

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

## **Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Present:** Councillors: Paul Barlow (Chairman), Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson, Peter Olsen; Bob Sampson (*Clerk*), Cllr Roger Harrison-Topham & 2 members of the public.

### **1. Apologies:** None

**2. Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 were approved and signed.

### **3. Matters arising:**

- Investment of Parish Council funds – £6000 of Parish Council reserves had now been invested in a NatWest 12 month deposit account.
- Affordable Housing – This would be addressed as part of the village survey.
- Parish Survey/ Plan - A grant of £200 had been received from the Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership towards Plan printing costs. A group meeting has been arranged to progress the questionnaire and suggestions will be sought via Newton News. The final questionnaire will be put before the Parish Council before distribution, which is hoped to be before the summer holidays. It was agreed to apply for additional funding from the County Council Area Committee.
- Hedge clipping and mud on roads – Following the reply from the Divisional Engineer, the Clerk was asked to write to the relevant landowners pointing out their responsibility for clearing hedge cuttings and asking that they instruct their contractors accordingly. There had only been 1 further occurrence of mud on roads and this will be kept under observation.
- Dog waste – Peter Olsen had written an article for Newton News. Joyce Harrison said that she is continuing to monitor the problem closely.
- Jubilee Tree – The Clerk confirmed that the Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees had agreed to the planting of a tree in the grounds on Jubilee Day. However he had only been partially successful in identifying earlier commemorative trees. The Council decided to seek information in Newton News and provide plaques for the trees when identified.

**4. Parish Council notice board** – Peter Olsen said that the necessary supports had now been erected and the board will be put up by volunteers after any necessary treatment. The old boards will then be taken down.

**5. Standing Orders** – A copy of Part 1 of the NALC document, *'Standing Orders For Local Councils'* was still circulating among Councillors and it was agreed that this item should remain on the agenda for discussion at future meetings.

**6. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership** – Elaine Bean had attended the meeting in Newton-le-Willows and said that the Partnership is setting up a website. It was suggested that a link be provided to the village website. She will write to thank the Partnership for the grant towards the Parish Plan and will forward a copy of the logo to be used in the document.

**7. Newton-le-Willows Village Hall Trustees** – Peter Olsen reported that the Trustees were holding a heart resuscitation training event and that places were still available. The Chairman said that Aysgarth School had acquired a defibrillator which could possibly be made available for village events. The issue of unauthorised parking at the Village Hall was being looked at. Preparations for Jubilee Day were continuing.

**8. The Wheatsheaf** - Richmondshire District Council had confirmed that the sect. 215 notices were still valid. Although work had now started on site, the Clerk was instructed to contact the Planning Authority to ask that the situation continue to be monitored.

**9. Financial approvals** – The Council approved the following payments:

Local History Group, grant - £750.00	Village Hall, room hire - £7.50
Clerk's salary and expenses – 308.98	Tax on Clerk's salary - £52.40
YLCA annual subscription - £126.00	St Patrick's Church, donation - £320.00
Newton News, grant - £50.00	Richmond CAB, donation - £60.00
Thirsk Comm. Care Assoc, payroll preparation - £55.00	

Councillors also proposed applying to the County Council Area Committee for financial assistance with the provision of kissing gates in the cricket field, subject to the landowner's agreement, and replacement of the existing photocopier with a colour copier.

**10. Items for next meeting -**

- Parish Plan
- Standing orders
- Lower. Wensleydale Area Partnership
- Review of Village of the Year prize money
- Approval of Parish Council accounts
- Village Hall Trustees report
- The Wheatsheaf

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. Dates for future meetings were agreed: 9th August, 4th October & 22nd November

**Paul Barlow**

Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council