

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 13th May 2015

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow (Chairman), Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison & Alan Hudson, Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Peter Olsen

2. Election of Chair & Vice-Chair - Paul Barlow was elected as Chair, proposed by Elaine Bean and seconded by Joyce Harrison; Joyce Harrison was elected Vice-Chair, proposed by Paul Barlow and seconded by Elaine Bean.

3. Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 1st April 2015 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising:

- Hedge cuttings on roads – Alan Hudson said that he had spoken to his contractor who would try harder to clear up cuttings next year.
- Pavement in Station Road –The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council again as it was felt that the condition of the pavement justified action now.
- Street light at Bank Terrace – This has still not been repaired; the Clerk was asked to contact the District Council again.
- Gritting on Station Road – Although the County Council had promised a further grit bin, this has not been provided; the Clerk was asked to repeat the request.
- Community Police Officer – He has attended a coffee morning and has arranged “surgeries” in the village, publicised in Newton News and notice board. The Clerk was asked to write to thank him.
- Road safety – Invitations had been made to NYCC and the Police to meet to discuss relevant issue. A response from NYCC was awaited before a meeting can be arranged.
- Defibrillator – Training was arranged for Wed. 3rd June at 6.00 pm. The Clerk was asked to publicise on the notice boards and by e-mail to village groups.

5. Annual accounts :

1. The Parish Council approved the Annual Return as submitted.
2. The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance Statement.

6. The Wheatsheaf - No further information was available. The Clerk was asked to write to Alison Pilkington to ask for a progress report.

7. Village clean-up – Joyce Harrison thanked the group of volunteers and said she will allocate tasks shortly. She asked for suggestions for work to be done around the village. Boys from Aysgarth School will clean the play equipment and sweep pavements.

8. Renewable Energy Project – Tenders had been invited for a feasibility study; when these are submitted an application for a grant can be made to WRAP.

9. Community Transport – Leaflets on the Community Car Scheme had not yet been received. Flyers about the Demand Responsive Minibus Service had been delivered to households.

10. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership – There was nothing to report.

11. Village Hall Trustee's report – There was no report as Peter Olsen was absent from the meeting.

12. Items for next meeting :

The Wheatsheaf, Renewable energy project, Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership, Village Hall Trustee's report, comparative Parish Council precepts (the Clerk to research Parish with similar precepts).

13. Dates of next meetings – 7th July and 26th August, both at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. **NB These are changes from previously announced dates.**

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