

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 26th February 2014

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen; Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 3 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2014 were approved and signed.
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that he had ordered 2 plaques. It was agreed that these should be erected with the 2 existing plaques.
 - Road safety – Aysgarth School is to provide posters publicise road safety. The Clerk was asked to inform PC Haresign and invite him to support this initiative.
 - Road grit – The bulk bin has now been filled and the bus shelter bin replenished.
 - Parish Development Plan – Councillors were disappointed not to have received a reply from Richmondshire District Council. Paul Barlow will write again to seek a response.
 - Play area – Peter Olsen said that he had completed and inspection report.
- 4. Standing orders** – A revised set of standing orders had been circulated and these are to be considered for adoption at the next meeting.
- 5. The Wheatsheaf:** The Council welcomed the action by the Building Control Partnership which had issued the owner with an order to make the building safe within 7 days, failing which they would do the work themselves. The Clerk was asked to monitor the situation and write to the Building Control Partnership after the expiry of this period to confirm whether the work had been done or not and, if necessary, seek appropriate action. The question of seeking planning advice in relation to a renewal of permission for the site is to be put on the agenda of a Parish Council meeting in the autumn.
- 6. Donation to St Patrick's Church:** Councillors expressed their support for this and proposed that an equitable manner of contributing to the upkeep of the churchyard would be for the Parishes of Hunton, Patrick Brompton and Newton-le-Willows to pay for half the total cost, shared on a per capita basis. The Clerk to write to the relevant Parishes with this suggestion.
- 7. Neighbourhood Watch:** Johnnie Johnson, Newton-le-Willows co-ordinator, explained the purpose of Ringmaster, a messaging service dealing with crime and missing persons etc, and Neighbourhood Watch, a voluntary organisation aiming to improve communities by cooperative, local action to reduce crime and disorder. He said that it is hoped to raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch and this was endorsed by the Parish Council. A coordination meeting is being arranged and Johnnie Johnson will report back to the Parish Council, obtain information packs and window stickers for all residents and

prepare an article for Newton News. The Chairman thanked him for his work on this. Elaine Bean said that she would contact Ringmaster with a view to creating a link on the village website.

- 8. Litter** – A number of volunteers had come forward and the Clerk will draw up a map of the Parish, allocating sections of road to be litter-picked.
- 9. Defibrillator:** Paul Barlow confirmed that there is a machine at Aysgarth School which residents could use but Councillors also supported the provision of one in the village. Elaine Bean is to attend a meeting on this subject in Patrick Brompton and will report back.
- 10. Street lighting:** It was decided that, in response to the consultation from Richmondshire District Council, no street lights should be switched off from midnight to 5 a.m., in the interests of security. It was suggested that savings could be achieved by replacing existing lights with low energy alternatives, where appropriate.
- 11. Atkinson & Clarke Educational Trust:** Elaine Bean was re-elected as the Parish Council representative, nominated by Paul Barlow and seconded by Joyce Harrison.
- 12. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership** – Elaine Bean reported that the Partnership propose to use their under-spend to fund a feasibility study on flooding in Hunton and Newton-le-Willows.
- 13. Village Hall Trustee's report** – Peter Olsen reported that improvements to the Hudson Room are being considered; future events include a quiz on 1st March, Village BBQ on 21st June, WW1 commemorations on 2nd August and a talk on the history of Catterick Garrison in November. The Council agreed to fund the planting of a tree for the WW1 commemorations.
- 14. Bank signatories:** The Council approved changing the NatWest Bank mandate to include as signatories any 2 of Alan Hudson, Elaine Bean and Bob Sampson and to delete Paul Barlow.
- 15. Financial approvals:** The Council approved the following payments:
P Olsen, Grit bin - £179.99 Village Hall, room hire - £23.75, Choir, room hire - £50.00
Richmondshire District Council, play area inspection & grass cutting - £147.22

16. Items for next meeting :

- Standing Orders.
- The Wheatsheaf.
- Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership.
- Defibrillator.
- Village Hall Trustees report.
- Neighbourhood Watch.

- Donation to St Patrick's Church.

17. Date of next meeting - 9th April 2014 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meetings would be on 20th May and 9th July.

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