

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council
meeting held on 31 August 2023

Present: Councillors C Audritt, V Wilthew, T Clarkson, Z Hudson-Peach, W McDermott and clerk T Sanderson

Also present: Councillor T Jones, PCSO D Watson and 18 members of the public

23/043 There were no **apologies for absence**

23/044 **Declarations of Interest** were noted for V Wilthew for the cricket participatory budget applications and Z Hudson-Peach for the planning application.

23/045 The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 July 2023 **were approved and signed** (proposed by V Wilthew and seconded by T Clarkson).

23/046 **Public Participation Session**

This session was opened up for agenda items other than the planning application which will be discussed later on. Members of the public were also able to raise any other issues which could become an agenda item at the next meeting. Issue raised - what is contained in the fly tipped bails on Sinks Lane? They have been professionally made and it does contain builders waste and will be addressed at the agenda item at this meeting. The waste material at Rock House Farm has caused some concern – why is it there and when will it be cleared? This will be an agenda item at a future meeting.

23/047 **Matters arising:**

- Paperwork for new councillor to be completed and returned to NYC.

23/048 **Reports:**

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on 22 August. The sign for the Village Hall has been ordered and the speed sign will soon be ordered. The cherry tree has been planted. The Green room windows have been cleaned inside and out. Still waiting for the quote for the damaged sewage pipe. Current balance is just over £27,000. Bar prices were reviewed and prices will rise from 1 September. The bar is still very successful and well supported. However, the other events held in the hall need more community support. Ideas being considered for future events are darts, bingo and earlier bar opening hours. A discussion regarding EV charging points took place and it was agreed that this would not be pursued as the current electricity supply to the Hall would need to be upgraded as significant cost. There will be a Village Hall tidy up on 1 October between 10am-12pm, volunteers needed. Future events include quizzes, apple pressing, Julie Andrews night and an acoustic night. The booking secretary has resigned and will step down at the annual meeting in October.

- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – nothing to report, next meeting will be held 11 September.
- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – nothing to report.

23/049 Specific matters:

- **Participatory Budget Exercise** – there were four applications received. All were discussed at this meeting.
 - The first application was for 5 swift boxes and follows on from the previously allocated funds for bird boxes. Swift numbers are in decline and helping provide these boxes should help with nesting birds. The boxes will be located on buildings and allocated to residents with suitable locations. It was proposed by C Audritt and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach that £180 per allocated to this application. The motion was carried.
 - The second application was for a large Village Hall sign and a smaller speed sign. The cost will be over the £200 mark so the extra funds will be paid for by the Village Hall Trustees. It was proposed by Z Hudson-Peach and seconded by T Clarkson that £200 should be allocated to this application. The motion was carried.
 - The third application was from Newton le Willows Cricket Club. This was for new signage at the Village Hall. The cricket club have been very successful in being promoted which has led to increased matches and more traffic. The sign will help visitors in particular to find the site. The application was for £200 although it was thought that it may cost less than that and should relate to the other new signage at the Village Hall. It was proposed by W McDermott and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach that up to £200 would be allocated if necessary for this new signage. The motion was carried.
 - The fourth application was also from the cricket club. This time it was for trophies that could be presented to the very successful junior team players who have started this playing this year. They have recently held a presentation weekend to celebrate the achievements of the under 9s and under 11s teams. It was proposed that £200 be allocated for the purchase of trophies by C Audritt and seconded by T Clarkson. The motion was carried.
- **Gully on Station Road** – this is currently working well again. A recent site visit between NYC and the Parish Council took place when it was still blocked (July). NYC were going to investigate further and contact the nearest land owner to the gully. The aim is to repair the gully so that it will not block in the future.

Action: this will be regularly inspected. The clerk will contact those NYC representatives to see what progress has been made.
- **Wheatsheaf** – the clerk read out the reply from A Madden the retiring enforcement officer for NYC. This case has been closed and details need to be re-logged. It was proposed by C Audritt and seconded by V Wilthew that a small working group be set up to address this issue. Councillor T

Jones however suggested that this case should not be closed and should be left as ongoing. He will support us on this matter.

