

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5 May 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

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

**In attendance:** Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), 1 member of the public

### 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

<b>Chairman</b>	Cllr. Gavin Steward
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Cllr. Beccy O’Sullivan
<b>The Prattwood Charity</b>	Cllr. John Barrett
<b>Newbald Playing Fields Association</b>	Cllr. Geoff Lewis
<b>Newbald Village Hall Management Committee</b>	Cllr. Edward Openshaw
<b>Newbald Young People’s Project</b>	Cllr. Diana Stewart
<b>Parish Transport Champion</b>	Cllr. John Howard

### 2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Barrett – does not have the technology to attend by Zoom.  
County Cllrs. Pauline Greenwood and Kevin Beaumont

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1) Declarations of Interest
  - Cllr. Howard – item 9-2)-a, 7-2), 10-1) – non pecuniary
  - Cllr. Lewis – items 7-2), 7-3) – non pecuniary
  - Cllr. Marshall – items 10-1), 15 – non pecuniary
  - Cllr. Milner – item 7-2) – non pecuniary
  - Cllr. Openshaw – item 7-2) – non pecuniary
  - Cllr. O’Sullivan – item 9-2)-a – non pecuniary

2) Dispensations – none.

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM - none

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2021 are signed as a correct record.

### 6. REVIEW OF THE ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL

Members reviewed the following documents.:

- 1) Delegation arrangements to the Clerk
- 2) Standing Orders of the Council
- 3) Financial Regulations

**Resolved:** that no changes need to be made at this time.

## **7. REVIEW OF WORK WITH EXTERNAL BODIES**

### **1) Prattwood Charity**

Cllr. John Barrett not being present, the Chairman reported that the charity was running well. Money received from the Prattwood tenancy had been given to the school as usual.

### **2) Newbald Village Hall Management Committee Report**

Cllr. Openshaw summarised the very successful year. Despite the difficulties of Covid, the Village Hall had installed car park lights and CCTV. Phase 3 grant applications had been submitted and were currently under consideration. The Post Office service was now more reliable, and the hours had been extended.

### **3) Playing Fields Association Committee Report**

Cllr. Lewis said that at present he had nothing further to report beyond what he had said before. Covid had stopped most of NPFA's activities in the last year. However, football had recently restarted which was very welcome. There are some drainage issues on the site which need to be looked at.

### **4) Newbald Young People's Project Report**

Cllr. Stewart said the NYPP Committee was forging ahead and full of enthusiasm. 14 children had attended the session the previous Friday evening. Meals on Wheels had gone really well. The committee had invited Parish Council members to come and visit and see the positive changes that had been made at The Rooms. They would like to form closer ties with the Parish Council.

She went on to say that the Committee was keen to set up a photo opportunity to tackle speeding in the village. Members felt this was a good idea.

Members expressed concern that the functions of the Village Hall and The Rooms should not overlap to the detriment of one or the other. It was suggested that the two committees might want to get together to discuss how to ensure that both could work well together. Cllr. Stewart agreed and said she would suggest this to the NYPP Committee.

### **5) Sancton Hill Community Benefit Fund Committee Report**

The Chairman reported that the fund was not due to open until the Autumn. Meanwhile there were various meetings, including one where applicants could voice their opinions on their successes and failures.

He said that he would inform the Clerk so she could let the village know once applications were being accepted again.

## **8. FINANCE**

**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>
12/04/2021	£32.98	Stinky Ink	Printer cartridge	Pocket
13/04/2021	£3.60	Microsoft exchange	.gov.uk email address	Pocket
13/04/2021	£11.28	Microsoft	MS Office 365 subscription	Pocket
13/04/2021	£14.39	Zoom Video Communications	Ability to hold online meetings	Pocket
13/04/2021	£10.00	Currys PC World	Printer paper	Pocket
26/04/2021	£3,584.17	ERYC	New SNR streetlight	Int. Payment
29/04/2021	£5.00	Createsend/stargrange.com	Send emails to email list	Pocket
30/04/2021	£367.99	ERPF	Pension contributions	Int. Payment
30/04/2021	£1,234.38	Miss. S. F. Smith	Clerk salary	Int. Payment
30/04/2021	£247.30	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	Int. Payment
05/05/2021	£925.20	Shed Grounds Maintenance	2 months of grass cutting fees	Int. Payment

