

**Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 29th January 2018**

Present: Councillors P Olsen, V Wilthew, S Coombs, L Ryder and parish clerk T Sanderson.

Also present: Councillor R Ormston, PCSO TracieLee Taylor-Page, Sam Hutchinson (from the Police and Crime Commissioners office) and 7 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor J Harrison.
2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the **meeting** held on the 11th December 2017 were **approved and signed**.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - **Kerbside recycling** – L Ryder has sent an email to J Toombes of RDC thanking her for the late collection after Christmas. Some clarification as to what can be recycled is still needed. L Ryder is happy to meet with RDC to see how we can assist them. Some people are not using recycling boxes correctly and information received from RDC can be disseminated to the wider community. The long-term aim is to have an appearance by an RDC recycling representative at a future coffee morning.
 - **First Aid training** – the parish clerk contacted Hannah Phillips to see how she could help the Council. The discussion highlighted that it is basic first aid training and use of defibrillator that is needed and that the first port of call would be to train those user groups that assist members of the public at village hall events. These groups would be Parish Council members, Village Hall Committee members, Green Room volunteers, PIN representatives and the Community Resilience Team which highlighted the need for this training. Hannah suggested a max. of 12 people per group and would be happy to do 3 sessions if needed.
Action: the parish clerk will contact relevant user groups and compile a list of willing volunteers. She will then liaise with Hannah over dates/times of sessions.
 - **Roadside inspection** – this is still to be carried out and further action will be taken if necessary.
 - **Car damage** – all new reported cases need to be passed on using the '101' telephone number.
5. **Reports from:**
 - **Village Hall Trustees** – a meeting was held on the 15th January when the short-term goals were to update the H & S file, review the maintenance programme and update the constitution as necessary. Future events include a PIN event on the 16/02 (a one man play), 17/02 Green Room night with pork pie bar snacks, 20/02 is the first fish and chip night of the year followed by an acoustic night, 02/03 is a Green Room night and 06/04 is another PIN event (the Remy Harris Trio will perform). The next village hall meeting will be on the 12th February.
 - **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – there is nothing to report and next meeting is in two weeks' time.

6. Specific matters:

- **Briefing by Sam Hutchinson, Community Mapping Project Officer** – he attended on a fact-finding mission. He is currently working on a project to find out what goes on at local level, what are the local issues and to act as a liaison should that be needed. It was agreed that the Parish Council was a good forum for this. Village website, social media and newsletter information was shared with Sam. This will be a two-way process whereby we can pass on issues to Sam who can share any initiative with us that may be useful (e.g. speeding schemes, rural poaching).

Action – parish clerk to ensure that communication channels are maintained.

- **Community Resilience Plan** – meeting at Aysgarth school still needs to take place. There will be more facilities available non-term time. The plan is now in place.
- **Roadworks** – to be carried over to the next meeting.
- **Speeding** – this is an ongoing issue and is worse during school times, although the Catterick-Masham route is also causing more concerns, as is Sinks Lane. The concern on Sinks Lane is that the speed restriction sign is not in the correct location and could be better situated before drivers reach the houses approaching from Bedale. PCSO TracieLee Taylor-Page was in attendance and stated that as a community we need to document times of disruption and record specific incidents and patterns. A matrix placed in the village at the wrong times would provide little information. A visit to the school by the PCSO might help to enforce the ‘drive carefully’ message. It was suggested by a member of the public that there may be a ‘speed watch system’ that we could look at joining. This has worked well elsewhere in the country where speeding has been an issue.

Action - A reminder to all residents about the need for careful driving through the village will be placed in the next village newsletter. The chair and clerk will contact Highways (NYCC) to see what needs to be done to have speed restriction signs moved/relocated. Parish clerk to look into a ‘speed watch system’.

- **Other driving matters** – S Coombs reported that a matter had been brought to his attention about vehicles turning around at the entrance of Beechwood Farm up Station Road. Clarification as to whether this is private land or part of the highway would need to be checked. A second matter arose with the recent snow fall making the journey up to the school in a car impossible. As a result, cars were parked anywhere in the village leading to difficulties for other drivers and residents. The school was contacted and the village hall parking was offered as an alternative to the school should a problem arise in the future.
- **Lighting** – to be carried over to the next meeting.
- **Role of Councillor J Harrison** – the last meeting she attended in person was in January 2017. She has been able to email her comments on matters and her advice can be sought on a variety of issues. Her knowledge and expertise are valuable to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Council continues to benefit from her as a councillor and she should be retained.
- **Planning** – Councillor R Ormston brought to the attention a request for full planning permission (17/00875/Full) of nine timber holiday lodges, part of Patrick Brompton parish.

7. **Items** for next meeting include parish plan, lighting, roadworks, first aid, speeding, Neighbourhood Watch.

8. **Date** for next meeting will be Monday 5th March at 6pm.