

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council held on 16th March

Present: L Ryder, V Wilthew, J Bell, T Clarkson, C Audritt and clerk T Sanderson

Also present: Councillor R Ormston and 10 members of the public

1. There were no **apologies for absence** at this meeting.
2. There were no **'Declarations of Interest'** in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th February 2020 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - Thanks were given to V Wilthew and T Clarkson for putting up the farming signs around the village.
 - **Rock House planning** – possible revised plans will be forthcoming stating extra screening will be added and heights of buildings will be given.
5. **Reports from:**
 - **Village Hall Trustees** – meeting was held on 17th February with one of the main items discussed being the planning application. The clothing bank has been removed. A new cleaner has been appointed for 1 hour per week. The inventory was compiled some time ago and a full review will take place when possible. Concerns about the cherry tree were discussed. Advice on cuttings or grafting were to be looked at. The Green Room has been very successful this year with turnover of almost £10,000. A very successful ceilidh took place in the hall in February.
 - **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – meeting was held on 17th February. There is very little to report at the moment. The ramp is now in use and educational grants are being considered. V Wilthew asked if roles and responsibilities could be looked at as she has been the representative for three years. It was agreed it would be looked at when the AGM is held later this year.
6. **Specific matters:**
 - **Drainage** – nothing further to report on this matter. The Parish Council is still working with Aysgarth School on this matter. It will be left until later this year due to other matters arising. Anyone can report an issue on the NYCC website and were encouraged to do so. The clerk has asked what drain cleaning responsibilities NYCC have with regards to this.
 - **New speeding markings** – an outline of what costs to expect were sent to the clerk. A small speed sign will cost £100 and a large one £120. On top of those costs, there will be VAT to pay and an administration cost. Councillor K Sedgwick has offered £400 from her budget in May 2020 to cover some of this cost (and for dog fouling bin/signage). It was agreed to ask for a quote for all five locations (Brompton Road, Masham Lane, Sinks Lane and Station Road (30 and 40mph). Once a full quote has been given consideration will be given to payment of it. It was suggested that the Parish Council could ask Aysgarth School to contribute financially. Concern was also raised about maintenance of such painted signs in the future.
Action: clerk to ask for a full quote and ask about maintenance.

- **Playground cleaning** – this probably needs to be professionally cleaned. The current surface may need to be removed completely and replaced with another material (grass, bark chippings suggested). Advice will be sought and action taken from that advice.
Action: clerk to contact RDC grounds maintenance and D Peach who may be able to offer assistance.
- **Richmondshire Local Plan update** – C Audritt represented the Parish Council at a meeting held on 26th February. The Local Plan allocates where new houses can be built on within a timeframe. This meeting was to update all parish councils on any amendments that are to be made. The latest plan to come out will be for 2018-2035 and will go to public consultation between April-May of this year. It will be implemented in 2021. The main focus for new development will be around Catterick Garrison. The existing SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Update) includes an allocation of 8 houses on the Land at the Wheatsheaf. As we are well aware no development has taken place. For calculations sake this allocation has also been included in the new SHLAA in the New Local Plan although again there are no signs that development will take place.
- **Cherry tree at Village Hall** – it was agreed via email that some cuttings of the tree would be taken to Braithwaites garden centre who agreed to perform the grafting process. If any are successful, they will be replanted in an appropriate location at the Village Hall. The trunk of the existing cherry tree, once felled, will ideally be relocated as part of the RHS funding that has just been granted. The aim of this project is to create a wild garden at the Hall and the decaying trunk should be used as part of this due to its biodiversity. A full risk assessment will be carried out on location etc at the appropriate time.
- **Covid-19 and the Resilience Team** – a plan of action between the village Resilience Team and Parish Council is being drawn up. This is to help all residents at this difficult time in line with Government plans. A project set up in Bedale, Bedale Covid-19 mutual aid was discussed at the meeting. It aims to recruit volunteers able to help the vulnerable in local communities and is being rolled out nationally. It was agreed a small working party would be formed to set up a local response.
Action: L Ryder to lead a small working party to come up with an option for Newton le Willows which could then be distributed to all households.
- **Calor Rural Community Fund** – clerk to look at the application online and work with V Wilthew if there is a project that could be considered.
- **Climate Action Richmondshire** – this is a collaboration with Councillor K Foster and interested local parties. A working group is to be set up to support recently appointed officers. The meeting planned for the 25th March will now take place as a webinar.
- **Invitation to VE Day service at Ripon Cathedral** – the Parish Council had been offered two places to attend this event but in light of recent events it seems likely that it will be cancelled/postponed.
- **NYCC bus consultation** – the deadline has passed but it was agreed that the Parish Council are interested but couldn't collate any evidence in the short timescale that was allowed.
Action: clerk to respond in this way.

7. **All financial matters were approved** - payment of clerk's wages + expenses.

8. **Items for next meeting** will include playground, speed signs, financial audit.

9. **Date for next meeting** will be Monday 4th May at 6.30pm. This will also be the AGM.

Meeting declared closed at 7.40pm