

**Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting
held on 29th March 2022**

Present: Councillors L Ryder, V Wilthew, C Audritt, Z Hudson Peach and parish clerk T Sanderson

Also present: Councillor R Ormston and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence – T Clarkson

2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda

3.The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd February 2022 were **approved and signed**.

4. Matters arising:

- **Drainage** – a notice has been erected where the grip was cleared asking for it to be left clear.
- **Photocopier** – this has been removed and disposed off responsibly. The cabinet can be used for the Resilience team's bags and the lighting command box.
- **Noticeboard** – it is safe to be used as is. A notice will be placed in its location when it is removed for some remedial work. Once that has been done then it can be fixed into the ground correctly again.
- **Banking** – this is all moving along and paperwork will soon need to be signed by relevant councillors.

5. Reports:

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was on 28th February. Current bank balance stands at £27,100 with income so far at £4,000 and expenses at £7800. Expenses accrued on buying new equipment for coffee mornings, baby changing unit in the ladies' toilets and removal of the fir trees at the front of the Hall. There is an ongoing dispute with British Gas over the electricity charges. A replacement heating system is being researched as the current system is not working adequately. The jubilee planning is ongoing following a joint meeting between Parish Council and Village Hall Trustees representatives. New planters have been purchased for the front of the building. Planned events include a forthcoming shared tea with Patrick Brompton and a garage sale in Newton. It was agreed that a drinks voucher will be included in new welcome packs. V Wilthew passed on comments she had received about increased light into nearby properties since the fir trees had been removed.
- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – the last meeting was on the 21st February but unfortunately V Wilthew was unable to attend.
- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – the website is now back up and running. Some meetings have taken place in some streams but not all. The Richmondshire Action Plan is relates to the North Yorkshire Enterprise Partnership scheme. They are currently looking at activities to provide practical help to local communities in the current climate of massively increased energy costs in the following ways:
 - a. Face to face engagement with communities

- Stage a Richmondshire energy efficiency, carbon and environment conference, including harnessing resources that could provide advice and support to local people about how to reduce energy cost/use.
- Organise a schedule of awareness days for domestic energy consumers, including demonstrations alternative forms of energy generation, EV charging, electric vehicles, heat pumps etc
- b. Focus on local food sourcing and food waste reduction.

Fifteen parish councils took part in the tree planting scheme with up to 400 trees being planted, 20 of those in Newton le Willows. The Climate Change Group have now purchased the thermal imaging camera (receipt will be forthcoming) and there is working being done to attempt to graft the cherry tree at the hall.

6. Specific matters:

- **Website** – all councillors have agreed to review other parish councils' website to have a better understanding of how they want the Newton le Willows one to look like. Cost needs to be looked at also.
Action: C Audritt to contact some companies he was given details of to get an idea of costs.
- **Queens Platinum Jubilee** – two meetings have taken place between Parish Council, Village Hall and a couple of parents. At the first meeting many ideas were suggested and then all representatives went away and reviewed them. At the second meeting the details became more solid. An afternoon of events will take place on Sunday 5th June. They will include a fancy dress parade, a sports day, an afternoon tea and a toast to the Queen. Further details will be made available via posters and social media where possible. The Parish Council agreed that they would like to supply all children and young people (aged 16 and under) with a commemorative mug marking the occasion.
Action: the clerk will place an article in the next newsletter to establish how many mugs will be needed.
- **Training** – it was agreed that there are courses being run which would be beneficial to attend. The training lists from YLCA are circulated via the clerk. Some courses are free as webinars and where possible, it would be useful for a representative to attend.
Action: the clerk to continue to circulate details of all course to councillors with the aim of increasing attendance at some of them.
- **Ukraine** – in principle the Council is committed to supporting the people of Ukraine during the ongoing conflict. At the moment it is difficult to assess how this support is needed. Individually donations have already been made to a variety of groups/charities already involved. It was agreed that the Resilience Team can act as support in a similar way to the covid support it offered. B Sampson would act as a link between the groups. Support would be offered to anyone who is hosting a Ukrainian family within our parish.
Action: L Ryder will register the Council's support of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) letter of solidarity motion.
- **NALC letter to smaller councils** – the Parish Council would like to register their support of this scheme.
Action – the clerk will register this decision with the NALC.

- **Aysgarth lunches** – these are coming to an end and the Council wish to express their appreciation for all those who have been involved. The school has provided meals for two years with volunteers carrying out deliveries managed by Peter Perkins. An article will appear in the next newsletter.
- **Playground seesaw** – the animal springers have been removed and the site prepared for installation which is due to take place 16th April. V Wilthew is going to try selling the springers using social media, with interest already been shown for one of them. The matting that was lifted has been cut into movable pieces and is currently stacked next to the grit bin near the playground.
Action: the clerk will contact RDC to see if they can remove this material

7. Planning application to be considered:

- **22/00101/FULL** Full Planning Permission for the erection of a single storey timber double bay garage onto concrete hard standing to provide protection for vehicles from the elements at 2 Fortmayne Cottages, Brompton Road, Newton le Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1SL. The Council had no comments or observations to make on this application

Planning application granted:

- **21/00346/FULL** – Full Planning Permission for construction of a single 3 bedroom dormer bungalow on a brownfield site with outline planning approval for residential use.

8. All financial matters were approved:

- **L Ryder** - £9.50 community resilience cards
- **Clerk's wages and expenses** - £784.50

9. Items for the next meeting will include training, website and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

10. Date for next meeting will be Monday 23rd May at 7pm. This will also be the annual Parish Council meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 8.20pm