

# Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Present:** Councillors: Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen;  
Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) PC N Haresign and 6 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that these were still being progressed.
4. **Road Safety:** The Chairman welcomed PC Haresign to the meeting. He introduced himself as the Beat Manager for the Dales and confirmed that the police had been to the village several times both overtly and covertly to monitor speeding vehicles and mobile telephone use; a number of warnings had been given, although most vehicles were travelling below 33/34 mph. This work will continue. Other matters of particular concern were sheep rustling and quad bike/ Land Rover thefts. He said that campaigns were currently being undertaken to deal with domestic abuse and also to recruit volunteers to Daleswatch. (*To be publicised in Newton News*)  
He dealt with questions about parking on pavements and speeding on Brompton Road.  
It was agreed to place a link to the Police e-newsletter on the village website.  
The Chairman thanked him for his attendance and said that the actions being taken by the Police were very welcome and positive.

5. **Annual precept:** A precept of £3000 was agreed, subject to agreement on the level of grant to St Patrick's Church. The following items were included:

Parish Council Insurance - £170	St Patrick's Church (provisional) - £320
Travel, training and seminars - £50	Richmond CAB - £60
Stationery, post & telephone - £100	Playground insurance & maintenance - £250
Rural Action Yorkshire - £35	YLCA - £120
Village Hall hire - £100	Parish Clerk's salary - £1435
Road grit - £75	Payroll services - £65
Sustainability - £50	Repair/ renewals - £100
Website - £60	

The Clerk was asked to write to the PCC asking for information about the cost of churchyard maintenance and the concerns that had been expressed about the work. The Climate Change Group to be informed that the £50 requested had not been granted but that requests for financial assistance with specific projects would be considered under the "Sustainability" heading. Play area maintenance to be discussed at the next meeting.

- 6. The Wheatsheaf:** As the deadline for action under the Section 215 notice was 26<sup>th</sup> November, the Clerk was asked to contact Richmondshire District Council after that date to confirm that no work had been done and to ask what the District Council now proposed to do, with the wish that action should start before Christmas.
- 7. Condition of roads and pavements:** The response from NYCC was acknowledged and the Parish Council welcomed the continuing monitoring of the state of the footpaths.
- 8. Parish Development Plan:** The Parish Council had replied to Richmondshire District Council, proposing an ethos for future development. The Clerk to seek a response from the District Council.
- 9. Flooding:** The Chairman said that Aysgarth School had completed a major scheme to alleviate flooding upstream and that NYCC was continuing work on the road outside the school.
- 10. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership:** There was no report.
- 11. Village Hall Trustees report** – The AGM was held on 15<sup>th</sup> October; the Frog Race evening raised £1371 for Air Ambulance and Village Hall funds; a second fridge is to be provided to meet Food Regulations; the Hall has been re-decorated; a new heating control system has been installed and domino drives are now monthly. Mr Whaley offered to supply road planings to repair the drive.
- 12. Financial approvals:** The Council approved the following payments:
- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Climate Change Group grant - £50.00       | Clerk's salary - £286.95              |
| Tax on Clerk's salary - £71.80            | N-I-W Village Hall, room hire - £7.50 |
| Paper, toner & photocopier drum - £184.37 |                                       |
- 13. Items for next meeting :**
- Standing Orders
  - The Wheatsheaf.
  - Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership.
  - Village Hall Trustees report.
  - Neighbourhood Watch
  - Play area maintenance
- 14. Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meeting would be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

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