

## NEWTON LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2016

**Present:** Councillor P Barlow (Chairman), Councillor E Bean, Councillor P Olsen, Councillor V Wilthew

B Sampson (Parish Clerk), C Hart (Clerk)

8 Parishioners attended the meeting

#### **2016.001 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Councillor J Harrison sent her apologies.

#### **2016.002 Minutes**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th March 2016 were approved and signed to be correct.

#### **2016.003 Matters Arising**

**a) Footpaths** – It was reported that North Yorkshire CC no longer had the staff to do the work required on the local footpaths but that they may be able to assist with the supply of materials. The Ramblers Association had been contacted. Their Footpaths Officer for the Richmondshire Group was away but would make contact on his return.

**b) Flagpole** – Cllr Olsen reported that there were two options for the flagpole (£205 fibreglass and £142 Aluminium) and a decision was still to be made. Mr A Hudson's relatives had agreed to pay for the purchase of the pole and for its installation. The Village Hall Trustees had offered to contribute £75 towards the cost of the three flags (Union Flag, St Georges Cross and Yorkshire Rose). The telephone wire that was in the way of the erection of the pole had been removed.

#### **2016.004 Appointment of Clerk** – to ratify the appointment of Mr Charlie Hart as Parish Clerk

The council resolved to approve the appointment of Mr Charlie Hart as Parish Clerk. Mr Hart was welcomed to the Parish. Cllr Barlow thanked Mr Bob Sampson for all his work and commitment to the village as Clerk and Councillor over many years and presented him with a card and gift.

#### **2016.005 Renewable Energy Project** – to receive a progress report.

It was reported that Pennine Biomass were looking at all the information and technical data that had been collected from the village.

#### **2016.006 Highways and Pavements** – to consider further action

A number of ongoing issues were raised. The poor state of the road drains at the top of the village near the school had continued to be an issue. This was to be investigated further by North Yorkshire Highways who were delaying any road repairs until the drainage issue had been resolved. There were also at least 6 large potholes in Sinks Lane and also some by the Post Box. A member of the public reported that the footpath near Brewers Cottage was also in need of repair. The Clerk was asked to ensure that these issues had been reported the Area 1 Highways.

#### **2016.007 Play Area** – repairs to safety matting

Cllr Barlow reported that he had arranged for some of the pupils from Aysgarth School to clean the area of moss. Council resolved to ask the Clerk to obtain quotes for the repair of the matting surface once it had been cleaned.

**2016.008 Frequency of Council Meetings** – to agree the programme for future meetings.

Council resolved to adopt a two monthly frequency of meetings. This was to be reviewed in 6 months' time.

**2016.009 The Wheatsheaf** – To review the current position.

Further deterioration of the site and ongoing concerns about its security were raised. NY Police PC Braddick had said that they would contact the owner and ask them to secure the building. Amanda Madden from Richmondshire DC Housing Department had been contacted and was supportive of plans for the property to be redeveloped. The Council resolved to ask the Clerk to contact NY Police again to see if the owner can be encouraged to improve the security of the site.

**2016.010 Bank Signatories** – to review and approve new signatories for the bank accounts

Council resolved to add Cllr Wilthew as signatory to all three accounts and Cllr Harrison to the Nat West account. It was reported by the Clerk that Barclays had, against the Council's expressed wishes, closed the Youth Account. This was being resolved.

**2016.011 Damage to/Tampering with Vehicles** – to consider possible action

Councillor Bean reported that there had been some tampering with the windscreen wipers of cars parked in the village over Easter. This had been reported to the Police and there had been no further incidences.

**2016.012 Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership** – to receive a report

There was nothing to report.

**2016.013 Village Hall Trustees' Report** – to receive feedback from the Parish Council representative

It was reported that:

- Work on repairing the guttering was due to start.
- Coffee mornings for 2016 were all booked up.
- The Village Hall was now on Facebook
- There had been discussion about installing a TV in the Green Room.
- The Cricket Club had voted to use the Green Room after home matches.
- There had also been discussion about providing a new mower for grass cutting.
- There was a bread tasting night planned for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April and Fish and Chips night for Tuesday 19th April.

**2016.014 Financial approvals – To approve payments**

NLW Village Hall, room hire - £5.00; Richmondshire DC, play area maintenance - £152.54; TEC Ltd, interim payment for feasibility study - £3000.00; Thirsk Community Care Association, payroll services - £70.00; Clerk's salary Jan – March - £294.95; tax on Clerk's salary - £73.80; Clerk' expenses March 2016 - £10.87.

Approved

**2016.015 Items for Next meeting**

The following items were requested to be included:

Renewable energy project, Highways and Pavements, Play Area, Wheatsheaf, Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership & Village Hall Trustees' reports. The May meeting was to include the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council.

**2016.016 Dates for Next Meetings**

The following dates were set for the next three meetings:

11th May (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council), 13th July 2016, 14th September 2016

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7:05 pm