

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 20th August 2014

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow (Chairman), Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen; Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 4 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** None.
- 2. Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held 9th July 2014 were approved and signed.
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - Road safety – The Chairman said that he would contact the police about coordinating speed monitoring with the village publicity campaign. It was noted that drivers of farm vehicles had been seen using mobile phones whilst driving.
 - Defibrillator – Elaine Bean has applied for a grant and volunteered to act as a “guardian” of the defibrillator, together with the Clerk. Peter Olsen will ascertain whether there is a need for a separate electricity supply. There had been an offer of training, if required.
 - Children’s fund – Bank signatories have now been changed.
- 4. The Wheatsheaf** - The Building Control Officer had confirmed that the work carried out on the building was deemed to be adequate. The overgrown nature of the site had been reported to the Planning Authority. The Parish Council will seek free legal advice before any application for renewal of planning permission may be submitted. There had been an offer of free planning advice which Joyce Harrison will pursue.
- 5. Participatory Budgeting** – The Chairman said that as there is no external funding being provided, the Council is free to establish its own parameters. It was agreed that funding should come only from the Village of the Year prize money fund and that the amount to be provided would be between £1000 and £3000, depending on the number and total cost of applications, in order to maintain a competitive element. The Chairman and Clerk will draw up draft publicity material and applications will be invited in the September issue of Newton News. Applications to be made to the Clerk and voting for projects should be in person on the relevant day other than in exceptional circumstances. Peter Olsen will ask the Village Hall Trustees to mount a similar exercise for young people using the Millennium Fund.
- 6. Parish Development Plan** – There had still been no response from Richmondshire District Council. The Clerk was asked to write again to seek comments.
- 7. Renewable energy** – The Climate Change Group had written to the Parish Council outlining a potential scheme to provide a renewable energy heating system for the village. A meeting is to be held to explore the scheme and gauge interest. The Parish Council supported the proposal in principle and will be represented at the meeting. A briefing paper will be circulated to Councillors.

8. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership – The recent report and papers had already been circulated.

9. Village Hall Trustee’s report – Peter Olsen reported that the Trustees had agreed to provide an external water supply; a licence has now been obtained for the Hall which will cover all events; over £174 was raised for Combat Stress at the recent WW1 commemoration.

10. Village website – Joyce Harrison had now obtained £90 pa funding from businesses to sponsor the website in return for links to their websites. The Chairman thanked her for her work on this.

11. Highways maintenance – Overgrown vegetation overhanging the highway on Newton Bridge and in Sinks Lane was reported. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority.

12. Items for next meeting :

The Wheatsheaf	Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership
Participatory budgeting	Village Hall Trustee’s report
Road safety	

13. Date of next meetings - 8th October (6.30 pm start), 19th November 2014 and 6th January 2015, at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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