

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council
Meeting held on 15 January 2024

Present: Councillors V Wilthew, T Clarkson, Z Hudson-Peach, W McDermott, R Pulham and parish clerk T Sanderson

Also present: 6 members of the public

24/001 There were no **apologies for absence**.

24/002 There were no **'Declarations of Interest'** in items on the agenda.

24/003 **The minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 November 2023 were approved and signed (proposed by Z Hudson-Peach and seconded by W McDermott).

24/004 **Public Participation Session**

- B Sampson asked that the Council be involved with the electric vehicle charging point feasibility study.

24/005 **Matters arising:**

- **Tree plaques** – the clerk has been looking at the costs of replacing two tree plaques. The most economical that she has found is using the website Etsy at a cost of around £11 point as opposed to £49 that was quoted on the Brunel engraving website. There will be a wooden plinth and stake needed for each one which the clerk is able to source. Once the wording for both has been clarified it was agreed that they should be purchased from Etsy. (Proposed by W McDermott and seconded by R Pulham).
Action: the clerk to purchase these once wording has been agreed.
- **Gully on Station Road** – this has been fixed by J Bell and appears to be working well. The Council would like to formally thank him for this work.

24/006 **Reports:**

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on 8 January and the next one will be on 19 February. New broadband has been fitted and has good coverage. A quoits pitch proposal was made by A Newton and is being considered. An area behind the Hall near the playground has been marked out for this purpose. The insurance premium has increased by 40%. Quotes are being acquired for the repair to the flat roof at the front of the Hall. It is likely to be patched as was the pipe in the gents' toilets. The bar floor is due to be fixed shortly. Stands for the new PA speakers have been purchased.
- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – R Pulham has been contacted by a representative of the Trust and the next meeting will be held on 19 February.

- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – nothing to report at this meeting.

24/007 Specific matters:

- **Reallocation of roles** – were as follows:
 - Chairman** – V Wilthew, proposed by R Pulham and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach.
 - Vice- chair** – R Pulham, proposed by W McDermott and seconded by T Clarkson.
 - Village Hall rep** – Z Hudson-Peach, proposed by V Wilthew and seconded by R Pulham.
 - Atkinson Clarke rep** – R Pulham, proposed by V Wilthew and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach.
 - Resilience team** - W McDermott, proposed by Z Hudson-Peach and seconded by R Pulham.
- **In addition to these roles, Z Hudson-Peach** will be added as a bank signatory when C Audritt is removed and V Wilthew will continue organising the Welcome packs.
- **Action** – the clerk will complete the relevant paperwork.
- **Wheatsheaf** – the North Yorkshire Council (NYC) new enforcement officer has been in touch with the clerk. The owner has been asked to carry out certain work by a timescale (not disclosed) and the officer will be in touch when the timescale has lapsed.
- **EV charging** – the Council is happy to be involved in a feasibility study but does not believe it needs to take the lead. This comes after the clerk had contacted Kirkby Fleetham Parish Council as that community have installed EV charging point. However, the council was not involved and it was the Village Hall there that carried out the work. R Pulham has already done some preliminary work on a feasibility study and would be happy to liaise with the Climate Change Group. Any report or findings can be brought back to a parish council meeting at a later stage.
- **Speed roundels** – the clerk contacted NYC highways to clarify when the extra roundels will be in place. The delay had been caused over costings but is now resolved. An order has now been placed and they should be seen in the parish soon.

24/008 All financial matters were approved:

- Village Hall signage – £185.55
- Gift for departing Chairman - £25.50

24/009 **Date** for the next meeting will be Monday 26 February 2024 at 7pm. Items for the next meeting will include a report from the meeting with highways, Wheatsheaf.

Meeting declared closed at 7.30pm