

# **Newton-le-Willows Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Present:** Councillors: Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen;  
Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 7 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Paul Barlow; in his absence Joyce Harrison took the Chair.
- 2.** Before the meeting Bob Owen from North Yorkshire & York Forum made a presentation on the StreetLink project to prevent long-term homelessness in the county. If someone who is sleeping rough is seen, it is requested that StreetLink be contacted so that professional help can be offered. Information would be displayed on the village noticeboard.
- 3. Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved and signed.
- 4. Matters arising:**
  - Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that a new source was now being investigated.
  - Flooding - It was confirmed that Aysgarth School had contracted to improve the culvert on Occupation Lane; grant funding was still being investigated. Andrew Francis, Estates and Finance Mgr. had reported that drainage problems in the area to the west of the school required investigation. The Clerk to pursue this with him.
  - Mid-week drop-in centre – This had been held on 26th June in the Village Hall. Elaine Bean & Peter Olsen reported that low attendance meant that it was unlikely to be repeated.
- 5. The Wheatsheaf:** Alison Pilkington of Richmondshire District Council had confirmed that the Section 215 notice had not yet been served. The overgrown vegetation around the site had been cleared during the village clean-up week.
- 6. Road safety:** Paul Barlow had previously reported that the village was on the waiting list for the installation of a mobile speed matrix. Despite the request for speed data loggers to be deployed during Aysgarth School term time, these had recently been installed for a week, starting on the last day of term. The Clerk to write to the Community Safety Partnership to request a repeat exercise at an appropriate time, irrespective of the outcome of the latest monitoring.

Safety issues identified included speeding, parking on pavements and use of mobile telephones by drivers. In addition, residents reported a serious problem at the junction of Masham Road and No Man's Moor Lane, where growth of vegetation obstructed the view around the bend, making it impossible for west bound right turning vehicles to see oncoming traffic. 2 serious accidents had occurred at this point and this danger was compounded by the lack of adequate signage.

Councillors agreed that there was a need for all incidents to be recorded so that a body of evidence

was built up. The Clerk to contact the Safety Partnership to seek an on-site meeting to discuss the range of road safety issues and to ask NYCC Highways to improve the Masham Road junction. The Chairman is also in discussion with the police about road safety in the village.

- 7. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership:** Elaine Bean said that the next meeting was on 18<sup>th</sup> July in Redmire. She had circulated the agenda.
- 8. Newton-le-Willows Village Hall Trustees:** Peter Olsen reported that the Summer Solstice BBQ had been a great success. He and Elaine Bean would undertake a risk assessment of the play area as requested by the VH Trustees.
- 9. Village clean-up week:** Joyce Harrison said that there had been a good response, with over 20 people tackling various tasks. The Parish Council asked that thanks should be expressed in Newton News and suggestions sought for appropriate work to be undertaken next year.
- 10. Condition of roads and pavements:** It was agreed that these were generally in a poor state, including the private road to the Village Hall car park. The Clerk to ask NYCC Highways what could be done to improve them and Peter Olsen to raise the question of the VH drive with the VH Trustees.

**11. Financial approvals:** The Council approved the following payments:

RAY, subscription - £35.00	Fall Timber, steps improvement - £72.48
N-I-W Village Hall, play area insurance - £55.00	Clerks' salary - £287.15
Tax on Clerk's salary - £71.60	Clerk's expenses – £45.32

**12. Items for next meeting :**

- Wheatsheaf
- Road safety
- Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership
- Village Hall Trustees report
- Condition of roads & pavements

**13. Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meeting would be on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013.

**Paul Barlow,**  
*Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council*