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 Newborough: Cllr D Harrington
 Eye and Thorney: Cllr R Dobbs & Cllr D Sanders

DRAFT MINUTES

of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Council (N&W1) - Rural North held at the Newborough Primary School on 13 December 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr P Nash
 Glinton and Wittering: Cllrs Holdich and Lamb
 Northborough: Cllr Hiller
 Newborough: Cllr Harrington
 Eye and Thorney: Cllrs Dobbs and Sanders

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Julie Rivett Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
 Alex Daynes Senior Governance Officer, PCC
 Ed Moss Digital Switch Over
 Sharon Malia Renewals and Fuel Poverty Team Leader, PCC
 Judith Harvey Renewals and Fuel Poverty Officer, PCC

Chairman asked all attendees to complete the survey on Neighbourhood Councils that was handed out.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies	None.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes of the last meeting	The Members of the Neighbourhood Council approved the minutes from the meeting held 16 September 2010.	
4. Open Session	<p>Audience members were asked to raise issues or questions important to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dale McKean – Core Strategy – showed Eye had shortage of 24% open space in 2005; have had more development but no more open space provided. Could Council use opportunity of the sale of the Croft in Eye to address the open space shortage? Julie Rivett – will ensure minutes reflect this and develop outside meeting to see how it can be addressed. Can add to community action plan actions too. Cllr Sanders – a few days ago was notified that City Council to withdraw open space on Thorney Road following withdrawal of a planning application. Council not listening. Chair – will ensure that it is taken up with relevant officers. 	JR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chairman of Newborough Parish Council – how does notification of the meeting take place? Julie Rivett – ongoing issue to contact everybody. Is put in newspaper, Your Peterborough, parish councils and clerks are emailed. Have arranged next meeting already. Did contact all clerks after last meeting to verify contact details. VC of Newborough PC - clerk was not aware of the meeting; • Cllr Harrington – not all groups received notification of this meeting. Is what is in the funding report the only proposals that can be voted on? Julie Rivett – all city councillors were asked to put forward suggestions and were advised of timelines and an extra meeting was held to finalise proposals. Clerk - confirmed that Newborough PC clerk was included in email for the agenda. Chair - asks that details are given to chair to ensure all details are sent to correct people; • Cllr Sanders – thinks should disband Neighbourhood Councils. Chair – there is a scrutiny review group taking place to assess Neighbourhood Councils; • John Bartlett, Thorney PC – next meeting in March clashes with Eye PC again. Eye is biggest PC so should be able to avoid. Chair - will look to avoid in future; • Ed Moss – digital switchover – if any more info needed Julie Rivett can provide to address other groups if needed. Will return in March meeting too. • Cllr Holdich – could combine villages and arrange joint meetings to give information about the Digital Switover. This will ensure that as many people get the information as possible and not to just wait for Neighbourhood Councils to discuss issues. Julie – can arrange this; • Newborough PC Vice chair – bus timetables – who do we address about service and standards of drivers etc? – would need to contact Stagecoach who run the bus service. <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine options for Open Space re sale of the Croft in Eye; 2. Arrange joint village/parish meetings to give information about the Digital Switchover. 	<p>JR</p> <p>Julie Rivett</p>
<p>5. Neighbourhood Council Budget</p>	<p>Chairman introduces report; first opportunity to discuss proposals and to determine which should be supported by the £25,000 budget.</p> <p>Cllr Sanders – Parishes should also be able to vote especially if City Councillors are not present. Don't consider this system to be fair.</p> <p>Clerk advises on recommendations and how voting will work.</p> <p>Cllr Harrington – will not be voting for issues not in Newborough Ward. Not a fair system.</p> <p>Cllr Sanders – suggests split the £25k between the wards so ward councillors can work with community to allocate funds.</p> <p>Clerk advises that recommendations can be amended if moved and</p>	

