

Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2018

Present: Councillors P Olen, V Wilthew, L Ryder, J Bell and parish clerk T Sanderson

Also present: Councillor R Ormston and 8 members of the public

1. There were no **apologies for absence**.
2. There were no **'Declarations of Interest'** in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd October 2018 were signed and approved.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - **Ancient Tree Forum** – this uses an internal messaging system which requires you to logon. Their responses came from an Alan Hunton and confirm that three trees are listed: two are listed as veteran (one on Bonfire field and the crab apple tree near the cricket field) and the third is listed as notable (ash tree on Brompton Road). Others may be listed at a future time and include a cherry tree and a walnut tree. All ash trees with a girth of 4m+ need to be recorded due to ash die back.
For further information follow this link: <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/tree-search/?v=1436996&ml=map&z=13&u=1&up=r&nwLat=54.320555227627096&nwLng=-1.7877488987548862&seLat=54.28088801757637&seLng=-1.5561777012451206>. Plaques on trees help identify the age of the tree which will be useful in the future.
Action: the clerk will enquire as to whether there are any obligations that tree owners may need to pay attention to. This will be done using the above link.
 - **Recycling skips** – no particular problems have been observed although some incorrect material is still being placed in the plastics skips. Everyone needs to ensure that they only recycle relevant material. Cardboard needs to be flattened before going into the skips.
 - **Dog fouling** – article about dog fouling (and speed issues) has been placed in the latest 'Newton News'. The clerk also contacted RDC to request further waste bins and notices. However, there is currently an embargo on new bins and extra signage will not necessarily solve the problem if the council can't enforce the matter. They (RDC) will provide the clerk with a leaflet which can be sent out to all households (with the next newsletter) informing residents on their responsibilities towards dog fouling. The dog warden will also patrol the village to see if there is a problem that they can address.
 - **Poaching** – Councillor R Ormston reported that following the last police report, poachers/lurchers have been apprehended on farm land at Patrick Brompton and court cases will ensue. The public are asked to continue to be vigilant and report incidents to the police rather than try to tackle these groups themselves.

5. Reports from:

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on the 12th November 2018 when Health & Safety (H&S), building works, events, Green room and Christmas tree were discussed. The H&S review concluded that no lit candles would be used at future events (only battery-operated ones), no vehicles were to obstruct the exits during an event but vehicles could be parked temporarily for un/loading and risk assessments will be completed by all user groups before specific events. The possible future extension/change to layout will be discussed at the next meeting whilst minor works are ongoing. Events held included the World War I commemorative tea which was reasonably well attended with excellent 'bring & share' eats, rousing community singing, thoughtful poetry readings and the hall was attractively decorated. Future events include a Christmas afternoon tea on the 9th December between 3-5pm as a 'bring & share' event with Patrick Brompton. There will be a 'Classic Christmas' evening on the 20th December when the Green room will be open from 7pm with the event due to start at 7.30pm. This will involve singing by Amy Fudali and Colin Bailey and story telling by Mark Cornfield (of North Country Theatre fame). A final Green Room night will be held on the 29th December with a quiz and 'bring & share' theme to celebrate the end of 2018. At a recent meeting of the Green Room volunteers it was agreed that a new regime would be tried. Evenings will start at 8pm and will be open on the first Friday and second and fourth Saturdays of each month. This extra event (fourth Saturday) will be a themed night such as bingo, quiz, Wii bowling. The popular 'Christmas Draw' has been prepared and will be sold throughout December at a £1 a square and many prizes to be won. It will be drawn on the 29th December in the Green room. A survey will go into the next newsletter to find out what residents want/expect from the Green room. Finally, it was agreed to share the costs 50:50 for a Christmas tree with the parish council.
- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** - the last meeting was on the 12th November and the next will be on the 11th February 2019. Quotes for decoration are still being sought. A decision needs to be made in the new year as to whether a ramp or sloped path can be added to the back of the building to provide easier access for some.

6. Specific matters:

- **Speeding issues** – the clerk has chased the speeding concern forms that were submitted after the previous meeting. They are currently in a queue but no further details have been provided as yet. Advice from NYCC highways regarding speed signage and alternatives has been requested. The information should be available for the next meeting.
- **Richmondshire Local Plan Review** – the council's views were submitted on this matter ahead of the deadline of the 31st October.
- **Parish Plan** -
- **Wheatsheaf** – J Bell has had a reply from the office of R Sunak MP whereby a timeline has been agreed of what has been attempted so far on resolving this matter. The next stage is to draft a letter, to include all parties (owner of the property and RDC) as to what can happen next and to ensure that there are no technicalities causing this inertia.
Action: J Bell to draft a letter and circulate it to all the councillors for their consideration.

- **Setting the Precept** – the deadline for submitting the precept has been given as 8th January 2019. As such the following was agreed:

Audit fee	100
St Patrick's Church	225
CAB	60
Community First	30
YLCA	130
Parish Council Insurance	260
Playground (insurance & maintenance)	250
Maintenance (repairs & renewals)	100
Village hall hire	60
Parish Clerk salary	1560
Clerk's expenses	40
Travel, training & seminars	20
Election costs	100
ROSPA	100
Website	30

This gives a total of £3065 which is an increase on last year's precept

7. Planning:

- **18/00182/FULL** GRANTED Full planning permission for stone built one and a half story dwelling with garage on the site of demolished bungalow called The Bungalow, Sinks Lane.
The council had considered this proposal at their meeting held on 16th April 2018 and their comments had been submitted.

8. Financial matters were approved for:

- **Zurich Insurance renewal** £257.60
- Shared costs of a **Christmas tree** with Village Hall.
- **Signatories** will be updated the next meeting.

- 9. **Items** for next meeting include speeding issues, Parish plan, Wheatsheaf, confirmation of precept final figure.

- 10. **Date** for next meeting will be Monday 14th January 2019 at 6pm.

Meeting was declared closed at 7.22pm

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year