

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM AT NEWBALD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors B. O'Sullivan (Chairman), D. Stewart (Vice Chairman), M. Bushby, G. Lewis, J. Marshall, B. Smith, S. Wright

In attendance: Suzanne Smith (Clerk to the Council), County Cllr. Bernard Gateshill

1. PUBLIC FORUM - None

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Following the resignation of Cllr. Sarah Milner, members considered who should be the new Vice Chairman.

Resolved: that Cllr. Diana Stewart is appointed as the new Vice Chair.

3. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Howard – ill

Cllr. Openshaw – ill

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4.1. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Lewis – item 24, 25 - non pecuniary

Cllr. Marshall – item 23 – non pecuniary

Cllr. Stewart – item 26 – non pecuniary

4.2. Dispensations – none.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings held on 17 January 2022 are signed as a correct record.

The chair moved to item 27

6. ERYC COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Gateshill referred to a series of meetings being organised by ERYC's Councillor, David Elvidge and town and parish councils. The clerk said she would find out more about them.

Cllr. Gateshill enquired about the bats at the Hall Farm housing development, which he had previously made some enquiries about on NPC's behalf. The Chair updated him and other members. Work had ceased at the site after the contractors discovered hundreds of bats in one of the buildings due to be demolished. She had contacted Natural England and ascertained that the developer should be providing further reports and obtaining a licence. Discussions with the developer had shown that this was not currently in hand. Natural England had suggested that this be reported as a wildlife crime to the police on their non-emergency number 101.

Cllr. Gateshill enquired about the pig farm and whether any work had started. Cllr. Marshall said that it had been noted that Cliffe Road was possibly being prepared for work to be carried out, which may have something to do with the conditions set in the planning approval. He said he would make further enquiries with the people who live down there to get a better picture.

Cllr. Gateshill offered his ongoing support with any matters that came up.

County Cllr. Gateshill left the meeting.

The Chair moved back to item 5

7. FINANCE

7.1. Financial Report

The Clerk tabled a financial report up until the 31st January, which had previously been circulated to members.

Resolved: that the financial report is received, and the contents noted. See Appendix 1.

7.2. Approval of Payments

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

Date	Payment	Payee	Reason	Payment Type
28/01/2022	£38.93	NALC	Levelling up training	Int. Payment
28/01/2022	£78.00	ERNLLCA	Planning training	Int. Payment
28/01/2022	£853.00	NYPP	Sober Grant for Lights & Equip	Int. Payment
28/01/2022	£5,625.00	St. Nicholas Church	Sober Grant for Development of café	Int. Payment
28/01/2022	£1,465.00	Newbald Primary School	Sober grant for guitars	Int. Payment
29/01/2022	£5.00	Stargrange email tools	Send/receive emails	Pocket
31/01/2022	£1,234.18	Suzanne Smith	Clerk Salary	Int. Payment
31/01/2022	£247.50	HMRC	Tax+NI	Int. Payment
31/01/2022	£367.99	ERPF	Pension	Int. Payment
02/02/2022	£6.00	Morrisons	Printer paper reams	Pocket
04/02/2022	£462.60	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting	Int. Payment
04/02/2022	£252.00	CWS Property & Maintenance	Widening footpaths on SNR and Westgate	Int. Payment
04/02/2022	£135.00	Newbald Village Hall	Room fees	Pocket
04/02/2022	£18.37	Newbald Village Hall	Room fees	Pocket
07/02/2022	£21.00	Newbald Village Hall	Room fees	Pocket

8. PLANNING

8.1. Notices of Decision

8.1.1. 21/03299/PLF - 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) - AMENDED PLANS – Browns Farm, South Newbald Road – **Planning permission granted.**

8.1.2. 21/00324/PLF - Construction of a concrete hardstanding to reduce sediment run-off from agricultural vehicle traffic and retention of existing concrete hardstanding to northern end of site - Wrangmandale Wold Beverley Road - **Planning permission granted.**

8.1.3. 21/04421/PLF - Erection of 1.8m high access gate and boundary fence – Redmere, The Mires – **planning permission granted.**

8.1.4. 21/02266/PLF - Erection of a Village Sports Pavilion and associated works - Back Lane Play Area Back Lane – **planning permission granted.**

8.2. Planning Applications

8.2.1. 21/04211/PLF– Change of use from shop and conversion of outbuilding to provide additional living accommodation, erection of a two storey and single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing kitchen/lobby, construction of dormer window to rear, rebuild boundary wall and installation of sliding gate to side and associated works. Removal of outer skin of brickwork and replaced with natural stone, removal of concrete roof tiles to replace with slates, removal of shop front with associated alterations – 3 The Green – **amended description.**

Resolved: that, as the plans have not actually changed, NPC’s comments remain the same.

