

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting
held on 15th August 2022

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

Also present: 4 members of the public

Before the meeting officially began it was announced that Margaret O'Grady a long-standing resident of this parish had sadly died.

22/012 There were '**apologies for absence**' from both Councillors R Ormston and T Jones.

22/013 There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.

22/014 The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2022 were approved and signed. Proposed for approval by Z Hudson-Peach and seconder by T Clarkson.

22/015 **Public Participation Session** – no issues raised.

22/016 **Matters arising:**

- i. **Playground** – the duck has been sold.
- ii. **Speeding** – will be carried over for the next meeting
- iii. **School transport** – a letter of support has been submitted to NYCC. We will be notified of the outcome once an inspection of the route has been carried out.

22/017 **Reports:**

- i. **Village Hall Trustees** – the current statement of account stands at just under £27,000 after most of the refurb costs taken into account. The outside windows have now been stained and electric heaters installed. The Village bar generates just under £9,000 gross sales. It is open more than ever and would benefit from more volunteers coming forward to offer assistance. Electricity charges are still unresolved. Village show will take place this year on 4th September. The remaining hedge at the side of the hall will be removed soon now that the nesting season is over. It will be replaced with a new fence – currently out to tender. There will be a comedy night on the 1st October. Quotes to repair and replace the render on the plinth around the bottom edge of the hall are been requested. Volunteers are asked to come along on the 18th September for an annual clean up – inside and outside.
- ii. **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – last meeting held 8th August. There is still a vacancy for a cleaner/caretaker. Recruitment has so far been unsuccessful. The next meeting will be held 26th September.
- iii. **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – nothing has particularly happened since the event in Leyburn. The Climate Change meetings are ongoing. There was a grass/hay cutting at the churchyard on 2nd August. This year's apple press day will be on 16 October.

22/018 **Specific matters:**

- i. **Dog fouling** - this is a reoccurring issue with several areas in the parish being littered with dog waste matter. There may be an issue with where the dog waste bins are located and more may be needed. It was proposed by C Audritt and seconded by L Ryder that we find out whether we can have more of these bins and what the actual rules for locating and emptying them are. The motion was carried. **Action:** the clerk will contact RDC to find out what we can do to improve the location/quantity of these bins around the parish.

- ii. **Village Show** – this will take place this year on the 4th September. A committee has been set up to run it and would ideally like it to return to its former glory. It will be an extended version of what began last year. Schedules are out and it will be open to non-residents to take part this year. This will require funding. Unfortunately, the Parish Council would not be able to offer any financial assistance at this late stage for this year. It was suggested that they would need to fund raise for it and a coffee morning next year might be one of those steps to take. The Parish Council would support that idea of an annual Village Show.
- iii. **Waste and recycling centre**– this was full to overflowing recently and it was taken to RDC as an issue. Their reply that they had staff shortages, covid and mechanical problems were playing a part and this could happen again. Whilst the Council accept that this can cause issues, it will not stop it happening again. It was proposed by V Wilthew and seconded by L Ryder that we raise our concerns with RDC and raise the issue with Councillor T Jones. The motion was carried.
Action: the clerk to send a message of concern to RDC and notify the councillor as this being an issue and asking for any assistance.
- iv. **Website** – this needs to be looked at again more closely as the solution we believed to have been found is no longer a solution.
Action: C Audritt and T Sanderson will arrange a meeting with the current webmaster and work out a way forward.
- v. **Maintenance of the Public Footpath behind the Bobbin Cottages** – this has now been cut so is tidy again. Concern was raised as a public footpath needs to be maintained by the land owner. We need to make sure that those maintaining it on a voluntary basis are happy to continue to do so. The Parish Council will need to look at this again if it becomes an issue.
- vi. **Grass cutting etc within the Village** – it appears that the local authorities are only responsible for cutting the triangle of land at Ivy Crescent and the area around the playground. The remaining verges are cut by several volunteers. It was proposed by C Audritt and seconded by T Clarkson that we need to know what the official rules about who is responsible for cutting grass verges throughout our parish. The motion was carried.
Action – the clerk to contact the local authorities to seek clarification.

22/019

Planning applications were considered:

- i. **21/00594/FULL** - Full Planning Permission for change of use of land for two yurts with composting toilets at Stubbing Nook Barn, Stubbing Nook Lane, Newton le Willows, DL8 1TJ. **AMENDED PROPOSAL.** The Council has no comments/observations about this application.
- ii. **22/00442/OUT** – Outline planning permission for a single storey dwelling at Grange Croft, Brompton Road, Newton le Willows DL8 1SJ. The Council has no comments/observations about this application although accepted it lies on the boundary.
- iii. **22/00427/VAR** - Variation of conditions 1 & 9 attached to planning permission 20/00929/Full – addition of patio doors, increasing rooflight size and changing roof covering material at Phoenix House, Bedale Road, Newton le Willows, DL 8 1SG. The Council has no comments/observations about this application.

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Financial matters were approved - Domain renewal @ £28.98

22/021

Items for the next meeting will include speeding and fly tipping. The **date** for the next meeting was set as Monday 26th September at 7pm.

Meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm