

NEWTON LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2016

Present: Councillor P Olsen (Chairman), Councillor E Bean, Councillor V Wilthew, C Hart (Clerk)

031.2016 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Councillor J Harrison gave her apologies.

032.2016 To receive 'Declarations of Interest' in items on the agenda

There were no declarations made.

033.2016 To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council and the Ordinary meeting held on the 11th May 2016.

The minutes were approved and signed to be correct.

034.2016 Planning Procedure – to discuss and approve a procedure for dealing with out of time planning applications

Council resolved that all planning applications would be considered in full meeting; either the next ordinary meeting if at all possible or at an extraordinary meeting called for the purpose of considering the application.

035.2016 Children's Fund – to consider the formation of a Children's Fund Management Group for the administration of the Children's Fund

Since Councillor Harrison was not able to be present it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

036.2016 Administration – 2016-18 National Salary Award – to consider adopting the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) salary award.

The adoption of the salary award was approved.

037.2016 Play Area

a) Inspection – to consider and approve the expenditure of around £100 on an annual risk assessment of the play park. The Council approved that a ROSPA registered assessor should undertake an annual risk assessment of the play area. The expenditure was agreed and the Clerk instructed to arrange this.

b) Repair of Surfaces – To consider and approve repairs to the wet pour surfacing.

Council resolved to approve the infilling of the gaps where the play surfaces had contracted, by a local contractor, at a cost of £90.

038.2016 Recycling Bins - to consider approaches to tackling overflowing recycling bins in the village.

Concern was raised about the overflowing recycling bins at the Village Hall. Further research had identified that the bins were being emptied sufficiently frequently by Richmondshire DC. The problems were thought to have arisen when members of the public had not flattened cardboard containers before placing them in the bins. Councillor Harrison had written a piece about this for publishing in the Newton News.

039.2016 Rural Action Yorkshire – to consider renewing membership of this group at a cost of £35.00

Council resolved to approve the expenditure.

040.2016 Updates

a) Climate Change Group

A meeting of the Climate Change Group had been held on the 8th of June with the Consultant where it was agreed that the report produced was somewhat lacking in detail. Pennine Biomass had been requested to revisit the report and to address a number of issues. An extension to the overall project timescale, until the end of October, had been granted.

b) Village Hall Trustees Report

Maintenance – The flat roof had been repaired and the repairs to the guttering had been commenced.

Extension Plans – The Trustees had felt that they needed further time to consider this.

Flag Pole – This had been installed at a total project cost of £566.90. £210 had been received leaving a balance of £356.90

Newton News – Plans to include a Council section in the newsletter had been agreed.

Green Room – The Bar was open for village use on the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday of the month but this was flexible depending on the Cricket Club's fixtures. A Sports Night had been held with football on the TV. The Queen's 90th Birthday had been celebrated with scones and this had raised £30.21 for "Combat Stress". A village barbeque was planned for 6th August 2016.

c) Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership

There was nothing to report

d) Play area

Repainting the play equipment was discussed and it was agreed that this should be considered again in 12 months.

e) Highways and Pavements

Concern was raised again over the pavement on Station Road near Brewers Cottage. The Clerk was asked to write to NY Highways to bring this back to their attention.

f) The Wheatsheaf

There was nothing to report

g) Vacancy

The closing date for applications for co-option to the Council was set at 17th August 2016.

041.2016 Reports of previous month's meetings etc. - to hear from Town/District/County Councillors on any meetings attended or other information of interest to the Parish Council

There were no reports made.

042.2016 Correspondence (background papers provided)

There was nothing to report.

043.2016 Planning (background papers provided)

There were no planning applications to consider.

044.2016 Financial Approvals

Expenditure: DG Woodward £185, Clerk's Salary, HMRC PAYE, P Olsen (Flags & Filing Cabinet) £129.72, NLW Village Hall £12, P Olsen (Flagpole) £455.34, TEC Ltd (Renewable Energy Report) £3,000, Rural Action Yorkshire £35

All Expenditure was approved.

045.2016 Items and date for next meeting

The next meeting was set to take place on Wednesday 14th September 2016.

Items to be considered were:

Speeding motorists in the village, Children's Fund Management Group, The 6 Monthly Review of the 2 Monthly Meetings

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6:55pm