8.2.2. 21/04690/PLF - Erection of two storey extension to side, conversion of existing integral garage into additional living accommodation, including demolition of front porch - 37 Burgate.

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

21/04697/PLF - Erection of a shed - 14 Monckton Rise.

Resolved: NPC is concerned about this application and thinks it should be refused.

The garden at 14 Monckton Rise has recently been extended by virtue of planning application 19/04042/PLF - Land South Of Pinfold Trundlegate, South Newbald, YO43 4ST - Change of use of land to domestic garden, to extend the existing gardens of numbers 10, 11, 12, 14 & 15 Monckton Rise.

Condition 6 of the planning decision imposes restrictions on the erection of any structure, without permission, in order to preserve the fauna and flora of this site.

Although this piece of land is now converted to private gardens, NPC feels it is important that the natural character of this area continues to be preserved. This garden backs on to uninterrupted open countryside and the inclusion of built structures would be inappropriate to the surroundings. This shed would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the green belt. It would cause unnecessary harm to the residential amenity of neighbouring properties.

This area is a haven for wildlife. It has already suffered with the extending of the gardens. Residents are able to enjoy these gardens without the need to do further damage to habitats. This shed could very easily be located within the original garden space.

8.2.3. 22/00284/TPO - NEWBALD VILLAGE - 1971 (REF 131) A1. NORTH NEWBALD CONSERVATION AREA - Crown reduce 1 no. Beech (T6) by reducing 1 no. limb to the north east by 4 metres in height to reduce the level arm effect, crown lift to 5.5 metres over the highway to allow for the passage of buses, and crown reduce aspect over the neighbouring property by 3 metres back to the previous pruning points – St. Nicholas’ Church.

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

8.2.4. 22/00265/TCA - NORTH NEWBALD CONSERVATION AREA - Pollard 1 no. Willow tree (T2) at 10-12 metres; Crown lift 3 no. Purple Sycamore trees (G3) by 3 metres over the Rowan tree to minimize

suppression, crown lift the south-easterly canopy to 3 metres to match the northern aspect, and crown thin by 15% to improve light penetration – The Mires.

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

8.3. Other applications received between the publishing of the agenda and the meeting – none received.

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

No further matters were raised in relation to this.

8.5. Hall Farm Development (20/03469/PLF)

Further to discussions held at minute 6, Cllr. O’Sullivan said that she would report the bat situation to the wildlife team at the Police.

9. TRIBUTE TO COUNCILLOR JOHN BARRETT

Members paid tribute to Cllr. John Barrett who had very sadly died in the last week.

Members felt that they wanted to commemorate his decades long service to the parish council.

It was agreed that an extra plaque would be ordered for the new bench on The Green, to go alongside the one dedicated to Cllr. Gavin Steward.

Members also felt that it would be nice to plant a tree on The Prattwood in his memory.

10. QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Members briefly outlined what had been agreed at the preceding meeting with the charities.

The event will take place on Sunday 5th June at 2.30pm for 2-3 hours on the Village Green. It will take the form of a street party/picnic and will include the following elements:

- Pudding competitions for different age groups.
- Traditional games, such as hop scotch, giant draughts, skipping ropes.
- Entertainment by the band Mambo Jambo.
- Old time music to be played when Mambo Jambo not performing.
- Dressing of scarecrows on a Royal theme, with a competition held to determine the best one.
- Attendees invited to wear red/white/blue or dress up on a Royal theme.
- Pub(s) invited to do something to contribute at the front of their premises.
- Village to be decorated with bunting and flags.
- Jubilee medals/mugs/coins to be commissioned for sale and/or as prizes.
- Jubilee tea towel featuring Newbald School children to be created.
- Throne and backdrop to be created to encourage photographs to be taken.
- Attendees will be asked to bring their own picnics and party games.
- Tea/coffee and cake may be for sale from the Church Rooms.
- Beacon to be lit.

It was agreed that the following would take place at other times as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

- Beacon to be lit as part of the national network of Platinum Jubilee beacons on the evening of 3rd June.
- Time capsule to be buried on The Mires
- Jubilee tree to be planted on The Mires in the Autumn.

Resolved: that while further detail would be fleshed out in the weeks to come, for now the following could definitely be agreed:

- i. Mambo Jambo should be booked at a cost of £350 for 2 hours.
- ii. An application should be made to ERYC to close the part of Ratten Row that runs in front of the Tiger pub, as well as the diagonal road that cuts through the Green, next to the post-box.
- iii. The cycling organisation that is holding a race which goes through Newbald on that day should be informed so that measures can be taken to ensure there is no conflict between the two events.

11. SEWAGE LEAKS AND FLOODING

Cllr. Marshall outlined the ongoing works by Yorkshire Water, which were due to finish at the end of February.

12. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER

Members considered this document and whether to sign up to it. While the sentiment was positive, there was no evidence of this working in real life.

Resolved: that NPC would like to see this charter working for a 6-month period and have evidence of its effectiveness, prior to considering again whether to sign up.

13. ERYC JOINT LETTER FROM TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS IN THE EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

Members considered a draft letter previously circulated to all Members. The Chair had a few suggestions for change.

Resolved: that the Clerk consults with other town and parish councils on the contents of the letter.

14. DETERIORATION OF GRASS AREAS

Members felt it was difficult to know what could be done to combat concerns about this. ERYC was slow to respond to any problems reported about damage to grass, having other higher priorities.

It was agreed that, when the grass was particularly bad, the parish council might consider employing someone to take remedial action. This would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Members discussed the poor state of the grass where the electrical installation had taken place on The Green. The Clerk agreed to approach ERYC to see if they could chase up the contractors that were supposed to have re-seeded the area.

15. FONS – NEW YEAR DUCK RACE

Members considered a letter drafted by the Clerk voicing concerns over the New Year Duck Race, which had resulted in some damage to the beck.

Resolved: that NPC is happy with the draft and the letter should be sent to FONS.

16. INSTALLATION OF NEW NOTICEBOARD ON THE GREEN

The Clerk said that the installation had been delayed as the noticeboard was too big for the contractor to handle on his own. Therefore, he had had to put back the installation to the following Monday when his colleague returned from holiday.

Resolved: that the keyholders would be the Chair, Cllr. Marshall and Cllr. Wright.

17. NEW NOTICEBOARD FOR SOUTH NEWBALD

It was agreed that this should stay off the agenda until such time as ERYC had assessed whether the noticeboard, bench and bin could be moved to the green on South Newbald Road. This could take some time.

18. VARIOUS TREE WORK

18.1. Quote for Removal of Weeds

Members considered a quote for removal of weeds from the bases of all the new trees of £126 and agree that this was acceptable.

18.2. Work to Raise the Copper Beech

The Clerk said she was still waiting for a quote for this work, so she would bring this back to a future meeting.

Members discussed the planting of trees more generally and agreed that they would like NPC to apply for more grants for trees. These trees could be planted on The Prattwood. Which ultimately would become a public open space.

19. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the training attended by the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Clerk on the new planning white paper, currently going through Parliament, neighbourhood plans had been cited as an important way that neighbourhoods could exercise some control over new developments in their area.

NPC had previously decided against a Neighbourhood plan, as it had been made clear that ultimately ERYC could decide what NPC would be allowed to include in any plan, plus it had the power to make planning decisions contrary to any such plan.

Nevertheless, Members agreed that it would be a good idea to explore neighbourhood plans further, including looking at others for parishes of a similar size to Newbald, as well as finding out about funding and the time commitment involved. This would then come back to a future meeting for further discussion.

20. WAR MEMORIAL IN THE CEMETERY

Quotes for the remaining part of the restoration of the war memorial had been received.

Resolved:

- i. that NPC accepts the quote of £398.14 from W. P. Everingham & Sons Ltd
- ii. that the company is also asked to add the name of Michael Jones (war hero) to the war memorial.

21. NPFA'S APPLICATION TO THE SOBER HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

The Clerk said that while no formal response had yet been received, the Welton family had reiterated that it would not be able to contribute towards any drainage work on the lane.

Members felt that it would be good if NPFA would consider applying for a grant to employ a professional fundraiser for the pavilion project.

22. REPLACEMENT OF THE PATH IN NEWBALD CHURCHYARD

The clerk said that she had spoken to several contractors. Wetpour was a totally unsuitable surface for a path, with it being so bouncy. Resin too was not very good, not being as durable as tarmac. The problem with the previous path was not the surface material, but actually that the foundation was not adequate, and the depth of the tarmac was not sufficient.

It was agreed that NPC would once again look to tarmac as its preferred option, but that the depth of the tarmac and the quality of the foundations should be specified by contractors within their quotes to ensure that they are adequate.

The Clerk raised the issue of the churchyard gates, some of which do not close properly, following the re-surfacing of the paths over a decade ago. While the problem was not so profound on this particular path, it was agreed that this too should be raised with the contractors ahead of any work being carried out to ensure the same problem did not arise.

23. DROPPING OF KERBS AT SOUTH NEWBALD ROAD/MANOR FARM

Cllr. Wright said that, following discussions between the Clerk and ERYC, the disabled resident in the village was going to provide details of all the places in the village, where it is difficult to negotiate pavements and crossing the road in a wheelchair.

The Clerk said that, while ERYC had said it would look at this, it was not able to promise that it could make any changes due to budgetary constraints.