## 9. PLANNING

### 1) Notices of Decision

- a. **21/00966/TCA** – Crown lift group of beech trees to a height of 5.5m over drive and public highway and fell 1 o. Conifer tree – Sunnyside House, Galegate – **planning permission granted.**

### 2) To determine what comments to make on the following applications:

- a. **20/03469/PLF** – Erection of 5 dwellings and associated works following the demolition of existing structures (AMENDED PLANS & DESCRIPTION) AT Hall Farm site, Eastgate, North Newbald.

**Resolved:** that:-

- i. NPC reiterates the extensive comments that it made in relation to the previous version of this application, as they continue to be totally relevant, if not more so now that the number of proposed properties has increased.
  - ii. NPC states that the agency reports now need to be renewed because of the increased number of properties.
  - iii. NPC questions the legality of adding new properties to a sewage system which is clearly already overloaded. As ERYC officers Steven Murray and Steve Charlton had both stated that this development would be unacceptable given the current sewage problems, the Clerk will ask if they too can write to the Planning Officer to voice their concerns.
- b. **21/01400/TCA** – fell 1 Goat Willow tree due to tree outgrowing its situation and there are other trees in the close vicinity – Beck Farm, 22 Eastgate, North Newbald.

**Resolved:** that NPC has no observations to make on this planning application but requests that a condition is included requiring the tree to be replaced.

- c. **21/01024/PLF** - Change of use of land to domestic garden and erection of a single storey extension to existing detached garage – Browns Farm, South Newbald Road.

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

- 3) To consider any matters arising from the potential pig farm on Cliffe Road (20/01149/PLF) - none at time of publishing agenda.

The Clerk said she had not received an update yet but would forward it when she received it.

## 10. SEWAGE LEAKS AND FLOODING

### 1) Matters Pertaining to Flooding and Sewage Leaks.

Yorkshire Water is carrying out CCTV analysis in Newbald, as and when groundwater levels allow. They are sealing parts of the system off to address particular areas/ problems, which begs the question as to where any water displaced by such activity will go.

Cllrs. O'Sullivan and Marshall felt that the camera work should also take place further upstream in the system, as far as the school.

The Clerk said that Yorkshire Water had stated that it was considering a permanent resolution to make the sewer network more resistant to groundwater. This solution was still at the consultation stage and details about it would be released to NPC once it had been agreed upon.

The Clerk said that she had been invited to attend a meeting between Graham Stuart MP and Yorkshire Water on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May, so she would report back on that.

Cllr. O'Sullivan said it was important to continue to remind Yorkshire Water of the seismic activity and the fact that the underground reservoir had been closed recently, as these could have significant bearings on the current situation.

### 2) West Wolds Slow the Flow (WWSTF)

The next WWSTF meeting was scheduled for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

There were currently no more matters to agree beyond NPC's previous agreement to:-

- i. hold a public Zoom meeting about flooding/sewage problems in Newbald.
- ii. subsequently create a map identifying all the problem areas in Newbald and submit it to WWSTF to be added to the main map.

## 11. CEMETERY CHARGE FOR PERSON OWNING LAND IN THE PARISH

Members considered whether to charge residents' rate for someone whose family owns land in the village but does not live there.

**Resolved:** that the customer must pay the non-resident fee to reserve a grave.

## 12. FUNDRAISING FOR ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH

Cllr. Stewart said that the church was at risk of closing if not enough funds were raised. This in turn would mean that Cllr. (Rev) Bushby would have to leave the Parish and his house would be let out by the church to raise money. Rev. Bushby is dedicated to the parish and does a lot of work supporting residents.

As St. Nicholas' Church is a Grade 1 listed building and an important foundation for the village, Cllr. Stewart

questioned whether the Parish Council has a moral obligation to protect it. Even people who are not religious value it significantly.

