

**NEWBOROUGH and BOROUGH FEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in The Village Hall,  
Guntons Road.**

PRESENT: Mr. N Harris (Chairman), Mr. J Rowell, Mr G Jones, Mr A Jacobs, Mr. D J Robinson,  
Mr. W Cave, Mr. G Britton, Mr. R Ward, Mr. K Angrave, Mr D Harrington, Mr. D Briston  
PCSO Webber  
1 member of the public

**204/14-15 To receive and approve apologies for absence**  
G Jones, K Angrave

**205/14-15 To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declarations**  
Personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda – none declared

**206/14-15 To approve minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014**  
Minutes of the Council meeting held of 17 March 2014 were confirmed and signed

**207/14-15 Matters arising from minutes**

- The cars parked half on road and half on the verges at night with no lights on Bridge Hill Road has been reported
- Bull Bridge- double yellow lines need extending as there is a van which parks where the lines finished, which causes a danger has been reported
- Village hall bank accounts received from Chairman of the village hall committee for financial year 2012/2013
- Post box on Peterborough Road junction with School Road has been stolen and will not be replaced
- There has been no progress on the land on Bull Bank for tree planting

**208/14-15 Public Participation**

A resident asked the Parish Council whether they would be willing to adopt the land with limes trees, which is currently owned by three residents of Harris Close.

It was agreed that a business plan would be submitted to the Parish Council regarding the land.

**209/14-15 Matters for Information and Reports**

1. Crime report  
14 March to 14 April 2014. 22 calls for service and 7 crimes.
2. Community Association report  
Cllr Briston gave the report.  
The village hall has been donated money, following the submission of a business plan.  
Peterborough CC will install CCTV due to Anti-social behaviour and vandalism.  
The Chairman of the village hall committee has alleged the Clerk of the Parish Council has not responded to emails regarding the Doctors surgery lease.  
*Cllr Cave left the meeting at 7:45pm*  
The Clerk advised the Parish Council that all emails that warranted a reply had been responded to.  
Mrs Tajer would be happy to prove this, should the Parish Council make this request. [REDACTED]  
*Cllr Cave returned to meeting at 8:15pm*
3. Request from Community Association to fit solar panels to village hall. Sean White, Chairman of Newborough and Borough Fen Village Hall Committee stated that "he has completed a business plan I have looked into and completed for the Solar project, as I stated at the last meeting I would look further into the project. I am now in a position to give you all more information regarding the cost and fitting of Solar panels to Village Hall (VH)  
I have had many meeting's with Peterborough City Council (PCC) regarding the options we currently have, at present the PCC are looking to put Solar panels on every council building, however there is a clause to this. Where council buildings that are 100% funding by government or council i.e. a school the council will pay out and fit the panels.

Where the bank account is currently and financially healthy it would be a better option to pay for the solar project ourselves and get full 100% back to the VH

If the PCC fit the panels it would save the hall around £8K to £10K over a 20 year plan and still be paying high electricity bills at the currently KW charge to the PCC, if we fit the proposed project of two system 16 panels either side of the roof, West & East, we would benefit from all the saving of around 35% per bill.

Therefore over a 20 year plan we would be looking at a saving of £26K to £30K to the VH committee trustees.

So not only do we save on the current VH bills we would still be looking at a healthy return from the 2nd leased building namely the NHS, however these prices are at a recommendation of a price freeze for 5 years to NHS, regular user and affiliated members only. This allows us to have flexible to increase private hire prices if required.

The fitting time would be around 1-2 weeks to the building, something I have also had to consider to the cost on tariffs of electricity which 1. Goes up in October 2014 and 2. from April 2015 it would be a fixed price which is estimated to be a lot higher than now due to the current savings people are making on Solar energy. Maintenance – Very low every 3-4year have the units cleaned from dust and general dirt”.

#### 4. Northern Footpath Forum

New footpath will be open May Day, with Mr Astle form the Langdyke Trust conducting the opening.

#### **210/14-15 To receive report from City Councillor**

Report has been issued regarding the ward boundaries, with the current proposal merging Newborough with Thorney and Eye.

#### **211/14-15 Finance**

1. To note income

2. Agree payments

Mr Harding	Cemetery Maintenance	001443	£715.00
Mrs. E V Tajer	Postage, travel, telephone	001448	£33.64
Newborough Cricket Club	Donation to sporting activity	001449	£1000.00
NLIDB	Drainage rates	001450	£145.71
Smiths Gore	Allotment rent	001451	£850.00
CPALC	Membership fee	001452	£602.85
Colemans	Stationery	001453	£78.48

3. To approve year end accounts for 2013- 2014

A Risk Assessment Audit had been carried out and Members of Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council acknowledged their responsibility and confirmed to the best of their knowledge and belief that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with Section 2 Statement of Annual Governance for the Annual Return year ended 31 March 2013. It was proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Robinson and unanimously agreed that the accounts should be signed as a true record.

The Chairman signed the accounts on behalf of Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council.

4. Doctors Surgery- Kelly Peck, Greenwoods Solicitor, contacted the Parish Council to advise that ‘tenants solicitors replied stating they are not prepared to meet the legal costs of preparing the new lease. Please can you consider the position and let me know if you want to go back and request that the fees are met, suggest that they pay half the fees or whether the parish council will be meeting my costs.’

The solicitors have been instructed to proceed.

#### **212/14-15 Burial Authority**

1. Cemetery extension – progress so far. The lease is being drawn up.

2. Memorial request- Lisa Murray. Details of memorial application circulated.

The base is over the permitted 3ft. If the base is amended to be 3ft the Parish Council would grant permission for the memorial.

### **213/14-15 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

13/01423 Demolition of existing building, erection of permanent agricultural dwelling – Long Meadow Farm, Glinton Road, Milking Nook - permitted

14/00158/FUL The Beeches Bridgehill Road - Change of use from grazing land to dressage arena – permitted

14/00083/FUL 22 Green Road, Eye Green- Proposed workshop extension- permitted

### **214/14-15 Planning Applications**

1. Planning applications

Cllr Harrington abstained from all voting on planning matters

14/00509/FUL 1 Harris Close- resubmission of planning application- recommend approval

### **215/14-15 Countryside**

### **216/14-15 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Street lighting

2. Complaint regarding the condition of footpath reported to Peterborough CC

### **217/14-15 Playing Field**

Complaint that trees in Fernie Close playing field “The two trees which are very close together in the corner of the playing field right next to my property, have grown considerably large, especially after the two very wet years of weather we have had, have created a large problem to me . They have grown right over my property, blocking out the sunshine and creating a great deal of rubbish to clear when the large amounts of leaves fall in the autumn”. This has been reported to Peterborough CC tree officer Mr. Wilcockson.

### **218/14-15 Village Matters**

1. Skate Park facility

Wheelscape have produced ‘an indicative design to demonstrate some scale and ambition for your project. As this project develops, we would look to visit the users and the site, which would allow us to work up a fully bespoke design based specifically on your site and what the young people of Newborough want.’

Agree to arrange meeting with Church Commissioners

2. Other matters

### **219/14-15 Allotments**

### **220/14-15 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

### **221/14-15 Correspondence**

1.Request for donation from St John Ambulance

2.Request for donation from a pupil at the Deepings School towards his Duke of Edinburgh Gold award

3.Consultation on proposals to improve older people’s healthcare and adult community services for residents across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough

### **222/14-15 Any other business**

#### **1. Agree Parish Council meetings dates for 2014/2015**

19<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014– AGM (in Foresters room), 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 – Annual meeting of electorate and normal Parish Council meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**The meeting closed at 9:25pm. Date of next meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014**