

Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting held on 23rd October 2018

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

Also present: PCSO D Watson and 10 members of the public.

1. There as an **apology for absence** from 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 3rd September 2018 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising:

- **Tree Survey** – still awaiting report.
- **Ancient Tree Forum** – still awaiting an inspection.
- **Local Plan** – deadline for comments is the 31st October.
Action – clerk to use comments received and complete online form on behalf of the Council.
- **ROSPA** inspection will not happen until spring of 2019 at the earliest.
- **PCSO D Watson** attended and passed on his report of incidents in the area in the last thirty days. This included car damage in the village, reports of poachers and suspicious activities on nearby land, theft of sheep and theft of a pressure washer. In terms of the most pressing in Newton le Willows, car damage must continue to be reported to the '101' number. Residents should continue to be vigilant matter as this is a criminal matter. PCSOs may start knocking on doors in the village to act as a deterrent.
Action: P Olsen will submit an article into the next edition of Newton News.
- **Vacancy** – this will be advertised in the February edition of Newton News.
- **Recycling** - the new labelling has been displayed at the recycle station but only one skip has been labelled for plastics. Concern was raised about debris, thought to be shards of glass, falling out of recycle wagons which could cause damage to vehicles.
Action: the area will be swept and carefully monitored.

5. Reports from:

- **Village Hall Trustees** - Trustees have met on the 4th September and 9th October, which was also the AGM. The next meeting will be on 12th November. At the AGM the annual accounts were submitted which showed an income of £13,500, expenditure of £14,050, resulting in a deficit of £550. However, reserves remain healthy at approx. £19,000. The deficit for the year was due to major repair works – replacing all guttering and downpipes, repairs to ceiling in kitchen and storeroom. The income is generated via Green Room (70%), Hall Hire (12.5%) and coffee mornings (10%). The reserves will be needed to help with the outstanding projects – upgrading of toilet facilities (to include disabled and baby changing facilities) and storage for which we will need to fundraise and apply for grants. At the meeting committee members were elected from various village hall groups (Janet Handley – WI; Stephan Hodges – cricket; Steven

Coombs – choir; Peter Olsen – NLW Parish Council; Helen Audritt – climate change; Teresa Sanderson – Newton News; Johnnie Johnson – St Patrick's Church). Currently Patrick Brompton are not represented. Ann Brown was co-opted and was elected Chair person and Bookings Secretary whilst Teresa will continue as Treasurer and Minutes Secretary for a final year. At the ordinary meeting, car park signage was discussed. New signage will be erected at the village hall to highlight correct usage of the facilities. A review of the constitution resulted in advice being sought from 'Community First'. They recommended that we continue to use the existing document as it is legal and accepted by the Charity Commission. Instead we could produce a Trustee Information pack to reassure members what the responsibilities of the role of the trustee actually is. Other policy documents will be updated or created as necessary. The coffee morning rota for 2019 will be circulated shortly to all relevant groups and the fee remains at £30. An outside light with a PIR sensor is to be installed at rear of the hall. The recent 'Wild Willy Barratt' event was not as well attended as had been hoped and was a subdued event. Upcoming events are the World War One Commemorative Afternoon Tea on the 3rd November (3-5pm) when the hall will be suitable decorated and donation will be collected for 'Combat Stress' charity. The cricket club host their annual hog roast on the 16th November. Regular Green Room evenings will be held on the 2nd and 17th November, 7th and 15th December. The Christmas coffee morning will be on the 15th December and a final event on the 20th December will be a Christmas Concert hosted by Colin Bailey. A new alcohol distributor is being used to broaden the range of products available and this includes Theakston's best bitter.

- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – meeting was held on the 24th September and the next one is on the 12th November. All maintenance matters have been completed, decoration can now proceed.

6. Specific matters:

- **Speeding issues** – a recent article in Newton News produced 5 responses. They all supported what the Parish Council is trying to achieve. The information was collated and suggestions are being looked into. Further conversations have been had between V Wilthew and the PCSOs who are in turn happy to talk about speeding in the schools and to parents. A meeting took place on the 10th October between P Olsen, V Wilthew and R Morse (headmaster of Aysgarth School). This was very positive with both the school and the council able to share what they have been doing to tackle the speeding issues. This includes fortnightly briefings at the school which mention speeding and driving issues, a willingness to be involved in future developments and working together as a community. When the school changed their entrances, they had approached NYCC to move the speed limit signs but were refused. At the meeting it was suggested that '40' speed signs might be more appropriate. A suggestion that we contact farm contractors to see if they could highlight the issue to their drivers. However, the information available suggests that most vehicles have been fitted with speed limiters and the size and sound of these large vehicles may in fact be misleading, ie they sound quicker than they are actually travelling at. The result is that all residents should report speeding vehicles to the '101' number and pass in registration plate numbers if possible. We all need to promote safe driving through our village.

Action- clerk to contact NYCC Highways and find out what we need to do to re-site our existing signage, look into rumble strips and other options that they can advise us on. The clerk will also check where we are at with the 'speed concern' forms that were submitted.

- **Richmondshire Local Plan Review** – covered under matters arising (see above).
- **Parish Plan** – to be carried over to the next meeting.
- **Wheatsheaf** – J Bell has contacted our local MP, Rishi Sunak, with the council's concerns regarding this building. As a result, he is keen to help progress this matter so is currently gathering information from RDC as to what has happened, can be done and the legalities that it all entails. He will be in touch once a course of action has been formulated.

7. Planning:

Planning Application Proposals – were considered by the Council and no comments were forthcoming. A notice had been posted on village noticeboards displaying this information ahead of tonight's meeting.

- **18/00562/FULL** - Full Planning Permission for proposed agricultural building for general purpose storage including machinery at Newton Grange Farm, Sinks Lane, Newton-Le-Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1FR
- **18/00477/OUT** - Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for two detached bungalows at land adjoining The Sidings, Station Road, Newton-Le-Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1TB

8. All Financial matters were approved

- Clerk's wages + expenses (Jul-Sep) £378.04

9. AOB:

- **Dog fouling** is becoming an issue in the village again and in some locations it can affect livestock.

Action: clerk to contact RDC to see if we can have any further dog fouling notices erected as well as further dog foul bins. An article will be written for the next village newsletter.

10. Items for the next meeting to include – speeding, parish plan, Wheatsheaf.

11. Date for next meeting – Monday 3rd December 2018.

Meeting declared closed at 7.10pm