Members agreed that it was indeed important. However, the question of the level of support that the Parish Council could/would offer was something that would be difficult to resolve. Some questioned whether it would be right to give actual money to the church, preferring that NPC provides support in other ways, such as raising awareness in the Parish via the newsletter and social media.

St. Nicholas' Church requires £20,000 a year to keep running. £12,000 of that goes to York Diocese. £3,000 pays for the insurance.

It was agreed that the Church should put together a report giving details of its current financial situation and what it needs to achieve to be able to survive. Then this can be considered in more detail at the June meeting.

### **13. NEWBALD YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION (NYPP)**

#### **1) Request from NYPP to Help Them Pay for the Wages of Youth Club Staff**

Members felt that it would not be fair to pay wages for one charity and not the other charities in the village. Doing so would be a precedent, which might lead to other such requests.

*Resolved:* that NPC will not help to pay the wages of youth club staff.

#### **2) Request for Help with Installing a Road Sign to Direct People to the Rooms**

Members did not feel that a permanent sign on the village green would be appropriate or in keeping with the conservation area.

*Resolved:* that NYPP is welcome to display an A board outside The Rooms when it is open to help people find it. However, the A board must be removed at all other times.

#### **3) Invitation by the NYPP Committee for Councillors to Visit The Rooms**

Members welcomed the opportunity to go and view the rooms and requests that NYPP suggests a particular date/time.

### **14. PROBLEM PARKING**

#### **1) Cars Parking on the Pavement**

Members agreed that it would not be possible to address individuals in relation to the problem of cars parking on the pavement.

It was agreed that this would be raised in the next newsletter and via social media.

#### **2) Excessive Parking on and Around Eastgate and the Green**

The parking situation has been getting worse in recent weeks. Cllr. Marshall raised the possibility of putting some signs up in the village encouraging people to park in the Village Hall instead of on the streets, which would also provide some publicity for the Village Hall. He had already briefly discussed the idea with one member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr. Openshaw pointed out that some walking groups already use the Village Hall car park and make a donation to the Hall in the honesty box. However, the Village Hall Management Committee would need to discuss whether further use of the car park was a good thing or whether it might start to impact on availability of parking spaces for people that are using the Hall.

#### **15. MIRROR ON THE MIRES**

Cllr. Marshall said that he would like to put up a convex safety mirror on the Mires to facilitate easier manoeuvring in and out of his and his neighbours' properties.

Members were not sure whether such a mirror would be in keeping with the Mires. Time being short, it was agreed that Members would consider this again in a month's time. Meanwhile, they could take the opportunity to have a look at the proposed location of the mirror.

#### **16. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY/LAND SEARCH**

The Clerk said she had been approached by a couple who were keen to set up a shop in the village and who had requested help in finding a commercial property or area of land that they could use for this purpose.

Members felt that the best starting point would be for them to contact all the individual organisation in the village to see if they might have some space available that they could use – e.g., the Village Hall, The Rooms, The Gnu, The Tiger, St. Nicholas' Church etc.

Members would also continue to consider this.

#### **17. NHS SOCIAL CARE & FRONTLINE WORKERS' DAY – MONDAY 5TH JULY**

Members were supportive of the WI's intention to hold an event to commemorate 73 years since the NHS was founded.

**Resolved:** that:-

- i. provided they have adequate public liability insurance, the WI is welcome to put tables and chairs on the Green.
- ii. the WI is welcome to decorate the existing NHS signs to promote the event.

#### **18. MONCKTON MOTOCROSS**

The Clerk had previously circulated an email from ERYC Planning Enforcement to all Members. This stated that, because no action had been taken to object to the Motocross track in the first 10 years of its existence, there was now no case to answer. The owners can continue to use it, maintain, and extend it and need only apply for a Certificate of Lawfulness to secure retrospective planning permission.

**19. ERYC COUNCILLORS** - No ERYC Councillors attended the meeting.

**20. INFORMATION EXCHANGE** - None.

#### **21. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) **Peter Taylor Memorial Road Race** – Cycling event on Sunday 6th June – will pass through North Newbald – information received 24 April 2021 from the event organiser, City Road Club Hull. – **noted.**

**Meeting closed at 9.32pm**