Action: the clerk to email the new enforcement team with our concerns and ask for the case to be re-opened.

- **Fly tipping** – this has been ongoing since November 2016. The Chairman was contacted by the new officer, Mark Rumble who is a team leader for enforcement for the Environment Agency. He requested a further site visit.
Action: a site visit will be arranged with C Audritt and T Sanderson representing the council before the next meeting.
- **Sinks Lane**– some hedge clipping has taken place but not enough. Z Hudson-Peach reported that the contractor had been contacted and will try and trim the hedges within the next month. There is some concern that the grass verges are also causing some visibility issues.
Action: the clerk will contact NYC highways to see if they can help.
- **Website** – to be carried over.
- **EV sharing points** – this was briefly discussed and then agreed to be carried over to the next meeting. The proposal from the Climate Change was for a feasibility study rather than a request for EV charging points.
- **Parish Charter** – to be carried over.
- **Review and Renewal of North Yorkshire Council Subsidised Local Bus Services** – this was discussed as the deadline for comments is 6 September. It was proposed by W McDermott and seconded by T Clarkson that the subsidy should continue, particularly the 155 service from Bedale to Leyburn which is of particular importance to Newton Le Willows. The motion was carried.
Action: the clerk will forward this comment to the relevant party.
- **Planting of cherry tree** – to be carried over.

23/050 Planning application:

ZD23/00443/OTHER Consultation with Local Planning Authority in respect of a Temporary Holiday Site (Maximum Number of Units Per Night 5) Including all Tents and Caravans) at Rock House, Station Road, Newton-le-willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1SX.

The Chairman first addressed the issue of the number of units which had been erroneously listed as 75 when it should have been 5. An apology has been received from NYC and included an amended email address for the planning officer.

A public participation session was opened for this to be discussed. The applicants were at the meeting to address any public concerns. Public concerns were about number of units as this could be increased in the future with a further planning application. The applicants stated that the number will categorically stay at 5. There was concern regarding the increase in traffic with little/no amenities in the village. Access to the location was an issue and an alternative site at Chapel Row Cottages was suggested. The applicants stated that a

condition of granting the licence would be for the driveway to be completed to the standard stated by NYC highways. Concerns about disturbance of wildlife was raised which the applicants stating they were fully supportive of wildlife and would be planting further trees. This will screen the caravans from the farm yard and help promote wildlife. At this stage the public participation session was closed for the councillors to discuss the matter.

The councillors then discussed the matter in an effort to decide if they would support or object to this application. Concerns included traffic congestion and disruption, will there be access for caravan to pull straight off the road onto the site, lack of amenities to support extra visitors, number of units could be increased in future, noise and light pollution will be increased. Positives for the application included more visitors to the village who will support what amenities we have, business being expanded. Councillors took a vote on the proposal that the Parish Council objects to a caravan 5-unit site. The vote was decided on the Chairman who has the casting vote. Two were in favour, two objected and one councillor abstained from voting. The result is that the Parish Council will submit an objection to this planning application.

This does not mean that the application will be blocked. The decision will be made between NYC and the Caravan Club licensing department. It was pointed out that if anyone wished to object or support this application, comments should be sent to both authorities.

Action: the clerk will lodge the Council's comments with both authorities. The clerk will also make the link to the Caravan Club licensing department available on the website (under meetings).

23/051 Financial matters were approved:

- Replacement defibrillator battery and pads £404.40

23/052 Correspondence from CAB Richmond was acknowledged.

23/053 Items for the next meeting will include Parish Charter, website, EV feasibility study, cherry tree plaque and waste material at Rock House.
The **date** for next meeting will be Tuesday 10 October at 7pm

Meeting declared closed at 8.32pm