

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 9th April 2014

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean, Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen;
Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Joyce Harrison.
2. **Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2014 were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that he would now arrange to put up the plaques.
 - Road safety – Aysgarth School has produced a road safety poster for approval by the Parish Council, to be displayed in the village.
 - Road grit – No invoice had yet been received. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.
 - Litter – 12 volunteers had come forward and all roads in the Parish are now covered. Liz Sampson had obtained litter picking grabs from the District Council. The Chairman asked that all involved should be thanked in Newton News.
4. **Standing orders** – The revised set of standing orders, which had been circulated, were adopted.
5. **The Wheatsheaf:** Following the action by the Building Control Partnership, a response from the District Council solicitor was awaited.
6. **Donation to St Patrick's Church** – Since the other relevant Parish Councils felt that there was no need to change existing funding arrangements (Patrick Brompton - £250, Hunton - £300, Newton-le-Willows - £320), it was agreed that Newton-le-Willows Parish Council would have to decide individually how future donations should be made. The Chairman asked that this item be included in the agenda of the next meeting so that residents could express a view.
7. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Johnnie Johnson, Newton-le-Willows co-ordinator, said that information was now on the village website and would be published in Newton News. Brochures and window stickers were available in the Village Hall. Relevant Ringmaster messages would be placed on the bus shelter notice board.
8. **Draft Transparency Code for Local councils:** Following the Government consultation, the introduction of the proposed mandatory code was supported. In response to specific questions the Council agreed:
 - The Code should be mandatory for Parish Councils with a turnover below £25,000.
 - Items costing over £100 should be published individually.

- Information relating to a negative response to internal fraud objectives should be published unless it may jeopardise criminal proceedings.
- Electronic publication should be required.
- It was not felt that significant extra time or cost would be involved in publishing the data on-line.

9. Defibrillator: Elaine Bean reported that Patrick Brompton is eligible for a free defibrillator, whereas Newton-le-Willows is not as it is deemed to be at lower risk. It was decided to purchase a defibrillator, with the Parish Council funding £600 of the cost and other sources of funding for the balance being investigated. Approval for the siting and powering of the machine to be sought from the Village Hall Trustees.

10. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership – There was no report.

11. Village Hall Trustee's report – There was no report.

12. Internal audit – Lisle Ryder was approved as internal auditor.

13. Financial approvals: The Council approved the following payments:

YLCA – Annual subscription 2014-15 - £116; Thirsk Community Care Association – payroll services - £60; Clerk's salary and expenses - £292.95; HMRC- tax on Clerk's salary - £71.80.

14. Items for next meeting :

- Election of Chair
- The Wheatsheaf
- Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership.
- Village Hall Trustees report.
- Neighbourhood Watch.
- Donation to St Patrick's Church.
- Approval of Parish Council accounts
- Donation to Citizen's Advice Bureau

- The Chairman asked that the future use of Youth Club finances be put on the agenda of the Annual Parish meeting, for discussion by residents

15. Date of next meeting - 20th May 2014 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. The subsequent meeting would be on 9th July.

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