

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 17th January 2013

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen;
Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29th November 2012 were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising:

- Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that these were still being progressed.
- Standing Orders – To be put on the agenda of the next meeting.
- Parish Plan – This had been completed and printed and would be distributed with the next issue of Newton News with a covering note from Paul Barlow who has prepared a more prescriptive Action Plan for the guidance of Councillors. One of the actions will be a First Aid course to be arranged by Elaine Bean, supplied by British Red Cross in April/ May. The Action Plan to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

4. Flooding: Andrew Francis, Estates and Finance Manager, Aysgarth School, presented an account of the recent flooding events in the village and the contributory factors, including: water flowing onto Plane Tree Barn from adjoining agricultural land, an inadequate culvert at Aysgarth School and surface water discharging onto Station Road. and Bedale Road. He offered to assist in the resolution of the problems in several ways.

It was resolved:

- To write to the Land Registry to confirm the Ownership of Occupation Lane;
- To write to the Highway Authority concerning the road drainage on Station Road;
- To contact Wensleydale Railway about the blocked culvert under the railway;
- To seek a meeting with landowners adjoining Plane House (Paul Barlow);
- To ask residents, via Newton News, to clear blocked road drainage grids;
- Include drain maintenance as a part of the village clean-up;
- Place flooding on the agenda of the next meeting.

5. The Wheatsheaf: No reply had been received from the owner in response to the request for a site meeting. The Clerk to write to Richmondshire District Council requesting details of the Solicitor's opinion before 14th February in order to explain the position to village residents.

6. Footpath under Station Road bridge: The Council asked that the Clerk write to the County Council Improvement Manager, Neil Linfoot, to thank him for the painting of the lines but to express disappointment that they had been obscured as a result of recent flooding and to ask if any improvement were possible and whether he had reviewed the signage at this site.

7. Newton-le-Willows Village Hall Trustees: There was no report. The next meeting will be in late January.

8. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership: There was no report. Elaine Bean has prepared the funding monitoring report to be sent to the Partnership.

9. North Yorkshire County Council Area Committee Grant: Joyce Harrison offered to undertake an assessment of the cost of purchasing and operating a colour photocopier.

10. Financial approvals – The Council approved the following payments:

NYCC grit bin maintenance	- £90.00	Clerk's salary	- £280.00
Tax on Clerk's salary	- £70.00	Printing of Parish Plan	- £316.00

11. Items for next meeting –

- Standing Orders
- Parish Plan Action plan
- Wheatsheaf
- Flooding
- Grant for fitness club

12. Date of Next Meeting (revised): Wednesday 20th February 2013 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meeting would be on 3rd April 2013 at 6.00 pm.

Paul Barlow

Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council