little time. She hoped to have more information in time for the next meeting.

**14. NPFA**

Cllr. Lewis said that he had nothing to report at this moment in time.

**15. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. Milner said she had nothing to report at this moment in time.

**16. NYPP**

Cllr. Stewart said that NYPP was currently recruiting a new Youth Leader. It was also offering a Meals on Wheels service to members of the community that needed it.

**17. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk wanted to firm up a date for the above meetings. This is because the option to hold them by Zoom would end on 7<sup>th</sup> May and NPC could not be sure that the Village Hall would be open allowing them to be held in person. Therefore, the normal date of the second Monday in May – the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021- was probably not the best choice. The law required that these meetings must be held this year, unlike last year when this part of the law was suspended because of Coronavirus.

**Resolved:** that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council are held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May so that they can be held by Zoom.

**18. ERYC COUNCILLORS**

All matters had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**19. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Cllr. Lewis volunteered to meet with the contractor that was going to install the new dog fouling signs. He said he would check that other Members were happy with the locations. The Clerk said that both the signs and the posts were on order and should be delivered soon.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL				ASSET REGISTER	2020/21			Original Asset Value	Replacement Value	Basis of Replacement Value
Asset Number	Description	Qty	Location	Date Acquired (if known)	Life Span (Estimate)	Date of Disposal	£	£		
<b>Community Assets</b>										
C1	Village Hall, car park and land at back	1	Westgate/Townside Rd corner	1960s	200 years		141,816.00*	303,081.00	Insurance value for rebuild	
C2	Village Green- Common Land	1	The Green, North Newbald		Forever		Nominal £1	Nominal £1		
C3	Land at The Mires - Common Land	1	The Mires, off Galegate, North Newbald		Forever		Nominal £1	Nominal £1		
C4	The Newbald Becksies - Site of Special Scientific Interest - Common Land	1	The Becksies, Beverley Road, North Newbald		Forever		Nominal £1	Nominal £1		
C5	The Cemetery- Common land	1	A1034, Sands Top, North Newbald	1905	Forever		Nominal £1	Nominal £1		
C6	Centenary Bench	1	The Green, North Newbald	2014	200 years		691.00	4,329.73	Insurance value based on quote for replacement and inflated annually	
C7	Defibrillator	1	In the Phone box, The Green, North Newbald	2015	20 years		2,020.00	2,186.51	Annual 2% inflation since purchased	

C8	Defibrillator	1	On the office wall at Monckton Court, South Newbald	2018	20 years	1,145.00	1,191.26	Annual 2% inflation since purchased
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\*Original asset value based on the value when first put on the register in 1997. This asset has been much improved in the 2019-20 financial year and the original asset value will need to be altered to reflect this by means of a surveyor's report once the work is completed.

**Street Furniture:**

S1	Notice Board - twin bay, horizontal opening, wooden	1	The Green, North Newbald	2010	20 years	1,650.00	2,011.34	Annual 2% inflation since purchased
S2	Benches	9	<b><u>Locations:</u></b> A) The Green, North Newbald (under lime trees) B) 3 in the cemetery C) 2 on South Newbald Road D) Corner of A1034 and Westgate E) Beverley Road F) Top of Trundlegate	Varies. Not known.	25 years	1,062.60	4,870.94	Estimate inflated annually by 2%
S2A	Bench		Corner of Galegate/Eastgate	Aug-19	25 years	390.00	397.80	Actual purchase price x inflation

S3	Litter bins	7	<b>Locations:</b> A) Bottom of Dot Hill on Townside Road B) Corner of Burgate and Townend Road C) Eastgate, next to The Green, under the lime trees D) Corner of Westgate and A1034 E) South Newbald Road- near South Newbald Green F) South Newbald Road - outside St. Nicholas Church G) Corner of Eastgate and Galegate	Mostly unknwn. 2 acquired in 2014. New litter bin installed in 2020-21 at total cost of £377.16	25 years	908.46	2,764.88	Estimate based on current purchase and fixing costs and inflated by 2% annually	
S4	Street lights	22	Village wide. New streetlight commisioned in 2020-21 and included at actual price.		50 years	21 at nominal £1 each = £21 plus new one at £2986.81	25,272.18	Estimate provided by ERYC for old lights plus actual cost for new streetlight	
S5	Dog waste bag dispensers	4	Playing field, Village Hall, Bottom of Dot Hill, outside School	2016	15 years	316.00	342.05	Cost as new asset inflated annually by 2%	
S6	Planters	2	Corner of Galegate/Eastgate	Nov-19	25 years	603.40	615.47	Purchase price plus inflation	
S7	Dog Signage	4	Entrances to Village	Mar-21	25 years	401.25	401.25	Purchase + installation price	
<b><u>Cemetery Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u></b>									
CE1	War memorial	1	The Cemetery, A1034, Sands Top, North Newbald	1918?	200 years	Nominal £1	20,112.36	Insurance value	



CE2	Brick built building	1	The Cemetery, A1034, Sands Top, North Newbald	1905	200 years	Nominal £1	8,118.24	Estimate inflated annually by 2%
CE3	Cemtery Gates	1	The Cemetery, A1034, Sands Top, North Newbald	1905	100 years	Nominal £1	3,060.00	Insurance value

**Office Equipment**

O2	Projector	1	Clerk's house	2015	3 years	250.00	276.02	Annual 2% inflation since purchased
O4	Printer/Scanner	1	Clerk's house	Jan-18	3 years	199.00	211.18	Annual 2% inflation since purchased
O5	Storage boxes	1	Chairman's garage	Nov-18	10 years	38.00	39.54	Annual 2% inflation since purchased
O6	Laptop	1	Clerk's house	Feb-20	3 years	499.17	509.15	New price

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154,525.39</b>
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**Assets Disposed of**

AD01	laptop and printer	1	formerly clerk's house	2012	3.5 years	1/1/16	536.49	
AD02	printer	1	formerly clerk's house	2013	4 years	6/2/17	212.90	
AD03	Printer	1	formerly clerk's house	Jan-16	2 years	31/1/18	142.98	
O1	Filing cabinets	2	formerly clerk's garage	Unknown	30 years	05/11/2018	158.00	See minute 8 page 2018/97
O3	Laptop	1	formerly Clerk's house	Jan 2016	3 years	10/02/2020	399.00	