

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 26th August 2015

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

Before the start of the meeting a one minute silence was held in memory of the late Parish Councillor, Alan Hudson who had served on the Parish Council from 1967 - 2015

1. Apologies: None

2. Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2015 were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising:

- Road safety – A meeting with NYCC and the police had been held. It was clear that the road under Station Road bridge would not be narrowed but it was hoped that a system of traffic management could be introduced with signs showing priority to west bound traffic. The police supported this idea. The Clerk was asked to write to NYCC to pursue this proposal. He was also asked to contact Wensleydale Railway about repairs to the wall adjoining the bridge.
- Community transport – the Clerk had asked again for the relevant leaflets but they were no longer available as NYCC had not provided funding for their printing.
- Footpaths – The Chairman and Clerk had surveyed the rights of way and a report would be drawn up identifying necessary improvements. This would be sent to the Rights of Way Officer at NYCC with a request for the work to be carried out.
- Bank account signatories – The changes had now been accepted by Barclays and comprised any 2 from Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean and Joyce Harrison.

4. **Parish Council vacancy** – The Clerk outlined the procedure for seeking a replacement for Alan Hudson. A notice had been posted concerning the election process. It was felt that a commemoration for his 48 years of service on the Parish Council would be appropriate. Since he had previously suggested a flagpole for the Village Hall, it was agreed that this would be bought by the Parish Council with an appeal for funding for additional flags. Suitable publicity would be given, subject to the agreement of his family.

5. The **Wheatsheaf** - No further information was available.

6. **Station Road pavement** – Following the meeting with NYCC, 2 areas of the pavement had been repaired but it was considered that further work was necessary, particularly at Brewers Cottage and the Clerk was asked to request this.

7. **Anaerobic digester at Arbour Hill** – The Parish Council had formally objected to the planning application on the grounds of the effects of additional traffic through Newton-le-Willows. The deadline for objections had been extended.

8. Speed reduction wheelie bin stickers – It was agreed to buy 4 household packs as a trial to be used in appropriate locations on Station Road, Brompton Road and Bedale Road.

9. Parish Clerk – A replacement Parish Clerk is required from the end of June next year. It was decided that an appointment would be made from April 1st 2016 to allow for a handover period. The Clerk to draw up a job description which would be advertised in Newton News and on village notice boards from November 2015 with wider circulation, if necessary, after that.

10. Renewable Energy Project – An application had been made to WRAP and a conditional offer of a grant for a feasibility study had been made, subject to submission of required documentation. It was hoped that the study would commence this autumn.

11. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership – There was nothing to report.

12. Village Hall Trustee's report - Peter Olsen reported that there had been a meeting with representatives of neighbouring Village Halls, with the aim of avoiding duplication of services etc, benefiting from coordination and savings from joint action; high speed broadband was seen as a priority and each Hall had been asked to propose a project; Newton-le-Willows wished to provide computer training. The damaged wall at the front of the Hall had been repaired; plaques had been erected on relevant commemorative trees; the storeroom roof will shortly be repaired. Several social events had been held and a quiz is to be held on 16th October and a wine evening later in the autumn. The Green Room was continuing to make a satisfactory profit and further regular openings, including a local produce event, were being considered.

11. Financial approvals – The Council approved the following payments:
Play area insurance - £56.00, Village Hall hire - £10.00.

12. Items for next meeting :

Parish Council vacancy, The Wheatsheaf, Renewable energy project, Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership, Village Hall Trustee's report, Anaerobic digester at Arbour Hill.

13. Dates of next meetings - Tuesday 13th October (***NB This is a change of date***), Wednesday 25th November and Wednesday 6th January all at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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