



### Coronation Celebrations

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, on Monday 8th May, we held a Picnic on the Green with live music provided by the Stereomasters, fancy dress, competitions and refreshments organised by the WI, who raised £251 for the Peoples' Pantry in Market Weighton. Crowns and menus fit for a King were on display along with amazing entries for the Cake Competition. Despite the rain we still had an excellent turnout. The NPC would like to thank all the community groups and volunteers who helped with the set up and clear up; and to ERYC for providing a grant to help with costs.



### Newbald Community Energy

Many residents will remember that in 2018/19 the Parish Council organised a feasibility study to determine the viability of generating electricity for the community. This study was carried out by BACB Renewables, funded through a grant from the Rural Community Energy Fund.

The outcome proposed a wind turbine of 2-3 mega-watts. This would be sited adjacent to the Sober Hill windfarm. The landowner was approached and agreed that the turbine could be sited on his land. The electricity generated would be supplied to any residents who wished to join the scheme. The electricity would undercut the tariff charged by commercial organisations and any surplus would be sold to the grid or local businesses. The longer-term plan would be to encourage a switch from oil for heating. Overall, the residents would benefit financially, and the environment would benefit from the reduction in greenhouse gases. The proposal had to be mothballed as the capital required was beyond the scope of the Parish Council. The other significant issue was the lack of spare grid capacity to receive any surplus electricity.

Recent events concerning energy security and increasingly severe weather episodes has resulted in major changes for many industrialised countries. Achieving zero-carbon has been very much sidelined such that coal and oil are being considered for longer term. The result of these issues is that more opportunities are present for communities to engage in green electricity generation to benefit financially and environmentally. One major player in facilitating and aiding

potential schemes to progress is Community Energy England (CEE). The Parish Council took the step to become a member of CEE with the hope of using this connection to move forward. I have been in touch with Northern PowerGrid and have received very positive feedback. I was assured that the grid now has spare capacity and also that Northern Power-Grid could award grants to assist community plans. Unfortunately, East Riding Of Yorkshire Council have been less than encouraging towards our proposal, but I am expecting this to change.

At this stage the Parish Council feels that the time is right to form a committee whose aim will be to make the plan a reality for the benefit of our community. The Committee should comprise both members of the PC but importantly residents within the Parish. We would ask any interested residents to contact the Parish Clerk with their details. Once there are interested residents, we will arrange an initial meeting to formulate the way we wish to proceed. At some point a meeting for all interested residents will give the opportunity to hear about the plan and to ask questions.

Thank you for reading this summary. I feel it is important that residents who do not wish to be active on the Committee are still vital to show support for the plan. We will all benefit and so will future generations.

**Councillor John Howard.**



# The Chair's Overview of the Year 2022-2023

Again, we have had a very busy year in Newbald. Our Clerk left us to further her career closer to home and we welcomed Maggie Fuller into this role. This difficult transition is only now becoming less arduous and thankfully, we will see easier progress over the next couple of months.

This year, the Local Elections have meant that we have all nominated ourselves to continue to be a Parish Councillor, or to just start that journey. Two of our previous councillors - Ed Openshaw and Geoff Lewis - have decided not to join us in this process and we wish them well in the future with whatever projects they choose to progress. In this electoral process we now welcome back Diana Stewart and Kirsty Woods has now joined us to maintain and progress our lovely village.

## Flooding and Sewerage

We worked so hard to eliminate these in our last term and this appears to have been very successful with no further reports of sewage leaks. We still have areas of soakaway that cause issues after heavy downpours of rain; however, over a period of time these naturally disperse. NPC will continue to monitor the flooding situation very closely and work with all agencies to make sure the village is protected. At the same time, we will do all that we can to prevent ERYC Planning authorities from allowing new developments in the village that will put additional pressure on the current sewage system. NPC continues to be active participants with the collaborative group Western Wolds Slow the Flow (WWSTF). These participants are local parishes, Local Authority, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Wildlife, landowners, and local individuals who share our common aim of implementing natural measures to prevent flooding in the Millbeck catchment area. The group continues to gain strength, support, and funding to manage projects which help to implement natural solutions to prevent further flooding.

