

# **Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Present:** Councillors P Olsen, V Wilthew, S Coombs, L Ryder and parish clerk T Sanderson

**Also present:** 8 members of the public and Councillor R Ormston

**Apologies:** Councillor J Harrison

1. The **minutes of the annual parish meeting** held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and signed.
2. The **Chairman's report** focussed on the people that have been involved over the last year.  
The key facts were:
  - P Olsen took over as chairman following the resignation of P Barlow.
  - Two new councillors were co-opted for the vacancies that had arisen. The council welcomed S Coombs and L Ryder.
  - The role of parish clerk has been carried out by C Hart and T Sanderson following B Sampson's resignation who assisted T Sanderson when she took over the role.
  - Councillor R Ormston (Lower Wensleydale RDC) was thanked for his involvement with this council.
  - J Harrison, who could not attend tonight due to illness, was thanked for her interest and continuing support of the parish council. We wish her (and her husband) all the best.
  - Many domestic issues, such as the recycling centre, Wheatsheaf and children's playground have been dealt with alongside one off matters such as fly tipping in Sinks Lane and the Bedale library donation.
3. **Contributions and questions from the electorate** raised the following issues:
  - **Lighting survey** (raised by B Sampson) – what further action can be taken.  
**Action** - to be discussed further at future ordinary meetings.
  - **Kissing gates** (raised by B Sampson) – two kissing gates are about to be replaced in the parish and it was noted that a further two need replacing (leading from South View down to Masham Road).  
**Action** – the parish councillors will assess what other gates/stiles may need replacing in the future.
  - **Noise and fireworks** (raised by parish clerk on behalf of J Stirke) – a recent celebration in the village led to fireworks being set off after midnight causing a disturbance for parishioners. No advance notification had been received so this information was not passed on to the community.  
**Action** – parish clerk will check legal issues surrounding this matter and an article will be prepared for the Parish Council report in the next Newton News.
  - **Felling of horse chestnut tree** (raised by J Handley) – concern was raised about the felling of this tree adjacent to South View on land that is being developed (and others) to make way for a housing development. This cannot be stopped without previous tree preservation orders being placed. Councillor R Ormston reminded everyone at the meeting that risk assessments on all council owned trees need to be carried out.  
**Action** – a project will be set up to enable a village tree survey to be carried out with a view to protecting 'significant' trees in the future. The parish clerk will check if there are any tree protection orders currently with RDC.

This meeting was declared closed at 6.15pm