

## Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2107

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

**Also present:** Councillor R Ormston and 9 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor J Harrison. Due to her continued absence due to illness it was agreed that her continued position on the council will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. L Ryder **declared his interest** in St Patrick's church donation which forms part of the precept, which is on the agenda for this meeting.
3. The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were **approved and signed**.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - **Recycling** – all appears to be working well at the moment.
  - **Children's fund** – it has been agreed that the money in this account can be used for the repair of the asphalt in the playground.
  - **Kissing gates** – all remedial work has been carried out and paid for. A letter of gratitude was sent to B Sampson on behalf of the Parish Council.
  - **Repair of playground** – the work needs to be carried out before ROSPA is invited back to carry out a further inspection. However, the work will not be able to be done until the spring.
  - **Cleanliness** – there was concern following the highways repair at the top of the village and the rubbish that was left behind **by contractors**. This has now been tidied and cones removed. **Concern remains about discarded litter along the length of No Man's Moor Lane**. As a result, no letter was sent to NYCC Highways.
  - **Lighting** – nothing further to report. P Olsen to try and chase this up.  
**Action** – to be discussed at next meeting.
  - **Wheatsheaf** – the clerk received a reply from RDC enforcement officer stating that the owner of this building is not replying to their letters. The matter will be discussed by RDC and any further information will be forwarded to the clerk.
  - **Car damage** – a reply from Sgt Findlay was fed back to the meeting. Not all car damage appears to have been reported. All parishioners have been asked to report any further damage using the '101' telephone number rather than emailing a PCSO.  
**Action:** S Coombs will collate information about known car damage and this can be passed on to Sgt Findlay.

- **Driving issue** – the letter that was sent to the resident about driving through the village, was read out at the meeting. This letter could be used for other residents should they be identified.
- **First aid Training** – as part of the Community Resilience Plan, costs of courses was investigated and found to be £100 for 30 people to attend a defibrillator course run by St John’s Ambulance. This cost would be shared between the parish council and village hall. However, it was brought to the attention of the council that local resident Hannah Phillips would be prepared to offer a free first aid course for the benefits of the group. This will be looked into for the new year.

## 5. Reports from:

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the village hall committee met in both October and November and held it’s AGM. Ann Brown was elected Chair and Booking Secretary, Teresa Sanderson was elected as Treasurer and Minutes Secretary (which she agreed to do for one more year), these two ladies along with Rowena Simpson were co-opted onto the committee. Not all village hall user groups took the opportunity to have a representative on the committee (PIN, climate change group and Newton News). Hire charges will be reviewed at their next meeting. A successful afternoon tea was held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This was a joint initiative between Patrick Brompton and Newton le Willows. Thirty people attended, a third from Patrick Brompton. Forthcoming village hall events – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December see the return of Edwina Hayes, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> coffee morning and the Green Room is open in the evening and will include the Christmas Draw. The final event of the year is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December when the Green Room will be open in the evening with a quiz.
- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – nothing to report. The building works have all been completed and the next meeting is in the new year.

## 6. Specific matters:

- **Precept** – this was discussed and a draft proposal for 2018/19 was set as follows:

Mazars Audit	£100
Community First	£35
YLCA	£125
Parish Council Insurance	£260
Playground -	
insurance and maintenance	£250
Maintenance -	
Repairs and renewals	£100
Village Hall hire	£75
Parish Clerk salary	£1500
Clerk’s Expenses	£50
Travel, training & seminars	£20
Start-up costs for new activities	£50

St Patrick's Church	£210
CAB	£60
ROSPA	£90

This gives an overall total of £2925 which is a reduction on last year and brings it in line with what it had been in previous years.

- **Tree Survey** – Feedback received has all been positive. All that is left to do, is the risk assessment which will be carried out in the spring.
- **Community Resilience Plan** – Contact has now been made with P Barlow at Aysgarth School. As a result, there is now shared knowledge about facilities that are available both in term and non-term time. There are still some details that need to be completed including first aid training and storage of equipment. The relevant paperwork has now been completed and is ready to send to NYCC. The team can then be brought fully up-to-date and the work will be complete. Emergency cards have been distributed to most properties. No feedback has been received.
- **Playground** – see previous comments in these minutes
- **Roadworks** – the quality of the work was questioned as topsoil has been used to backfill certain parts when asphalt would have improved the overall road condition. The sidings at the end of the village (top of Station Road) were not believed to be very successful.

**Action:** P Olsen and T Sanderson will inspect and if necessary draft a letter to NYCC Highways about the state of the road surface/finish.

#### 7. Financial matters:

- All financial matters were approved - £10 to NLW village hall (resilience team meeting 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017); £4.80 cardstock to L Ryder

8. **Items** for the next meeting – Community Resilience Plan, roadworks, speeding, lighting, possible attendance of Crime Commissioner representative, role of J Harrison

9. **Date** of next meeting will be Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.15pm