

# NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM AT NEWBALD VILLAGE HALL

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

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

### 1. PUBLIC FORUM - None

### 2. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Bushby – injured  
Cllr. Howard – ill  
Cllr. Wright - isolating

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 3.1. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Lewis – item 15, 16 -non pecuniary  
Cllr. Milner – items 15, 6-b) – non pecuniary  
Cllr. Openshaw – item 15 – non pecuniary  
Cllr. Stewart – Item 17 – non pecuniary

#### 3.2. Dispensations – none.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 11 October 2021 are signed as a correct record.

### 5. FINANCE

#### 5.1. 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>
12/10/2021	£3.60	Microsoft exchange	.gov.uk email address	Pocket
12/10/2021	£11.28	Microsoft	MS Office 365 subscription	Pocket
29/09/2021	£5.00	Createsend/ Com	Send emails to email list	Pocket
29/10/2021	£367.99	ERPF	Pension contributions	Int. Payment
29/10/2021	£1,234.18	Miss. S. F. Smith	Clerk salary	Int. Payment
29/10/2021	£247.50	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	Int. Payment
29/10/2021	£1,829.80	Blachere Illumination	Festive Lighting	Int. Payment
01/11/2021	£462.60	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting – cemetery/ churchyard	Int. Payment

## 5.2. Change to Grass Cutting Costs

The Clerk informed Members that Shed Grounds Maintenance does not intend to raise its prices despite the change to NPC's requirements. They will trim round the headstones next year rather than using weedkiller.

## 6. PLANNING

### 6.1. Notices of Decision

**6.1.1. 21/02662/PLF** – External alterations to front and side elevations of existing detached garage – Yew Tree House, 51 Eastgate – **planning permission granted.**

### 6.2. Planning Applications

**6.2.1. 21/03299/PLF** – Change of use of paddock to domestic garden, erection of single storey extension to eastern front elevation of existing detached garage, conversion of existing garage to games room and retention of increased height to boundary wall (Resubmission of 21/01024/PLF) – Browns Farm, South Newbald Road.

**Resolved:** that NPC comments as follows:

Newbald Parish Council thinks that the retention of the increased height of the boundary wall should be refused.

By virtue of its height, length, siting and appearance, this taller wall is a prominent, visually incongruous, and intrusive feature, and is harmful to the spatial quality and visual amenity of the area.

The wall is not in keeping with the majority of boundaries in the immediate vicinity and is detrimental to the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

The proposal is therefore contrary to guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework. The wall is directly next to the highway.

It is distracting to road users, impairs visibility and hence negatively impacts the safe use of the highway.

**6.2.2. 21/04042/TCA** – SOUTH NEWBALD CONSERVATION AREA - Feel 3 no. Scotts Pine (T1, T2, T3) and 1 no. Conifer (T4) due to site redevelopment – Holmlea, South Newbald Road.

**Resolved:** that NPC comments as follows:

Newbald Parish Council strongly feels that this application should be refused. The trees are not in the area where the new property is being built, but much further back. In this era of devastating climate change, these trees should be preserved. Any replacement trees will take a long time to reach the same level of maturity.

**6.2.3. Reconsideration of 21/03447/TELECOM** – Installation of a 13m high wooden utility telegraph pole with three 'golf ball' aerials and ancillary development thereto for the provision of residential Wi-Fi superfast broadband services – Land North East of Sunnyside House, Galegate.

**Resolved:** that NPC comments again as follows:

Newbald Parish Council would like to urgently amend its 'no observations' comment on this application, as a result of concerns that have been raised by residents.

Members of the Council fully support the comments made by Barry Duffy and request that this pole is moved 3-4 metres along the wall back from the highway. This will help to protect visibility and safety

on the highway. It will make the pole less visually intrusive, protect the residential amenity of the area and allow easier use of the pavement.

Newbald Parish Council already feels that the green box is illogically placed and would not like the siting of this telegraph pole to compound this bad decision.

#### **6.2.4. Other applications received since the publishing of the agenda**

None received.

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

No matters were raised in relation to this.

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

Members expressed concern about the state of the road outside the development. It was agreed that these concerns should be raised with the main contractor, Ashcourt Group.

### **7. SEWAGE LEAKS AND FLOODING**

Cllr. Marshall reported that Yorkshire Water had not yet provided a start date for the work to reline the sewer. They had however got the materials and planning with the contractors was at an advanced stage.

### **8. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ON THE GREEN AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Clerk, Cllr. Marshall and Cllr. Wright reported that everything was in hand. The lights had been decided on by the Christmas Lights Committee and ordered by the clerk.

Members were not too impressed with the state of the green following the work to install the electricity supply. It was agreed that the grass cutters should be emailed about this.

### **9. WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL AND ERYC**

The clerk said that she had received many emails from other councils, almost all of which were supportive of the idea of sending a joint complaint to ERYC. Many other councils had also raised concerns which went beyond the planning system. They would like to see the way in which ERYC communicates with parish councils included.

The Clerk said that it was important that any letter sent to ERYC acknowledged the goodwill that did exist and thanked those officers. Also, the letter would need to be constructive with positive suggestions for change.

### **10. MEMORIAL SAFETY AND WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION**

The Clerk said that the war memorial would be restored in time for Remembrance Sunday.

The budget meeting would look at the costs of the safety repairs and determine whether this work could be done all at once or whether it would need to be spread across multiple financial years.

### **11. TREE SAFETY AND HEALTH REPORT**

The Clerk said that she had not yet received the quotes, but that they were underway.

## 12. THE PRATTWOOD

The Chairman and Cllr Marshall said the Head at the School was really helpful and keen to be involved with the Prattwood as the third trustee. The charity's constitution requires that one trustee is from the school.

Cllr. Marshall was working with Cllr. Barrett to bring the operation of the charity more up-to-date and to change the records at the Charity Commission to reflect the fact that Gavin Steward was no longer a trustee.

## 13. COMMUNITY EVENT

The Clerk let members know that there was currently a grant available to encourage events that brought the community together. She said that she had shared details of this grant with the other organisations in the village.

## 14. CODE OF CONDUCT

Members considered ERYC's revised code of conduct for councillors.

**Resolved:** that NPC adopts the Code of Conduct.

*Cllr. Greenwood joined the meeting.*

## 15. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Openshaw detailed 2 quotes the Village Hall Management Committee had received for resurfacing and marking out the car park. One was £20,400, the other £23,000. Further costs would be incurred by creating a kerb, widening the entrance, and printing of signage to redirect visitors to the village to the Village Hall. The total cost would likely exceed £25,000. This would need to be a Sober Hill Wind Farm application. This is not a Village Hall priority at the moment and very much has come to the fore at the parish council's request.

Members felt that at this stage it would be better to try out the scheme by marking out the car parking spaces, without resurfacing first. Then, if it proved successful, the resurfacing could take place down the line.

## 16. NPFA

There were no new matters to raise.

## 17. NYPP

There were no new matters to raise.

## 18. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Members were keen to hold an event, including being part of a national network of beacons, as this would likely be the last such event of the Queen's reign.

## 19. PLANNING TRAINING

The Clerk detailed planning training being held in early 2022. She and three Members were interested in attending training on the forthcoming changes to the national planning system.

**20. ERYC COUNCILLORS**

No particular matters were raised.

**21. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Members discussed the new noticeboard and agreed that it should be of similar colour to the existing one, a similar size and in the same location.

**Meeting closed at 9.20pm**