

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 19th November 2014

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow (Chairman), 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 Wednesday 8th October 2014 were approved and signed.
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - Highways maintenance – The County Council had said that the pavement in Station Road did not yet warrant attention and the Clerk was asked to respond asking that the matter be reconsidered; they had been unable to locate the loose kerb in Brompton Road and a further e-mail had been sent to identify this.
 - Road safety – Paul Barlow will again contact the Police to request traffic monitoring.
- 4. The Wheatsheaf** – The planning advisor from whom the Parish Council is taking free advice is pursuing various courses of action to resolve the problems on this site.
- 5. Renewable energy project** – The Parish Council approved the proposal to apply for a grant to undertake a feasibility study and agreed to form a working party comprising 2 Councillors together with 2 members of the Climate Change Group to achieve this. The Parish Council gave the project their full support on the understanding that it was in the interest of the community. The Clerk was asked to circulate the relevant papers from The Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP) who are operating on behalf of Defra and DECC.
- 6. Parish Plan** – It was decided to postpone discussion on this until the next meeting.
- 7. Participatory Budgeting** – The Clerk will copy to Councillors all applications for funding after the November 30th deadline. These will be considered to establish a maximum sum to be included in the exercise and to agree a timetable for the voting process. The Clerk was asked to help any children requiring assistance with applications.
- 8. Fracking** – The Chairman thanked Lisle Ryder for his briefing note and said that this would be retained and used in the event of any future application.
- 9. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership** – Elaine Bean reported that the Partnership had offered a £500 grant for a defibrillator. It was agreed that residents should be invited to a demonstration evening as soon as this is operational.

10. Village Hall Trustee's report – Peter Olsen reported that a new committee of Trustees had been appointed at the AGM is on 21st October; some disquiet had been expressed about the proposal for a bar in the Hudson Room. The Parish Council recommended that residents should be kept informed about the proposal and felt that it was vital that the Hudson Room should continue to be available as a meeting room in the future. The Parish Council/ Village Hall notice board had been repaired.

11. Precept 2015-16 – The Parish Council approved the following precept with the intention of keeping the figure as low as possible. Nevertheless, it was recognised that the costs of some items may have to be increased in future years.

Parish Council insurance	£165
St Patrick's Church	£375
Newton News	£30
Richmond CAB	£60
Stationery, post & telephone	£100
Playground insurance & inspections etc	£170
Rural Action Yorkshire	£35
YLCA	£120
Village Hall hire	£100
Parish Clerk salary	£1475
Payroll services	£70
Sustainability	£50
Repairs/renewals	£150
Total	£2900

12. Financial approval – The Parish Council approved the following payments

Village Hall room hire - £12.50	Clerk's salary - £287.68
Tax on Clerk's salary - £71.80	R Batley, website domain & hosting - £80.24
NHS, defibrillator - £900.00	

13. Items for next meeting :

The Wheatsheaf	Renewable energy project	Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership
Participatory budgeting	Village Hall Trustee's report	
Parish Plan (to review actions undertaken and those outstanding)		

14. Date of next meetings - 6th January, 11th February, 25th March 2015, at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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