

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5 JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM AT NEWBALD VILLAGE HALL

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

**In attendance:** Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), County Cllr. Bernard Gateshill, County Cllr. P. Greenwood, 2 members of the public.

**1. PUBLIC FORUM** – none.

**2. APOLOGIES** - none

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**3.1. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Barratt – item 6.2 a – non pecuniary  
 Cllr. Howard – item 23 – non pecuniary  
 Cllr. Lewis – items 22, 23 – non pecuniary  
 Cllr. Marshall – item 7 – non pecuniary  
 Cllr. Milner – item 23 – non pecuniary  
 Cllr. Openshaw – item 23 – non pecuniary  
 Cllr. Stewart – item 24 – non pecuniary

**3.2. Dispensations** – none.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**5. FINANCE**

**5.1. Financial Report**

*Resolved:* that the financial report has been received and noted (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>
15/06/2021	£3.60	Microsoft exchange	.gov.uk email address	Pocket
15/06/2021	£11.28	Microsoft	MS Office 365 subscription	Pocket
29/06/2021	£5.00	Createsend/ Com	Send emails to email list	Pocket

28/06/2021	£3,758.37	Newbald Village Hall	Sober grant – Roof and Walling Refurbishment	Int. Payment
30/06/2021	£367.99	ERPF	Pension contributions	Int. Payment
30/06/2021	£1,234.18	Miss. S. F. Smith	Clerk salary	Int. Payment
30/06/2021	£247.50	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	Int. Payment
02/07/2021	£462.60	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting – cemetery/ churchyard	Int. Payment
02/07/2021	£90.00	ERNLLCA	Cemetery training	Int. Payment

## 6. PLANNING

### 6.1. Notices of Decision

The following decisions were noted:

**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 Rd - **planning permission refused.**

**20/03469/PLF** - Erection of 5 dwellings and associated works following the demolition of existing structures at Hall Farm Site Eastgate North Newbald East Riding of Yorkshire – **planning permission granted.**

Members expressed extreme disappointment and anger at the fact that the Hall Farm development got planning permission despite the many material planning reasons that should have seen it refused.

Cllr. Gateshill confirmed that Planning officers make an opinion and then write a report for the planning committee that overcomes every objection and supports their opinion. They pretend it is a scientific assessment, but it is very subjective.

Clearly there is no right to appeal for objectors, so this is the end of the line in terms of fighting this application.

Whilst Members recognised that something would have to be done with that site at some point, they were aggrieved that such a wholly inappropriate development would get passed.

Sewage and flooding issues in the village are extreme and this development will only exacerbate this. Everyone passes the buck – with ERYC putting responsibility on Yorkshire Water and Yorkshire Water blaming groundwater, which is ERYC's domain. There seems to be very little partnership working.

Developers have the legal right to plug into a sewer, and YW has the obligation to provide 'effective' sewage facilities, regardless of what its current condition is. Hence Yorkshire Water will never say that it is unable to meet the needs of a new housing scheme, regardless of how dire the situation is. Yorkshire Water is a private company and therefore driven by profit. They make do and mend as best they can and do anything they can to delay spending large amounts of money on improvements.

Members agreed that this represented a disconnect between the water authorities and the planning system, which must have an impact on a national level. It was agreed that this should be raised with Graham Stuart MP. It was noted that West Wolds Slow the Flow (WWSTF) would act as a pressure group lobbying for change around flooding and sewage problems.

The houses on Hall Farm will be large and expensive, with no affordable housing included, putting them beyond the reach of residents who already feel unable to afford to stay in the village. The commuted sums which have been included will go into a general pot and not necessarily be used for Newbald.

Cllr. Lewis questioned whether we should as a Council be proactive and put something forward rather than simply objecting to what comes from developers. Most others did not support this as a practical option.

However, it was agreed that NPC wanted to take some action about this.

**Resolved:** that NPC writes to:

- 1) senior executives at ERYC – Alan Menzies, Caroline Lacey, and Stephen Hunt;
- 2) Leader of East Yorkshire of Yorkshire Council – Jonathan Owen;
- 3) ERYC Complaints department and then the Local Government Ombudsman if not happy with the response;
- 4) other parish councils to see if they share concerns about their views not being taken into account by ERYC, with a view to starting a joint action for change;
- 5) Graham Stuart MP on the wider planning issues.