## Finance

In line with the Professional Standards, NPC has continued to maintain a healthy financial asset base over the year which keeps us in a strong financial position for the future year. During this difficult time of increasing energy costs and hardship, we acknowledged this by keeping the precept contribution to a minimum.

NPC also has a Grant system that our village groups can apply to throughout the year. We have successfully supported the NPFA with CCTV cameras at the playing field, and the Goole GoFar bus scheme which is a charitable bus company that covers Newbald residents.

## Defibrillators

Both of our village defibrillators continue to be in good working order, ready to serve and save lives when required. One is in the telephone box on the village green and the other is at Moncton Court in South Newbald. A further one will soon be situated at the village hall.

## Sober Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

The donations ensure that we have a substantial amount of funds to support the charities, developments and initiatives which impact positively on our village. NPC have a duty to continue to administer and distribute this funding within the legal parameters. These funds are index-linked and this year we have received £31,173.39. They are fairly and justly allocated to applicants and the following contributions have been made in the last year:

- Newbald Live - Provision of Cultural Events in Newbald;
- St Nicholas Church - Church Garden Project;
- Newbald Junior Football Club - Purchase of Compact Tractor;
- Newbald Playing Fields Association - Installation of a Foul Water Tap;
- Newbald Young People's Project - Installation of a New Water Heater and Repairs to Lead Windows.

## Sancton Hill Wind Farm

NPC is represented on the board of this group and although the applications from Newbald are not always well received, we are pleased to report that all of our village groups who have applied, received either the full amount or a major percentage of the fund's requested.

## Newsletter, Website and Social Media

Maggie has continued to produce a highly informative newsletter. This quarterly publication really helps to ensure that we as a council communicate effectively with our residents, including those who are not online. NPC supports and promotes village events via the website, social media, and email. We also share information about anything we feel to be of interest, benefit, or concern to our residents.

## The Cemetery and Churchyard

Apart from the regular grass cutting, church clock maintenance and the general upkeep of paths, fencing and walls, we closely monitor the shrubs and trees. We have spent a significant amount on the safety and repair of the headstones in both the cemetery and church and a plaque adding Cpl Michael Jones's name to the Role of Honour.

## Dog Fouling

Like many other Parish Councils, the problem of dog fouling is a constant issue on our agendas. This appears to fluctuate at times, but we are and will continue to be dedicated in trying to resolve this matter as a priority. However, we are only successful when those offending get a conscience.

## Health and Safety Risk Assessments

These are a major part of our duties for all NPC owned or controlled areas. Assessments are undertaken thoroughly and efficiently wherever there is a legal requirement. A safety report was also carried out on the trees in The Mires, a tree in Pratt Wood, and some in the churchyard – work to these was safely carried out.

## Traffic and Parking

NPC has and continues to liaise with ERYC to try to persuade them to assist us with these issues. Unfortunately, due to lack of flexibility and funding, there is still no help available unless an accident occurs. Newbald is still deemed to be “low risk” to ERYC. Speeding vehicles, large lorries and inappropriately parked vehicles continue to be the number one thing that residents contact us about. We intend to discuss this with our Ward Councillors to see if there is a better way forward to progress this.

## The Mires and the Becksies

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are still employed by us to help maintain the stable environment on the Becksies. The highland cattle are frequent visitors to Newbald helping to sustain this balance. Yorkshire Wildlife have also helped us with the general maintenance of the beck on The Mires. Some of the Councillors are now skilled in keeping this to a high standard of maintenance and also assist some of the residents that are unable to undertake their riparian responsibilities of the beck. Happily, the water voles and rare shrews continue to thrive along the whole stretch of our beck.

## Planning Applications

We have, as usual, commented on all the planning applications within Newbald. Whilst I believe we have always made our decisions in the best interests of the village, there are always some that are overruled by the planning department at ERYC. Our comments and opinions are totally disregarded without any contact or in-depth discussion. We recognise that to a large extent ERYC is tied to government rules; however, it is very disappointing that most of our comments go unnoticed.

## The Village Hall

During the year, NPC have been in close contact with the VH due to 2 of our councilors being actively involved on the Committee. They have worked very hard to secure grants and funding ready for the next phase of the developments. This continues to be a significant benefit to the community as a whole.

