

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 6th January 2015.

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow (Chairman), Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen; Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 19th November 2014 were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising:

- Highways maintenance - The County Council has now agreed to repair sections of the pavement in Station Road. The Clerk was asked to write again concerning the loose kerb in Brompton Road.
- Road safety - Paul Barlow reported that the police are due to visit the village early in the current school term.

4. The Wheatsheaf - The planning advisor from whom the Parish Council is taking free advice is pursuing various courses of action to resolve the problems on this site. The Chairman will liaise with him shortly.

5. Renewable energy project - The Working Party had met and agreed to prepare a brief for a feasibility study to be put out to 3 consultants to tender prior to applying for a grant from WRAP. A further meeting of the Working Party is to be held at the end of January. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the Parish Council to visit the district heating system at Barningham.

6. Participatory Budgeting - In the light of 8 applications received it had been decided to make £2300 available for the exercise. Only 1 children's application had been made which had been accepted without a vote, subject to conditions. A meeting to vote on the projects has been arranged for Sat 24th January at 2.00 pm, to which all applicants have been invited. Posters have been put up to advertise the meeting and a flyer will be included with Newton News.

7. Parish Plan - Joyce Harrison reported on progress on the action points from the 2012 Plan:

- The Wheatsheaf - Some improvements in the appearance of the site have been achieved. Further action is continuing.*
- Railway bridge - Some progress has been made with the painting of the lines but nothing more is planned. Parish Council to continue to press for improvements.*
- Speeding traffic - The police have visited the village and Aysgarth School. It was agreed that there was a need to deal with the speed of agricultural vehicles. The Clerk was asked to chase up the application for a mobile speed matrix board.*
- On street parking - This is to be the subject of future focus.*
- Dog fouling - Results of action had been variable. Need to maintain pressure on owners.*
- Rights of way - No progress. Further attention needed.*
- Hedge clippings - Still a problem - landowners/ occupiers to be contacted.*
- Sinks Lane mirror - Resolved.
- Road surfaces - Some improvement has been made.
- Bus service - Contrary to Parish Council intentions there has been a reduction in services.

- Village clean-up - Significant progress has been made with the emphasis on ongoing work by a team of volunteers rather than solely an annual event.
- Energy efficiency - Information had been passed to the Climate Change Group.
- Community Police Officer - Although he has visited the village he should be pressed to continue to do so.*
- Information on local services - These have been publicised in the Welcome Pack and on the village website.
- Broadband speed - Faster broadband is now available via Crabtree Hall.
- New groups/ activities - £800 of the Village of the Year prize money has been ring-fenced for this purpose. The Choir has been a beneficiary.

****Outstanding issues identified above to be addressed in future meetings.***

8. Green bin collection - It was felt that the service ended too early this autumn to enable residents to dispose of seasonal leaf fall. The Clerk to write to Richmondshire District Council to ask for a fortnight's extension in future.

9. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership - There was no report.

10. Village Hall Trustee's report - Peter Olsen reported that the defibrillator had been delivered and should be installed shortly; the display at the Christmas coffee morning of the proposed changes to the Hudson Room had not been adequately publicised and would be shown again at the January coffee morning; the Parish Council's views on the need to maintain the Hudson Room for meetings had been reported to the Trustees; a meeting is to be held with representatives of local Village Halls to discuss areas of mutual interest; a quiz night is to be held on 20th February; the next Trustees' meeting is on 21st January.

11. Financial approval - The Parish Council approved the following payments:

Notice board repairs - £120.00 Clerk's salary and expenses - £293.31
 Tax on Clerk's salary - £71.80 Christmas tree - £65.00
 Christmas tree lights - £19.94

12. Items for next meeting :

The W heatsheaf, Renewable energy project, Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership
 Participatory budgeting, Village Hall Trustee's report, Parish Plan (to review outstanding actions)

13. Date of next meetings – 11th February, 1st April (***note change of date***) 2015, at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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