

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 9th July 2014

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow, Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison (took the Chair for items 1-3), Alan Hudson & Peter Olsen; Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) and 4 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** None.
- 2. Previous minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2014 were approved and signed.
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - Village plaques – Peter Olsen said that all plaques have now been erected.
 - Road safety – The posters produced by Aysgarth School are now being printed and will be displayed from the start of the next term. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police to request that they coordinate the campaign with their presence in the village in late September to monitor speeding etc.
 - Road grit – Mr Whaley had confirmed that there would be no charge and the Clerk had written to thank him for his generosity.
 - Defibrillator –The Village Hall Trustees had agreed to site the defibrillator and were organising an electricity supply. Elaine Bean is applying for a grant.
- 4. The Wheatsheaf:** Some work has been carried out to the fabric of the building. The Clerk to write to the Building Control Officer to ascertain if this was adequate and also to the Planning Department to report that the site was again overgrown.
- 5. Participatory Budgeting** – The Chairman of the Village of the Year Prize Money Working Party had agreed to the proposed exercise. RAY was unable to supplement the £2000 funding from the Parish Council. Paul Barlow to draw up a scheme for approval by the Parish Council with a view to publicity in Newton News in September and the seeking of applications in the November issue.
- 6. Neighbourhood Watch:** Johnnie Johnson reported that Russ Batley had put some useful information on the village website and the Parish Council thanked him for that. PCSO Richard Braddock had organised a meeting of NW coordinators.
- 7. Children's Fund** – The working group had drawn up a set of guidelines and draft application form. These were approved subject to minor modifications to be circulated by Elaine Bean. It was agreed that the bank account signatories for the fund account should be altered to Elaine Bean and the Clerk and, if feasible, that the account name should be changed from "Youth Club".
- 8. Parish Development Plan** – There had still been no response from Richmondshire District Council. The Clerk was asked to send another copy of the Plan seeking comments.

9. Donation to St Patrick's Church – It had been calculated that the cost to Newton-le-Willows of making a donation based on the respective electoral rolls of the 3 villages would be £464. It was agreed that a preferred system would be to give £1.20 per elector, making the Parish's contribution next year £375. The Church to be advised accordingly when payment is made.

10. Village clean-up : The Chairman thanked Joyce Harrison for organising the exercise, It was decided that in future responsibility for the work would be allocated to volunteers on an ongoing basis, as well as having a specific clean-up week. Peter Olsen to ask the Village Hall Trustees if an external water supply could be provided at the Village hall to assist in future. The Clerk to write to Richmondshire District Council to draw attention to the increase in litter after the collection of recycling waste.

11. Village website – Joyce Harrison had obtained funding from 4 businesses to sponsor the website in return for links to their websites. Further sponsorship is being sought to meet the cost of website hosting. It was agreed that payment should be made from April each year.

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

13. Village Hall Trustee's report – Peter Olsen reported that the summer barbecue had been cancelled due to low ticket sales; preparations for the WW1 commemorations on August 2nd were proceeding – a collection for Combat Stress would be made at the event; the application for permanent licensing was progressing; the siting of the Parish Council Christmas tree had been approved and a fire safety audit had been completed.

14. Financial approvals – The Parish Council approved the following expenditure:

RAY, subscription - £35.00; St Patrick's Church, donation - £320; Richmondshire CAB, donation - £60; P Olsen, plaques - £245.10; N-I-W Village Hall, room hire – £20; play area insurance - £56; Clerk's salary and expenses - £302.85; tax on Clerk's salary - £71.60.

15. Items for next meeting :

The Wheatsheaf	Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership
Village Hall Trustee's report	Village website
Participatory budgeting	Highways maintenance
Parish Development Plan	

16. Date of next meetings - 20th August, 8th October, 19th November 2014 and 6th January 2015, all at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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