

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 20th May 2014

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen; Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 7 members of the public.

- 1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Paul Barlow and Joyce Harrison were re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.
- 2. Apologies:** None.
- 3. Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2014 were approved and signed.
- 4. Matters arising:**
 - Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that only 1 plaque now remained to be put up. The Chairman thanked him for his work on this.
 - Road safety – The Parish Council approved the poster produced by Aysgarth School, 3 of which are to be displayed in the village.
 - Road grit – An invoice was still awaited.
 - Defibrillator – The Council agreed, in principle, to buy a defibrillator, subject to the agreement of the Village Hall Trustees to supply an electrical feed. The Chairman pointed out that there would be ongoing maintenance costs.
- 5. Annual accounts –**
 - a) The Parish Council approved the Annual Return as submitted.
 - b) The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance Statement.
- 6. The Wheatsheaf:** A date for a magistrate's court hearing is now awaited, following action by the District Council.
- 7. Donation to St Patrick's Church –** Since the other contributing Parish Councils preferred to make their own arrangements for donating to the upkeep of the churchyard, it was decided to consider how a pro-rata calculation, based on the electoral rolls, of the cost of funding half the annual charge for upkeep would affect the contribution from Newton-le-Willows. The Clerk was asked to make the relevant calculation.
- 8. Donation to CAB:** It was agreed to maintain the contribution at the current level.
- 9. Neighbourhood Watch:** Johnnie Johnson reported that information was now on the village website and publicised in Newton News. He is seeking a meeting of coordinators.
- 10. Village clean-up :** A week of action is planned from 23rd – 28th June. Joyce Harrison is organising the work and allocating tasks.

11. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership – There was no report.

12. Village Hall Trustee's report – Peter Olsen reported that plans for the summer barbecue were progressing; a meeting to organise the WW1 commemorations is to be held on 17th June; the Trustees are investigating licensing arrangements for the Village Hall.

13. Items for next meeting :

- The Wheatsheaf
- Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership.
- Village Hall Trustee's report.
- Neighbourhood Watch.
- Participatory budgeting.
- Donation to St Patrick's Church.
- Parish Development Plan

14. Date of next meeting - 9th July 2014 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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