*Cllr. Gateshill left the meeting.*

## 6.2. Planning Applications

**6.2.1.21/02336/TCA-** NORTH NEWBALD CONSERVATION AREA - Fell 1 no. Leylandii tree (1) or crown reduce by 4.8 metres in height and reduce bulk due to excessive shade over the garden and neighbouring properties, is out of scale with the garden and is of low amenity value; Crown reduce 1 no. Holly tree (2) by 4.5 metres in height, remove 1 no. large branch and reduce bulk due to excessive shade over neighbouring property, close proximity to neighbouring property and is out of scale with the garden - Eastwold Cottage 19 Eastwold

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

**6.2.2. Other planning applications** – none received.

## 6.3. Pig Farm on Cliffe Road (20/01149/PLF)

The clerk reported that Natural England's enforcement officers have reviewed the case and they have chosen to contact the police in relation to the Amphibian Fencing. The police have issued a crime number and will be in contact with an outcome/report at some point.

Natural England is clear there was a need for a licence, but that ERYC didn't enforce one. However, as no license was issued, they cannot enforce it so have registered as a criminal act.

## 7. SEWAGE LEAKS AND FLOODING

### 7.1. Flooding and Sewage Leaks

The clerk tabled a document created by Cllr. Marshall during a conversation with a Yorkshire Water representative.

Yorkshire Water had confirmed that it intended to spend £500k on spray lining around 1400m of sewer along The Mires, Eastgate and the surrounding area. This will stop groundwater inundating the foul only sewage pipes and enable residents to use their facilities. The work was scheduled for the Autumn and would certainly be completed by the end of the financial year.

Members noted that a recent short deluge of rain had immediately resulted in sewage floods and sewage flowing into the beck, even though the springs and water table levels are low.

Properties on Eastgate are now not able to get insurance cover for flooding at an affordable price.

Concern was also expressed about the state of the beck and the fact that water is not able to flow freely due to the large volume of weeds.

**Resolved:** that NPC

- i. keeps the pressure up on Yorkshire Water;
- ii. consults with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to create and distributes a leaflet to people who live alongside the beck reminding them of their riparian duties to keep the water flowing;
- iii. raises awareness of West Wolds Slow the Flow (WWSTF).

## **7.2. West Wolds Slow the Flow (WWSTF)**

Members considered whether there was a summer event that WWSTF representatives could attend in the hope of speaking to residents about their concerns in relation to flooding and sewage leaks.

Given there was nothing in the diary, it was agreed that a separate event would need to be organised, either on The Green or in the Village Hall.

## **8. SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF THE CHURCHYARD, CEMETERY, MIRES AND THE GREEN**

The Clerk outlined the costs of the highest priority maintenance work that had been raised in the inspection reports.

As there was quite a lot to consider, it was agreed that the Clerk would put together details and budget options and circulate these to Council Members for consideration.

**Resolved:** that the clerk has delegated authority to arrange any maintenance work agreed by members via email.

## **9. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND TACKLING EXCESSIVE PARKING**

### **9.1. ERYC Feedback**

Members considered a rather terse response that had been received from a ERYC Senior Traffic Engineer, which suggested they were not interested in liaising any further with NPC about traffic calming measures, despite the fact that a couple in the village had offered to pay for them.

It was agreed that NPC should keep the pressure up on ERYC about this and that this situation would feed into the ERYC complaint which had been agreed earlier in the meeting.

### **9.2. Community Speedwatch**

The Clerk said that, despite many appeals, she still did not have the necessary 6 people required to start a Community Speedwatch scheme.

Cllr. Lewis said that he would be happy to take part.

It was agreed that once again the Clerk would put an appeal in the newsletter for people to take part.

### **9.3. Parking Issues**

Cllr. Openshaw said that the option of visitors being directed to park at the Village Hall was still up for discussion by the Village Hall.

## 10. REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

### 10.1. Newbald Playing Field Association (NPFA)

Having had opportunity to review NPFA's accounts, Members considered again the charity's request for help paying its insurance and grass cutting costs.

It was felt that the insurance was particularly important as, without it, the playground would have to shut.

Cllrs. O'Sullivan and Openshaw felt sure that they had seen many different types of grants that NPFA could apply for being a provider of exercise facilities for young people.

**Resolved:** that NPC:

- i. grants £650 to NPFA towards its insurance costs;
- ii. signposts NPFA to the East Riding Community Grant website where they can explore other funding options.

