

# **Newton-le-Willows Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**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. 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved and signed.
- 3. Matters arising:**
  - Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that these should be ready shortly.
  - Road safety – The Clerk was asked to contact PC Haresign to confirm that Aysgarth School term had commenced, in order that he could plan traffic monitoring.
  - Road grit – The bulk storage bin has been installed and Peter Olsen said that he will arrange for it to be filled.
  - Parish precept – It was agreed to discuss the level of contribution to St Patrick's Church at the next meeting. Elaine Bean will obtain information on contributions from other parishes.
  - Condition of roads and pavements – NYCC to be asked for a progress report.
  - Parish Development Plan – Paul Barlow will contact Richmondshire District Council for a response to the Parish Council proposal.
  - Flooding – No further problems had arisen in the recent rainfall; NYCC had done some work on Station Road, opposite Kimberley Villas.
- 4. Standing orders** – The Clerk to draft new standing orders, based on the revised model, for adoption at the next meeting.
- 5. The Wheatsheaf:** The Council noted that the work undertaken on the building had been deemed to satisfy the section 215 notice. Councillors expressed disappointment with that decision and resolved to press for action on the safety aspect of the structure. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to inquire about responsibility for this aspect of the case, to query the planning procedures should no further development work be undertaken and to investigate the possibility of free legal advice for the Council on the planning issues.
- 6. Litter** – Sally Bright reported a major problem of litter in the lanes surrounding the village. It was decided to instigate a joint Parish/ Aysgarth School campaign to tackle this, inviting residents to become responsible for clearing specific stretches of road. Paul Barlow to draft an article for Newton News covering both this and the road safety project which the school is running this term. He thanked Mrs Bright for her work on this.

- 7. Neighbourhood Watch** – It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting and to invite Johnnie Johnson to address the Council both on this subject and the Ringmaster system.
- 8. Play area maintenance** – It was felt that the annual cleaning of the equipment was satisfactory. Peter Olsen undertakes regular inspections and would deal with any specific problems.
- 9. World War One commemorations** – The proposal to hold a commemorative event was welcomed. Paul Harrison has offered to mount a display of WW1 postcards and Peter Olsen suggested the planting of a tree. He will raise the subject with the Village Hall Trustees.
- 10. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership** - There was no report.
- 11. Village Hall Trustee's report** – Peter Olsen reported that domino drives have now ceased; he has donated a fridge freezer for the Hall; road planings have been given by Mr Whaley and are awaiting spreading; the "Village of the Year Cake" has been reframed and will be hung in the Village Hall and the VOTY plaques will also be put up.
- 12. Financial approvals:** The Council approved the following payments:  
Richmondshire District Council, Small Parish insurance - £160.01  
Clerk's salary - £286.95  
Tax on Clerk's salary - £71.80
- 13. Items for next meeting :**
- Standing Orders
  - The Wheatsheaf
  - Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership.
  - Village Hall Trustees report.
  - Neighbourhood Watch
  - Donation to St Patrick's Church
  - Litter
- 14. Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meetings would be on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> July.

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