

# Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Present:** Councillors: Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Peter Olsen, Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 9 members of the public.

### 1. Apologies:

2. **Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were read and approved.

### 3. Matters arising:

- Road safety – Wensleydale Railway had written to say that they were looking at ways of removing the tree roots adjoining the bridge on Station Road without destabilising the embankment.
- Footpaths – There had been no further response from the Rights of Way Officer at NYCC.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – There had been no applications; other means of advertising the post will be considered.

4. **Parish Council vacancy** – Victoria Wilthew was proposed for cooption and approved unanimously.

5. **The Wheatsheaf** - The District Council had replied confirming that a variety of options is being considered, including a further section 215 notice. They should be able to report back by the end of January 2016. The Clerk was asked to contact the Building Inspector about the safety of the structure.

6. **Renewable Energy Project** – The Working Group had met and distributed the Energy Survey forms; a meeting was planned for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall, which would be attended by the consultant carrying out the feasibility study. Residents were asked to complete and return the survey forms.

7. **External audit regime** – The Council opted in to the new Sector Led Body

8. **Flagpole** – The Council agreed on the purchase of a flagpole, in memory of former Councillor Alan Hudson, at a cost of c. £400. Peter Olsen will seek agreement from his family for this project and will arrange for a plaque. Contributions from residents will be sought towards the cost of 3 flags.

9. **Highways and pavements** – There had been no reply from NYCC about repairs to the pavement outside Brewers Cottage nor the drainage down Station Road from Aysgarth School. Residents complained about surface water missing the road gulleys, some of which were blocked, and bringing debris down to Bank Terrace where they had to clean it up. The Clerk to write to NYCC seeking an urgent meeting to look at ways of resolving this problem.

12. **Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership** – There was nothing to report.

**13. Village Hall Trustee's report** - Peter Olsen reported that Crabtree Hall had approved the provision of broadband to the Village Hall; repairs to the guttering and storeroom roof were in hand; volunteers for future coffee morning were being sought; village breakfasts were being considered; the Green Room continued to operate successfully and further social event were planned including a fish and chip evening, village get together and a local produce (cheese) evening.

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

Christmas tree - £65.00      Lights and batteries for tree - £26.22

Clerk's salary - £294.95      Tax on Clerk's salary - £73.80

The Council expressed thanks to those who had contributed to the cost of the Christmas tree.

**11. Items for next meeting :**

The Wheatsheaf, Renewable energy project, Highways and pavements, Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership, Village Hall Trustee's report.

**12. Dates of next meetings** – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

**Paul Barlow,**

*Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council*