

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday April 3rd 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 Thursday 20th February 2013 were approved and signed.
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that these should soon be ready.
 - First Aid course – Elaine Bean confirmed that this had been arranged and publicised.
 - Footpath under Station Road bridge – NYCC have been asked to consider improvements.
 - Colour photocopier – It was agreed not to proceed with a purchase at this stage.
- 4. Standing orders:** The Model Standing Orders, which had been circulated, were adopted.
- 5. The Wheatsheaf:** The Parish Council had informed Richmondshire District Council of those works which they wished to see included in a new Section 215 notice. The Clerk was asked to write to the Council to confirm that no further work had been carried out on site and to request sight of the section 215 notice before it was served.
- 6. Flooding** – Following the meeting with NYCC Highways Division, the Clerk was asked to write summarising the points agreed. Andrew Francis, Estates and Finance Manager, Aysgarth School proposes to carry out improvements to the culvert on Occupation Lane and will be asked to discuss with landowners outstanding drainage issues arising from the land to the south-west of the school. It is possible that matched funding from Richmondshire Communities Opportunity Fund may be sought.
- 7. Parish Plan Action Plan** - Completed items included: support for the fitness club, circulation of village services and Community Police Officer information and arrangements for a first aid course.
Mid-week drop-in centre – It was decided to hold an initial event in the third week of June for 1.5 hours on a Wednesday morning, to be organised by Elaine Bean & Peter Olsen, with the possibility of linking in with Bedale U3A group in the future.
Village choir – The Parish Council was willing to fund the start up of the choir with up to £50 for room hire and expenses, including room hire for the initial meeting, providing that the group was sustainable i.e identified a suitable choir master/ mistress.

- 8. Internal auditors** – Mr L Lacey and Mrs J Becket were approved as internal auditors of the Parish Council and Youth Club accounts respectively.
- 9. Village of the Year prize money** - The Council determined to set up a bursary fund of £800, to be used exclusively for the establishment of new groups in the village, for which there would be a formal application process. The Chairman will discuss this with the Chair of the Prize Money Working Group.
- 10. Aysgarth School Swimming Pool** The Chairman reported that use of the pool is to be offered to residents for 1 hour per week in term time, subject to arrangements being made to meet and escort participants through the school. Similar arrangements are planned for the new sports hall.
- 11. Village clean-up** - A week-long clean up was agreed and Joyce Harrison offered to draft a plan to be publicised in the next issue of Newton News.
- 12. Newton-le-Willows Village Hall Trustees** – Peter Olsen reported that the Parish map had been fixed in the Village Hall and that the notice board required repairs which he would undertake. He confirmed the requirements for licensing in the Hall and said that he would investigate the cost of road salt storage for about 150 litres.
- 13. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership:** Elaine Bean reported that the next meeting would be in Constable Burton.
- 14. Financial approvals** – The Council approved the following payments:
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| Photocopier toner - £49.18 | Payroll services - £55.00 |
| Clerk's salary - £280.00 | Tax on Clerk's salary - £70.00 |
- 15. Items for next meeting** –
- Wheatsheaf
 - Road safety
 - Lower. Wensleydale Area Partnership
 - Village Hall Trustees report
 - Village clean-up
- 16. Date of Next Meeting** - Wednesday 29th May 2013 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meetings would be on 10th July and 21st August 2013.

Paul Barlow

Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council