

# Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Present:** Councillors: Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 3 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Peter Olsen

**2. Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were approved and signed.

**3. Matters arising:**

- Road safety – The suggestion of a system of traffic management under Station Road bridge had again been rejected conclusively by NYCC. There had been no response from Wensleydale Railway about the roots of the tree above the wall adjoining the bridge. The Clerk was asked to write again to the Company.
- Footpaths – There had been no further response from the Rights of Way Officer at NYCC.
- Commemorative flagpole – Planning permission would not be required for a flagpole. The Chairman to contact Peter Olsen to move this project forward.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – The post had been advertised in Newton News and on notice boards. No applications had yet been received. The Clerk was asked to reply to Patrick Brompton Parish Council confirming that a Clerk could serve both Parishes but that it would entail separate contracts of employment, rather than a “job share”.

**4. Parish Precept –** The following precept was agreed for 2016-17:

Parish Council insurance	£175
St Patrick’s Church	£370
Travel, training & seminars	£25
Richmond CAB	£60
Stationery, post & telephone	£100
Playground insurance & maintenance	£150
Rural Action Yorkshire	£35
YLCA	£120
Village Hall hire	£100
Parish Clerk salary	£1475
Payroll services	£70
Sustainability	£50
Repairs/renewals	£100
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2830</b>

**5. Parish Council vacancy –** A notice had been placed in Newton News and on village notice boards. No applications had been received. The Chairman will speak to possible cooptees.

**6. The Wheatsheaf** - The District Council Planning Officer, Peter Featherstone had visited and discussed the site with Councillors. He will continue to encourage potential developers to speak to the owner and will investigate a possible meeting between the owner and the Parish Council. The Clerk to write to the District Council to seek reimposition of a section 215 notice to tidy the buildings and site.

**7. Renewable Energy Project** – The grant of £18,400 from WRAP had been made to the Parish Council. The next stage will be a survey of households in the core village area by the renewable energy consultant who has visited the village and met the Working Group.

**8. Local Transport Plan** - The deadline for response had passed.

**9. Planning** – There was no objection to the application for a canopy at High Parks Tearooms.

**10. Highways** – The Clerk was asked to contact NYCC to ask again for repairs on the pavement outside Brewers Cottage as it was felt the surface had deteriorated. The surface water drainage on the road from Aysgarth School was failing to enter the gulley outside the school and was eroding the verge and depositing debris outside Bank Terrace. NYCC to be asked to address this and contact the school to discuss responsibility for the road gulley.

**11. Participatory budgeting** – There was concern about the ownership of items that had been purchased with grants from this budget. It was agreed that retrospective conditions could not be applied but that in future grantees should be required to consult the Parish Council before disposal.

**12. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership** – Minutes had been circulated; there was nothing further to report.

**13. Village Hall Trustee's report** - In Peter Olsen's absence there was no report.

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

WI celebratory meal - £197.55      Paper - £38.52

**11. Items for next meeting :**

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

**12. Dates of next meetings** - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January (***NB This is a change of date***), all at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

**Paul Barlow,**

*Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council*