24. WEST WOLDS SLOW THE FLOW

The Chair and Cllr. Marshall said they had held a meeting with WWSTF founders Bill and Elizabeth Blackledge. This had been a very positive one. They had good suggestions for work that could be carried out at The Prattwood to slow down the flow of the beck and to make the site more suitable as a public open space.

The owners at Manor Farm had also been open to the idea of the area being developed, providing no costs were incurred by them and that it did not reach as far as their land.

25. THE PRATTWOOD

Cllr. Marshall said that the Headteacher had decided that he did not want to be a trustee after all. However, Cllr. Howard had agreed to join. A further trustee would be found in due course.

Resolved: that Cllr. Howard is NPC's official representative on The Prattwood.

26. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Lewis said there was nothing further to report at present.

27. NPFA

Cllr Lewis said there was no new news.

28. NYPP

Cllr. Stewart said she had nothing to report currently.

29. ERYC COUNCILLORS

See minute 6.

30. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

30.1. The Clerk said that she had applied for the Tiger to be registered as an Asset of Community Value but had heard nothing back.

30.2. It was agreed (under delegated powers given to the Clerk) that the newsletter due to be published in March would be extended and include a tribute to Cllr. John Barrett.

30.3. The Chair suggested that a request be put in the newsletter asking people to be very careful that any plants planted next to the beck be sufficiently rooted that they did not end up being swept downstream.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

APPENDIX 1

Date 03/02/2022		Newbald Parish Council Current Year		
Time 14:48		Council Detail Report 31/01/2022		
		Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total
RECEIPTS				
Income				
Precept		49,109	49,109	(0)
Cemetery Income		1,980	0	(1,980)
Wind Farm Admin Fee		2,806	0	(2,806)
Christmas Light Fund Income		7,065	0	(7,065)
Miscellaneous Income		18	0	(18)
	Subtotal	60,978	49,109	(11,869)
Sober Hill Wind Farm				
Sober Hill Wind Farm Income		25,255	0	(25,255)
	Subtotal	25,255	0	(25,255)
VAT Data				
VAT on Receipts		2,304	0	(2,304)
	Subtotal	2,304	0	(2,304)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	88,538	49,109	(39,429)
PAYMENTS				
Sober Hill Wind Farm				
Wind Farm Grant - Church Rooms		853	0	(853)
Wind Farm Grant - St Nicholas		5,625	0	(5,625)
Wind Farm Grant - Village Hall		3,758	0	(3,758)
Wind Farm Grant - Other		1,985	0	(1,985)
	Subtotal	12,221	0	(12,221)
Administration				
Insurance		758	498	(260)
Clerk		12,342	15,084	2,742
HMRC Tax/NI		2,475	3,056	581
Pension Cost		3,680	4,504	824
Administration Expenses		10	50	40

Date 03/02/2022		Newbald Parish Council Current Year		
Time 14:48		Council Detail Report 31/01/2022		
	Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	
Subtotal	24,209	34,986	10,777	
Council Activity				
Christmas Tree & Lights	2,105	422	(1,683)	
Maintenance	200	5,672	5,472	
Clock	155	160	5	
Street Lighting	1,366	1,407	41	
Capital Acquisitions	2,987	4,870	1,883	
Subtotal	6,812	12,531	5,719	
Cemetery				
Council tax/Utilities	0	149	149	
Maintenance	72	2,412	2,340	
Cemetery Development	0	500	500	
Grass Cutting	1,928	2,313	386	
Subtotal	2,000	5,374	3,375	
Churchyard				
Maintenance	72	1,500	1,428	
Grass Cutting	1,928	2,313	386	
Subtotal	2,000	3,813	1,814	
VAT Data				
VAT on Payments	2,487	0	(2,487)	
Subtotal	2,487	0	(2,487)	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	49,729	56,704	6,975	
Total Receipts	88,538	49,109	(39,429)	
Total Payments	49,729	56,704	6,975	
Net Receipts over Payments	38,809	(7,595)	(46,404)	
plus Transfer from EMR	14,326			

Newbald Parish Council Current Year

Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 Jan

Confirmed Bank & Investment Balances

Bank Statement Balances

31/01/2022	current bank account
31/03/2018	HSBC Current Account
31/03/2018	HSBC Deposit Account
31/01/2021	Wind Farm Current Account
31/01/2022	Wind Farm Deposit Account
31/01/2022	Pockit Card
31/03/2021	Newbald Energy 20427702

Receipts not on Bank Statement

Closing Balance

All Cash & Bank Accounts

1	NPC Unity Current Bank A/c
2	NPC HSBC Current A/c
3	NPC HSBC Deposit A/c
4	Wind Farm Current A/c
5	Wind Farm Deposit A/c
6	Pockit Card
7	Newbald Energy
	Other Cash & Bank Balances
	Total Cash & Bank Balances