

**Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting**  
**held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Present:** Councillors C Audritt, L Ryder, V Wilthew, T Clarkson, Z Hudson-Peach and clerk T Sanderson

**Also present:** 5 members of the public

**23/011** There were no '**apologies for absence**'.

**23/012** There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.

**23/013** **The minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved and signed (proposed for approval by Z Hudson-Peach and seconded by T Clarkson).

**23/014** **Public Participation Session:**

- i. **Blocked gully** – This is the one in Station Road outside The Hall. The homeowner reported he has tried to unblock it with rods and, despite being successful in the past, in this case the blockage has remained. The homeowner reported the issue to NYC who said it is not theirs or Highways responsibility but they believe it to be a Parish Council responsibility. The Parish Councillors all expressed their surprise by this response as it has never been a PC responsibility in the past and the location of the gully would lead us to believe it should be a Highways matter.

**Action:** This will be an agenda item at the next meeting. In the meantime, the clerk will contact NYC and Yorkshire Water to obtain specific information as to how they now believe it to be a PC matter and also where the water drains to and how the issue can be resolved.

**23/015** **Matters arising:**

- i. **Speeding** – I Beighton (Highways) has been notified that the Council has agreed to go ahead with the painted signs and we are awaiting funding for the extra speed roundels.
- ii. **Wensleydale Railway** – no further communication has been received from them regarding the clearing of the embankment behind the Village Hall playground.
- iii. **Website** – no meeting has yet been set up with the company who had contacted the clerk. A local resident is currently discussing taking the website over from the current Webmaster.
- iv. **Parish Charter** – the Council has no response to make to this document.

**23/016** **Reports:**

- i. **Village Hall Trustees** – the next meeting is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> April. A recent event (live band) raised close to £800 on bar takings. The benches at the back of the Hall have been partially repaired. Two picnic benches have been given to the Hall by the caravan park. These will also be repaired, if possible, ahead of the Coronation weekend.

- ii. **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – the next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May
- iii. **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – L Ryder attended a virtual meeting run by Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission. He found it interesting and will circulate a PDF version of it to the other councillors. A newsletter is to be circulated from the Commission which can then be further circulated to interested parties. The next Climate Change meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

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**Specific matters:**

- i. **Wheatsheaf** – this needs to be reported to NYC as there are slates that have moved on the roof and are now causing a health and safety situation. There has been no further communication from NYC about a site meeting.  
**Action:** clerk to pass information on to A Madden, previously of RDC.
- ii. **Village Hall sign** – there is currently no funding available for a sign which is still needed. This also needs to be discussed at a Village Hall Trustees meeting. It was suggested that monies from the participatory budget could be used for this purpose.  
**Action:** C Audritt to take this to the next Village Hall Trustees meeting.
- iii. **Planting of cherry tree** – the graft of the original tree has taken and is now approx. 4 foot high and blossoming. It is likely to need planting in the autumn. I was proposed by C Audritt and seconded by V Wilthew that a new plaque be purchased when the tree is planted. The motion was carried.
- iv. **Fly tipping** – at the site meeting that took place six months ago Wensleydale also attended with the Parish Council and Environment Agency. The railway was informed that they would need to file a second complaint which as of today has not happened. G Brown of the Environment Agency has confirmed that a decision about whether prosecution will happen is imminent.
- v. **The King's Coronation** – all the original allocation of tickets for the Saturday night event have now sold. More tickets are to be issued but will be a limited number only. The money from the platinum jubilee fund has now been received and a condition of accepting it was that it should be used for Coronation events. To this end, C Audritt proposed and T Clarkson seconded a motion that T Sanderson should spend this money according to the needs of the committee that was set up to oversee the Coronation events.  
**Action:** the clerk to keep records of how the money was used/spent for the next meeting.

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**All Financial matters were approved:**

- i. YLCA invoice - £139
- ii. Signage for playground - £68.89

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**Items** for the next meeting will include the gully and the date for the next meeting is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm. This will also be the date of the AGM.

**Meeting declared closed at 7.40pm**