

## Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th April 2018

**Present:** Councillors P Olsen, V Wilthew, S Coombs, L Ryder and parish clerk T Sanderson

**Also Present:** Councillor R Ormston and 11 members of the public

1. There were no **apologies for absence** at this meeting.
2. There were no **'Declarations of Interest'** in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were **signed and approved**.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - **Kerbside recycling** – there is nothing further to report. An article is being prepared for the next village newsletter.
  - **Access road to village hall** – the repairs to this road have been carried out by the Dawes family. The Parish Council wish to express their gratitude for all of their hard work.
  - **First aid training** – this was in fact CPR and defibrillator training carried out on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of April with 19 attendees. The feedback has been very positive. The code to the defibrillator will be circulated to all attendees and will be stored in a safe location in the village hall. This is to ensure appropriate use of the equipment and to try and maximise the battery life in case of an emergency.  
**Action** – a letter of thanks to be sent to the trainer (Hannah Phillips) on behalf of all the volunteers from the various village groups taking part. Parish clerk will ensure that all attendees have the specific details of the code.
  - **Dog fouling** – article placed in the village newsletter seems to have had some impact. A new sign will soon be displayed in the parish highlighting this issue.
  - **Councillor vacancy** – we are now in a position to co-opt to fill this vacancy.  
**Action** – an article will be placed in the next newsletter coming out in May with all interested parties to contact the parish clerk before the next council meeting.

#### 5. **Reports from:**

- **Village Hall Trustees** – meetings were held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and the 10<sup>th</sup> April. Work is still being carried out on the draft constitution, licensing arrangements, maintenance projects, access road and first aid training. A very successful PIN event was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April although it did raise some H & S issues. Concern was raised about the use of tealights (potential fire hazard) and set up of tables making it difficult to access fire escapes. A fire risk assessment and risk assessment need to be carried out ahead of each specific village hall event. The next coffee morning is on the 21<sup>st</sup> April and is also the annual plant sale. Regular events include Green Room opening on the first Friday of each month and third Saturday of each month and opening on the third Tuesday of the month for fish and

chips. The first cricket home match of the season will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April when the Green Room will be open. The last financial year of the Green Room saw £5000 raised which supports village hall running costs. Peter Olsen is stepping down as 'chair' from the Green Room group so a new 'chair' is being sought to continue its smooth running. The treasurer and minutes secretary will also be stepping down so new volunteers are required. The village hall will have a display at St Patrick's church at Patrick Brompton for the 'Tour de Yorkshire'. It will highlight what takes place in the village hall. Village hall finances are in good shape.

- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – there is nothing further to report until after the next meeting due in May 2018.

## 6. Specific matters:

- **Parish Plan** – the last survey was carried out in 2012 when questionnaires were 'house dropped'. Topics were then revisited in 2015 to assess what progress had been made. It was agreed that it was time again to assess what further progress had been made rather than carry out a full survey. The topics to be looked at this time are: Wheatsheaf; railway bridge; speeding traffic, dog fouling, mirror on Sinks Lane; road surfaces; bus service; village cleanliness; drainage and Broadband speed. As part of this discussion, it became clear that we need to differentiate between local and neighbourhood plans so this will be carried over to the next meeting.  
**Action** – an article will go into the next newsletter. A sub group was formed to work on the parish plan specifically.
- **On-going tree survey** – L Ryder met with Alex Poulton-White to assess the trees in this survey. Suggestions were made and a draft report will be submitted to the Council with recommendations on what to do next. The main comment made at the inspection was that ownership of the trees (private or public) could result in different treatments required. A working party may need to be set up once the report has been analysed. The Parish Council would like to express their gratitude to Alex for carrying this out on a voluntary basis.
- **Speeding** – the clerk had been contacted by Ian Beighton from NYCC highways regarding painting of '30' mile road signs on our roads. A working party was formed to assess where we would like the signs to be located and how many would be required. This information will then be passed back to Ian. A suggestion was brought to the meeting regarding school traffic. If a 'pick up' point could be identified on the outskirts of the village, then the school mini bus could operate and reduce number of vehicles. As this raised several issues/concerns, it was agreed to carry this over until the next meeting. The community speed watch system needs to be studied so will also be carried over. The suggestion that we acquire a speed matrix needs to be studied further so this too will be carried over to the next meeting.
- **Roadworks** – all roadworks need to be reported to NYCC highways as they are spotted by residents.

7. The Parish Council submitted their concerns about the following **planning applications** ahead of the deadlines:

- **18/00156/OUT** Outline application with all matters reserved for a three-bedroom dwelling and associated parking at Swiss Cottage, Bedale Road.

Concerns were:

- a. is there enough land to support two properties?
- b. about the additional vehicular access into and out of the site, on what can be a very busy road.

- **18/00182/FULL** Full planning permission for stone built one and a half story dwelling with garage on the site of demolished bungalow called The Bungalow, Sinks Lane.

Concerns were:

- a. contractor vehicle access during construction, as site is on a road with poor visibility and on a corner.
- b. closeness of road access to the corner: could vehicles turn around to approach road facing forward when exiting
- c. is there sufficient parking off road for visitors to proposed dwelling?
- d. is the overall size of the proposed dwelling appropriate for the site?
- e. is the height of the proposed dwelling going to have undue impact on neighbouring property - the ridge height should be no higher than that of the neighbouring property?

The Parish Council also expressed the need for local residents to raise their concerns/objections when appropriate. The RDC planning portal makes viewing plans easier and quicker for all.

8. All **financial matters** were approved:

- Approval of £129 for YLCA annual membership; £154.27 to RDC for play park safety inspection costs.

9. **AOB:**

- Councillor R Ormston expressed his gratitude to the Parish Council and any resident who supported Patrick Brompton and Newton le Willows being kept in the same Ward Boundary thus enabling a continued shared relationship between neighbouring parishes.
- Neighbourhood Watch feedback – there is still no ‘chair’ for North Yorkshire. However, we do feel the benefit of the closer relationship with our PCSOs.

10. **Items** for next meeting include children’s play area, school traffic, speed matrix, community speed watch, local plan, parish plan, vacancy, data protection update.

11. **Date** for next meeting is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.20pm.