## 11. TREES ON THE MIRES

The Clerk said that she continued to request a meeting with Steve Murray to talk about the tree that needed moving. While he had said he would be happy to do so, she had not yet been able to firm up a date due to his large work volume. She said she would continue to pursue this.

Members raised concerns about the recently planted trees on Trundlegate. Two of them were dead. The Clerk said that she would contact Lodge Landscapes about this.

## 12. YEW TREE ON EASTGATE

Members discussed the Yew Tree on the Hall farm site, which was clearly dying. A local tree expert was convinced that it was being poisoned, with someone drilling holes into the bark and putting diesel into it.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk contacts the Environment Agency to see if it can take any action against the landowner.

## 13. MAINTENANCE WORK ON SOUTH NEWBALD ROAD

The Clerk said she would add this work to the previous list discussed at minute 8 and Members could consider it over the next month.

## 14. POSSIBILITY OF A SHOP IN NEWBALD

Cllr. Lewis said that the Village Hall had explored the option of allowing a shop to be opened at the Village Hall. However, the interested party had wanted the Village Hall to take the risk of putting up the building and just to pay rent. As this would cost in the region of £80k, it was considered a non-starter.

The Clerk said that a resident had suggested Nigel Hildyard's outbuildings on South Newbald Road could possibly be used. Members felt certain that he would not be in favour of this, though Cllr. O'Sullivan said she would check to make certain of that.

## 15. FUTURE PLANS FOR CEMETERY

Cllr. O'Sullivan queried whether NPC should consider acting now to rent the field next to the cemetery and start

work on extending it. The Parish Council could apply for grants for trees and get them planted in anticipation.

It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire as the cost and process of taking on the land.

Cllr O'Sullivan agreed to draw up her vision of how the cemetery extension might be laid out.

#### **16. FLY TIPPING OF GARDEN WASTE**

Cllr. O'Sullivan said that there had been 2 instances of garden waste tipping that she was aware of, one on the Mires and the other on Townside Road.

It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this in the newsletter again.

#### **17. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Cllr. O'Sullivan said that she and Fiona Oakes were fundraising for the power supply to the Village Green. She would update NPC in due course.

#### **18. LITTER PICKING ROLE**

Members considered a request by a member of the public for NPC to create a paid litter picking role. This came from someone who already very actively picks up litter on a voluntary basis.

Members did not feel that this was appropriate at this point in time but offered their thanks to the resident. If NPC did decide to go down this route in future, they would be sure to contact her and consider her for the role.

#### **19. MEMORIAL SAFETY**

Members considered how to go about checking that the headstones in the cemetery and churchyard are safe.

The Chairman, Cllr. Openshaw and Cllr. Marshall volunteered to carry out the safety checks.

#### **20. DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

Cllr. O'Sullivan offered to provide informal training familiarising people with how to access the defibrillator. It was agreed that the Clerk would put this in the next newsletter.

#### **21. CONVEX SAFETY MIRROR ON THE MIRES**

Members discussed this again but felt that it would set a precedent that would be unacceptable.

#### **22. NPFA**

Cllr. Lewis said that he had nothing further to report at this moment in time, NPFA having already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### **22. VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall has secured funding for Phase 3. Since originally applying for the funding, there had been a

14% hike in the cost of materials. However, the Committee was still going ahead and was going to meet some of the extra costs itself.

As the Village Hall re-opens following the Covid crisis, previous users of the Village Hall have all rebooked. There were also some new groups choosing to use The Hall.

Bookings for one off events, such as kids parties and weekend functions were also strong.

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, Cllr Openshaw thanked NPC for the quick response in relation to the third-party contribution.

### **23. NYPP**

Cllr. Stewart said that NYPP Committee members were consulting with neighbours with a view to putting a small sign on the external doors to indicate that this was the Church Rooms. The sign would be in keeping with others on the Green.

The Committee was also waiting for a quote for new doors from a local joinery company.

### **24. ERYC COUNCILLORS**

All matters had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **25. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

**25.1.** Members discussed an idea to move the meeting to the second Monday of the month, which would mean that ERYC Members would find it easier to attend. Given no Councillors objected, and meeting dates were set by the Clerk, it was agreed that this could be done on a trial basis.

**25.2.** Members heard that a member of the public had raised the question of maintenance of the beck that runs at the back of the Prattwood (between the Prattwood and Ings Drive). She felt that the tenant at the Prattwood should be doing more to help with clearing the beck. The Chairman said that he would have a word with the tenant.