	<p>seconded so recommendation currently on paper can be changed and report not moved.</p> <p>Julie Rivett – not as simple as splitting fund as would then be as Community Leadership Fund. Must be capital projects to spend on. Proposals in the report were all put forward by local community and ward councillors so already local suggestions.</p> <p>Cllr Hiller – as Cabinet Member, thinks would be fair to split evenly between wards but would be CLF and money not allocated in this way. Process was discussed at the last meeting and all Ward Councillors were advised how to apply for the funds. Clerk - advises constitution only allows for approving projects.</p> <p>Cllr Holdich – some councillors have followed the procedure for submitting proposals so should not be disadvantaged.</p> <p>Cllr Sanders – could call an extra meeting for the funding? Adjourn this meeting and come back in January.</p> <p>Cllr Sanders proposed an amendment to recommendation 2 as follows:</p> <p>“to allocate the £25,000 equally between each ward in the neighbourhood area and for city councillors to consult on its allocation following engagement with local residents and come back to an extra meeting of the neighbourhood council to approve the proposals.”</p> <p>This was seconded by Councillor Harrington and agreed by the other city councillors present.</p> <p>ACTION: Arrange further meeting in January to determine allocation of budget.</p>	<p>Julie Rivett</p>
<p>6. Save Money on Your Energy Bills</p>	<p>Sharon Malia and Judith Harvey introduced measures to address spending on energy bills especially in relation to fuel poverty and advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some householders would get free insulation services and some get discounted service; • Have had pilot schemes in Glington to become a greener village, was successful. Have acquired a thermal imaging camera to assess heat loss for houses; • Would like promotion of the services as we can help householders, especially those most in need. Would like all loft cavities filled across the city. <p>Chair – do Cross Keys Homes get included? Judith Harvey – Cross Keys properties are very good already. Targeting private sector more. If household income under £25k or occupant over 70 years old would get support. Also if receiving benefits or other financial support.</p> <p>Chair – should put details in local village newsletters to advertise more.</p> <p>Grants next year too? – would hope not as much is needed but will still have funding.</p>	
<p>7. Peterborough City Council Budget</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Manager introduced the item and advised that as government announcement on local government spending has only just been published, budget discussions would be deferred. Early</p>	

	<p>proposals were published in November but did not know all implications of government cuts. There will be another meeting in January to discuss the budget for this Neighbourhood Council which could also include the fund allocation decisions needed from tonight's meeting.</p> <p>Dale McKean – budget was discussed at full council where proposed 35% of S106 budget to local area and Neighbourhood Councils who would decide on 50% spending of this. Julie Rivett – might have referred to the POIS scheme (S106) of capital allocation from developments. Can send info out on the POIS scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Holdich – can go on website to check planning document at Cabinet today to check open space allocations. Neighbourhood Investment plans should be sought for planning purposes ideally for all villages</p> <p>ACTION Circulate information on the POIS scheme.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>Julie Rivett</p>
<p>8. Feedback from Rural Affairs Working Group</p>	<p>Henry Clark introduced work done and agreements so far including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group met a month ago to finalise proposals to merge 3 rural meetings into one. Rural Vision and Strategy to be supported by this meeting and promote its vision and strategies; • Membership, to be one from each Parish Council and all Ward Councillors; • Quarterly meetings; • only ward councillors to vote on finance and city council delegated powers; • Group to advise ward councillors of issues to take to Council to create a stronger rural voice; • Would consider rural transport, open space, development policies etc; • Have submitted proposals for legal comments, will meet with Leader of Council. Feel it would be a stronger meeting with greater local support. <p>Cllr Sanders - agree that there are too many meetings regarding rural affairs. Supports proposals. Rural Affairs Working Group should be the core group advising on rural issues.</p> <p>Clerk - advises not necessary to vote on support. Henry Clark – could advise Leader that NC broadly agrees to the proposals.</p> <p>Members present indicated that they broadly supported the proposals by their comments and show of hands.</p> <p>Dale McKean – members of public welcome to debate at the meetings too? Henry Clark – would be an open session at start of meetings.</p>	
<p>9. Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting was scheduled for 17 March 2011 at the Manor Community Centre, Eye.</p> <p>All to be notified of extra meeting at end of January, provisionally 25 January, to discuss budget and determine proposals for funding.</p>	<p>Julie Rivett</p>

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.