

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 23rd July 2018

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

Also present: 15 members of the public

- 1. Apologies for absence – Councillor R Ormston**
- 2.** There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.
- 3.** The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th June 2018 were signed and approved.
- 4. Matters arising:**
 - **Tree Survey** – we are still waiting for the report to be produced. The Ancient Tree Forum has been contacted by L Ryder and three trees/stump (ash tree on Brompton Road, ash tree on bonfire field and an ancient stump of a crab apple tree approaching the cricket field) have been reported to them online.
 - **Recycle skip** – the plastic recycling skip is not always filled with the correct items and can be overflowing. A message was sent to Sally Dixon of RDC asking for new labels. The reply was that all these recycling skips are being revised/relabelled. New notices will be produced as a result of this and the work should be completed by September.
- 5.** The **resignation of Councillor S Coombs** was formally accepted.
Action - the clerk will notify RDC of this and start the democratic process of filling the vacancy.
- 6. Reports from:**
 - **Village Hall Trustees** – meetings were held on the 5th June and 10th July. A 'Community First' meeting was held at the village hall on 12th June which was well attended and the theme was 'Community Hubs'. Work is ongoing on the constitution, safeguarding policy and licensing arrangements. The inventory has now been completed and the ceiling in the store room has been repaired and painting of it started. The electrician will complete his task once the painting is completed. Consideration is being given to two different storage solutions at the hall in order to improve overall facilities. Feasibility and costings are being looked at. The groundsman has resigned and all other options are currently being considered. It was agreed that a Christmas tree would be obtained this year, with costs being shared between the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council. The location will be at the crossroads of Brompton Road and Station Road rather than at the village hall itself. Currently there is no Patrick Brompton representative on the committee but this will hopefully be remedied at the next annual general meeting. The Village Hall General Annual Clean-up took place on 15th July with 12 volunteers doing a good job. At this time, the overflow of the plastic recycle skip was picked up, resulting in 6 black

bin bags full of waste. The last two coffee mornings were well attended and the next one on the 18th August, is to help raise village hall funds. Another fundraising idea, a clothing bank, is to be sited at the recycling station. It is for clothes, shoes, handbags and belts. Proceeds will go to Village Hall and 65% of material is recycled and 35% will be pulped. The Green Room is the social point of the village and will be hosting the annual BBQ on Saturday 11th August from 6pm, tickets on the door. Other events – 29/9 Wild Willy Barratt Band, tickets on sale now from Ann Brown; 18/10 PIN event ‘Romeo & Juliet’; 3/11 WWI commemorative event.

- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – the next meeting will be on 24th September. The shed has now been removed.

7. Specific matters:

- **Children’s Playground** – as part of the village hall clean-up, the area was pressure washed although this failed to remove all the algae from the wet pour areas. Options are being considered before we invite ROSPA to carry out another inspection.
- **Speed Matrix** – parish clerk yet to research this any further.
Action: to be carried over.
- **Community Speed Watch** – clerk forwarded relevant website details to all interested parties and contacted Crakehall Parish Council who are considering their involvement in such a scheme. The police involvement would be to train a group of volunteers, we would need to supply the equipment. This matter also links in with speed restriction signs which have been looked at by P Olsen and V Wilthew following an offer by NYCC to have more signs painted on roads. They considered where the existing signs are and whether they are sufficient. One ‘30’ sign is located as you come to the first houses when turning off the A684. A second sign was at the bottom of the hill coming down Station Road from Aysgarth School. This one could possibly be moved to above the school entrance but consultation would be required with the school. A third one is at the far side of the railway bridge on Brompton Road before the Sinks Lane junction. It was felt that this third one should be moved further up the road closer to the signage for ‘High Parks’ and a fourth one located at the village name sign on Sinks Lane. Concern has already been raised that this may open up further development sites. The opinion at this meeting was that the school should be involved as we should all want to protect the nature of the village and we should all have an interest in doing so as it would make the community safer for all.
Action: a small working party will be set up between residents and the Parish Council, V Wilthew will act as council representative to discuss these issues further. The parish clerk to contact NYCC to find out what the process is for moving this type of signage. The clerk to contact our PCSOs to see if they could drop off some leaflets at the school at the start of the new term.
- **Local Plan** – this is the District Council 15-year plan that sets out the development criteria in 5-year cycles.
- **Parish Plan** – this is our own plan.

- **Vacancy** – the Council can now co-opt into the current vacancy. John Bell made a presentation to the council. The Council resolved to co-opt him.
Action: parish clerk to inform RDC of this.
- **Wheatsheaf** – the parish clerk had taken photographs of the site following the last meeting and sent them to A Pilkington of RDC expressing our concern at the continued deterioration of the site. As no reply had been received before the meeting, a further email had been sent to her and as of yet, no reply.
Action: parish clerk to send another email asking about business rates, pavements and full development plans for the site.
- **Remuneration of Clerks wages** – a rise of 3.5% was agreed in line with NALC rates.

8. Planning:

- **18/00349/FULL** – As the deadline for this application was before this meeting the Councillors met and reached a decision which was passed to RDC and a notice was posted for residents to view. Their only observation was about barn owls that have nested on this site in the recent past. The applicants of the planning application attended the meeting and wished to point out that investigations did not reveal any evidence of nesting barn owls since their occupation and have received positive comments from their immediate neighbours.
- **18/00427/FULL** – the Council had no observations or objections to this planning application.
Action: parish clerk to forward this information to RDC.
- **18/00023/FULL** - granted (considered in meeting held 5th March 2018)

9. All financial matters were approved Community First membership £30 (reduced from £42)

10. Correspondence – letters of gratitude for donations to CAB and St Patricks Churchyard (which was read out at the meeting) were received.

11. Items for next meeting include Fly tipping, Wheatsheaf, Speeding issues, Speed Matrix, Parish Plan, Children’s playground, Vacancy.

12. Date for next meeting will be Monday 3rd September at 6pm.

Meeting was declared closed at 7.20pm