**25.3.** The Clerk informed Members of online and drop-in meetings designed to inform people about the updates to the ERYC Local Plan. This might aid Members in their understanding when it came to commenting in the consultation process.

### **26. CORRESPONDENCE**

**26.1.** Local Implications of Bus Back Better – the new National Bus Strategy for England – briefing for parish councils received from the Transport Development Officer, ERYC.

*Resolved:* that the clerk consults with the Chairman and responds on NPC's behalf. Members can let the Clerk know their thoughts.

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

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## Council Detail Report 30/06/2021

	Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Precept	24,555	49,109	24,554			50.0%
Miscellaneous Income	18	0	(18)			0.0%
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>24,573</b>	<b>49,109</b>	<b>24,536</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Sober Hill Wind Farm</b>						
Wind Farm Grant - Village Hall	3,758	0	(3,758)		(3,758)	0.0%
<b>Administration</b>						
Insurance	0	498	498		498	0.0%
Clerk	3,703	15,084	11,381		11,381	24.5%
HMRC Tax/NI	742	3,056	2,314		2,314	24.3%
Pension Cost	1,104	4,504	3,400		3,400	24.5%
Administration Expenses	0	50	50		50	0.0%
Training Expenses	0	200	200		200	0.0%
Staff Expenses	0	168	168		168	0.0%
Mileage Costs	0	50	50		50	0.0%
Broadband/Telephone	0	150	150		150	0.0%
IT & Software	301	689	388		388	43.6%
Defibrillator Costs	0	215	215		215	0.0%
Dog waste costs	0	124	124		124	0.0%
Community Engagement Fees	15	62	47		47	24.2%
Audit Fees	300	603	303		303	49.8%
Room Hire	0	151	151		151	0.0%
Newsletter & Associated Costs	84	426	342		342	19.6%
Postage & Stationery	8	75	67		67	11.1%
SLCC/ERNLLCA	555	737	182		182	75.3%
Grants and Donations	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%
Contingency Fund	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
Bank Charges	42	144	102		102	29.1%
<b>Council Activity</b>						
Christmas Tree & Lights	0	422	422		422	0.0%
Maintenance	0	5,672	5,672		5,672	0.0%
Clock	0	160	160		160	0.0%
Street Lighting	0	1,407	1,407		1,407	0.0%
Capital Acquisitions	2,987	4,870	1,883		1,883	61.3%
<b>Cemetery</b>						
Council tax/Utilities	0	149	149		149	0.0%
Maintenance	0	2,412	2,412		2,412	0.0%
Cemetery Development	0	500	500		500	0.0%
Grass Cutting	578	2,313	1,735		1,735	25.0%
<b>Churchyard</b>						
Maintenance	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%
Grass Cutting	578	2,313	1,735		1,735	25.0%
<b>VAT Data</b>						
VAT on Payments	890	0	(890)		(890)	0.0%

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## Council Detail Report 30/06/2021

	Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>15,646</b>	<b>56,704</b>	<b>41,058</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41,058</b>	27.6%
<b>Total Receipts</b>	24,573	49,109	24,536			50.0%
<b>Total Payments</b>	15,646	56,704	41,058	0	41,058	27.6%
<b>Net Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>8,927</b>	<b>(7,595)</b>	<b>(16,522)</b>			
plus Transfer from EMR	0					
less Transfer to EMR	0					
<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<b>8,927</b>	<b>(7,595)</b>	<b>(16,522)</b>			

## Newbald Parish Council Current Year

## Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 30 June 2021

**Confirmed Bank & Investment Balances**Bank Statement Balances

30/06/2021	current bank account	68,137.52
31/03/2018	HSBC Current Account	0.00
31/03/2018	HSBC Deposit Account	0.00
30/06/2021	Wind Farm Current Account	249.72
30/06/2021	Wind Farm Deposit Account	6,704.43
30/06/2021	Pockit Card	133.56
31/03/2021	Newbald Energy 20427702	-18.00
		<b>75,207.23</b>

Receipts not on Bank Statement**0.00****Closing Balance****75,207.23**All Cash & Bank Accounts

1	NPC Unity Current Bank A/c	68,137.52
2	NPC HSBC Current A/c	0.00
3	NPC HSBC Deposit A/c	0.00
4	Wind Farm Current A/c	249.72
5	Wind Farm Deposit A/c	6,704.43
6	Pockit Card	133.56
7	Newbald Energy	0.00
	Other Cash & Bank Balances	0.00
	<b>Total Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>	<b>75,225.23</b>