

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held Wednesday May 29th 2013

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 Wed. April 3rd 2013 were approved and signed.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

Paul Barlow was elected as Chair, proposed by Joyce Harrison & seconded by Elaine Bean.

Joyce Harrison was elected as Vice-Chair, proposed by Peter Olsen & seconded by Elaine Bean.

4. Matters arising:

- Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that their arrival was imminent..
- First Aid course – Elaine Bean confirmed that this had been held. A refresher course should be considered in a year's time.
- Flooding – Paul Barlow confirmed that Aysgarth School had initiated a contract to improve the culvert on Occupation Lane and would welcome funding from external funding from Richmondshire Area Partnership Funding Scheme. The Clerk was asked to explore possibilities. Andrew Francis, Estates and Finance Mgr., was continuing to investigate drainage problems in the surrounding area.
- Mid-week drop-in centre – This had been arranged for 26th June in the Village Hall. Elaine Bean will prepare a poster for the bus shelter noticeboard & will provide information about a link with U3A.
- Choir – This has now been established and is eligible for Parish Council funding, as agreed.
- Aysgarth School swimming pool – Problems over public access have arisen. Community use of the new sports hall should start in September.

5. Parish Council accounts:

1. The Council approved the accounts as submitted.

2. The annual governance statement was approved.

It was agreed that the short term deposit funds should be re-invested in a similar account.

6. Village of the Year prize money: Following a meeting with the Prize Money Working Group, it had been decided to ring-fence a bursary fund of £800, to be used exclusively for the establishment of new groups in the village, to be disbursed by the Parish Council. Application for other grants would first be referred to the Prize Money Working Group for their recommendation.

7. The Wheatsheaf: The Parish Council welcomed the scope of the draft Section 215 notice but requested that Richmondshire District Council be asked to confirm the date of service of the notice and relevant deadline for completion of the works. The Clerk was also asked to report to the Council that no

action had been taken to comply with the most recent agreement to tidy up the site.

8. Village clean-up week: Joyce Harrison confirmed arrangements for the week commencing 24th June. She said that there had already been a good response. The Parish Council agreed to fund any expenditure, subject to prior consent.

9. Road safety: Paul Barlow stated that the village was now on the waiting list for the installation of a mobile speed matrix. The Clerk to follow this up if delayed beyond 3 months. Other problems identified included drivers using mobile telephones and parking on pavements. Paul Barlow will contact PCSO Richard Braddick to discuss possible solutions and then approach NYCC if necessary, The Clerk to ask for speeds to be checked again on Station Road, near the Village Hall and above Bank Terrace.

10. Adult Social Care, Local Account: Councillors responded to the consultation from NYCC.

11. Mineral and Waste Joint Plan: – The Parish Council asked that this consultation be referred to The Climate Change Group for a response and asked that they be kept informed on progress.

12. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership: There was no report.

13. Newton-le-Willows Village Hall Trustees – Peter Olsen reported that regular mowing of the grass was now being carried out; a spring clean of the Hall had taken place on 19th May; a Summer Solstice BBQ will be held in June; a Frog Race Evening is planned for 5th October; a Keep Fit Class had now started in addition to the Dance Class; a fire risk assessment for the Hall is to be considered and arrangements for inspection of the play area were confirmed; painting of the Hall is planned and it is proposed to repair the flat roof at the front of the building.

14. Financial approvals – The Council approved the following payments:

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| M Brown, map framing - £88.00 | Village Hall, room hire - £32.50 |
| J Harrison, keep fit class - £8.00 | YLCA, subscription - £112.00 |
| British Red Cross, first aid course - £50.00 | St Patrick's Church, donation - £320.00 |
| Newton News, donation - £60.00 | Richmondshire CAB, donation - £60.00 |

15. Items for next meeting :

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| ▪ Wheatsheaf | ▪ Village Hall Trustees report |
| ▪ Road safety | ▪ Village clean-up |
| ▪ Lower. Wensleydale Area Partnership | ▪ Condition of roads |

16. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 10th July 2013 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meetings would be on 21st August 2013 and 2nd October.

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