## General Maintenance

This is an ongoing part of the council's remit; therefore, we have regularly overseen and maintained The Green, The Mires, the beck, and the benches in the village. There have been a number of maintenance jobs completed, and others are waiting to be actioned. Funding is available to replace and repair some of the benches with environmentally friendly, wood effect, recycled plastic ones.

## Pratt Wood Wellbeing Area

Two of our councillors and a local resident are trustees on this charity and they have worked hard to update the constitution and operations of this. However, in consultation with the NPC, further amendments and modernisation is required. Legal support is currently being given by the HEY Smile Foundation to progress this and hopefully soon this will be sorted. A large number of trees and shrubs donated by the Woodland Trust have been planted and significant work to maintain the flow of the beck has been carried out. This long-term project is a very exciting opportunity to enhance the village and make more positive environmental changes. The WWSTF are fully supportive with this project and are able to offer advice, support and funding in the future.

## Coronation of the King

NPC decided to hold a musical picnic event on the Green to celebrate this. All the village charities helped to organise and contributed in time, effort and cake! The children participated in the competitions with some excellent outcomes and even more cake!! Sadly, the weather was against us, but our great Newbald Residents did us proud and joined in with the fun. Despite the rain, the WI cake stall raised £251 for the Market Weighton Peoples' Pantry.

## And finally....

Unfortunately, there are always some items which fail to get resolved to the satisfaction of all, even though as a Parish Council we have tried our best. However, I believe that we, as a council, have acted proactively to resolve all manner of issues effectively, within our legal and financial constraints under which we are bound for the good and wellbeing of our village.

**Beccy O'Sullivan,  
Chair, Newbald Parish Council.**

## Councillor Changes

Following the May Council Elections, Cllrs. Geoff Lewis and Ed Openshaw decided not to stand for re-election to NPC. NPC would like to thank them both for their hard work, commitment, and the valuable contribution they have made to village life. NPC has welcomed new councillors Kirsty Woods and Andy Fuller and welcomed back Diana Stewart.

## Newbald WI News

Our Spring program began with Debbie Wilson from "Ladies in Pigs", who gave us an insight into her organisation and cooked us a spicy pork dish to try. This was followed in May by artist Joyce Buzzman demonstrating her painting techniques to paint a beautiful bluebell wood to showcase her talents.

We saw our first Lunch Club take place at The Old Tile Works in Barton with great attendance, and at Easter we decorated the Churchyard with handicraft birds.

For the Coronation, we decorated the Village Green and made £251 from the sale of tea and cakes which was donated to the People's Pantry in Market Weighton.

Looking forward to the future, in June the Humber Harmony and Three Crown Sound will be visiting for a tuneful evening, and in July we will visit Wentworth Woodhouse House and Gardens and hold our Annual BBQ with the hope that the weather will be great!

## Newbald Live

The Newbald Village Hall has held some great nights of live entertainment—including two sell-out shows! Looking forward, we are excited to share our upcoming events:

Sun 9th July (doors 7.00): Barnstormers Comedy Club. Tickets - £12.

Sat 5th August (doors 7.00): Culture Train Tour. Free entry!

Sat 26th August (doors 7.00): Karen Jonas. Tickets - £14

Sat 9th September: SURPRISE MUSICAL LEGEND! Our mailing list will be the first to find out about this exciting event!

All tickets can be bought by messaging 07950 267913 or emailing team@newbald.live. Sign up to our mailing list at www.newbald.live where tickets can be bought without booking fees.

## Newbald Playing Fields Association (NPFA)



The sun was shining at this year's Newbald Gala on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We had an amazing turnout, with visitors enjoying fantastic music, food and drink, and lots of great entertainment.

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored, volunteered on the day, donated items and helped out in any way. The Gala really is an event for the whole community to enjoy and the NPFA committee could not make it happen without you.

And last, but not least, we are so grateful to everyone who came along and supported the Gala with family and friends. We had an amazing day and can't wait to do it all again next year!

## Newbald Young Peoples Project (NYPP)

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Youth Worker, Emily Robinson. Emily is currently studying Youth Work at the University of Hull and has been supporting two other Youth Projects in the area.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Spring Fair, where we raised over £500 and received great feedback!

Finally, we'll be contacting all attendees regarding moving up sessions before the end of the school term. Please keep an eye on your emails over the next couple of weeks!



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