

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 20th October 2015

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

1. Apologies: None

2. Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th August 2015 were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising:

- Road safety – The suggestion of a system of traffic management under Station Road bridge had been rejected by NYCC, despite police support. The Clerk to write to the Council again to ask that they reconsider the idea. Wensleydale Railway had felled the tree above the wall adjoining the bridge, but it was felt that the roots would continue to present a problem. The Clerk was asked to write to the Company to request their removal.
- Community transport – The leaflets had now been produced and distributed with Newton News.
- Footpaths – A report, identifying necessary improvements, had been sent to the Rights of Way Officer at NYCC who had said that they would be investigated.
- Commemorative flagpole – Peter Olsen offered to contact the family of Alan Hudson to seek their agreement to the project and would liaise with the Clerk on a suitable purchase, which could be made with funds from the Village of the Year prize money. The Parish Council would buy the pole and contributions from residents would be sought for flags, The Clerk to ask whether planning permission would be required.
- Speed reduction wheelie bin stickers – These had been purchased and distributed.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – A job description had been circulated and an advert for the post would be put in the November Newton News.

4. Parish Council vacancy – No request had been made for an election. Therefore the Parish Council was now free to co-opt a Councillor. Applications would be sought in the next issue of Newton News and a notice placed on village noticeboards.

5. The Wheatsheaf - No further information was available. Paul Barlow will speak to the Council's planning adviser. The Clerk was asked to find out when renewal of planning consent will be required and to invite the District Council Planning Officer to a future meeting to discuss the process.

6. Renewable Energy Project – The proposal for a feasibility study had been approved and a grant of £18,400 will be made to the Parish Council. Progress on the project will be discussed with the Council's renewable energy consultant.

7. Anaerobic digester at Arbour Hill - The application had been refused by Richmondshire District Council. An appeal may be submitted.

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

9. Village Hall Trustee's report - Peter Olsen reported that at the recent AGM he had been re-elected as the Parish Council representative; the Trustees had joined the Lower Wensleydale Village Halls' Association and a draft constitution agreed; Crabtree Hall had agreed to the provision of high speed broadband; computer training was proposed; joint Village Hall insurance was being investigated; a programme of future events had been drawn up for the Green Room; despite substantial capital expenditure this year the Village Hall maintained a healthy financial balance. He offered to act as a link to the village correspondent for the D & S.

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

Website hosting - £71.86	Wheelie bin stickers - £29.98	Church organ repairs - £500.00
Election fee - £75.00	Tax on Clerk's salary - £73.80	Clerk's salary - £294.95
Room hire - £12.50	Small Parish insurance - £171.79	Postage - £6.45

11. Items for next meeting :

Precept, Parish Council vacancy, The Wheatsheaf, Renewable energy project, Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership, Village Hall Trustee's report.

12. Dates of next meetings - Wednesday 25th November and Tuesday 5th January (***NB This is a change of date***), all at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Paul Barlow,

Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council