

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

## **Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

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

**1. Apologies:** None.

**2. Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were approved and signed.

**3. Matters arising:**

- Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that a second quotation was still awaited.
- First Aid course – Elaine Bean said that the Red Cross would arrange a course in May. Details, when finalised, would be publicised in Newton News
- Footpath under Station Road bridge – Subject to a reply from the County Council, it was agreed that an extension of the white lines on either side of the bridge was desirable.
- Colour photocopier – It was determined that a photocopier should be purchased; Peter Olsen, Joyce Harrison and the Clerk would examine options.
- Village Hall Trustees – Peter Olsen reported that the Parish map had been framed and Councillors agreed to meet half the net cost; the Trustees had sanctioned, in principle, the provision of road grit storage and the Clerk would ascertain the volume required; £10 had been received for the sale of Youth Club bean bags with £10 still outstanding.
- Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership – Elaine Bean said that the Partnership had been very impressed by the Parish Plan

**4. Standing orders:** The Clerk was asked to circulate a copy of model standing orders for discussion at the next meeting.

**5. Parish Plan Action Plan:** The following items in the Plan were raised:

- Mid-week drop-in centre – Paul Barlow will investigate possible activities.
- Village services information – Joyce Harrison will put together this information and disseminate it throughout the Parish.
- Community Police Officer – The Clerk was asked to contact him to explain the findings of the Parish Survey and how his profile might be raised.
- Village clean-up – To be placed on the agenda of the next meeting when it would be organised.
- Energy efficiency – Joyce Harrison will pass on the survey findings to the Climate Change Group for action.

**6. Fitness Club** – Since a club was already running in the Village Hall, it was decided that Joyce Harrison should contact the organiser to find out if the scope of the group could be extended, with possible financial assistance from the Parish Council.

**7. Flooding** – It was reported that the culvert under the railway was clear; a response from the Land Registry about the ownership of Occupation Lane was still awaited. When this was received Paul Barlow would approach the owner about the invert near 3 Gables. In relation to the water on Station Road near Aysgarth School, the Clerk was asked to seek a meeting with the County Council to look at possible solutions and Paul Barlow will speak to Andrew Francis, Estates and Finance Manager, Aysgarth School and meet Alan Hudson to examine drainage in the “bonfire field”.

**8. The Wheatsheaf:** The Clerk was asked to write to Richmondshire District Council to confirm that no further work had been carried out on site and to request details of any section 215 notice which may be applied to the former pub building. Councillors also sought to have an input into the content of the notice.

**9. Public footpaths** – In response to a request from a resident, the Council agreed to finance maintenance and improvement of the steps in the “bonfire field”; the Clerk to organise the work. Paul Barlow will speak to the Chairman of the Village of the Year Working Party to suggest that the work could be funded from the prize money.

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

Clerk’s expenses - £47.60

**11. Items for next meeting** –

- Standing orders
- Parish Plan action plan
- Wheatsheaf
- Flooding
- Aysgarth School swimming pool
- Lower. Wensleydale Area Partnership
- Village Hall Trustees report
- Village clean-up
- Village of the Year prize money

**12. Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. 2013 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meetings would be on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013.

**Paul Barlow**

Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council