

# Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Present:** Councillors L Ryder, V Wilthew, J Bell, T Clarkson and parish clerk T Sanderson

**Also present:** Councillor R Ormston and 6 members of the public

1. There were no 'apologies for absence'.
2. Councillor L Ryder **declared an interest** in setting one of the figures of the precept (the St Patrick's churchyard donation).
3. The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November were **approved and signed**.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - **Fly tipping** – the clerk clarified the Council's position following some misinformation. The initial reference number (170118/SW10 which was allocated to us in January 2017) was passed to Councillor R Ormston for his records. The fly tipping here is part of an ongoing investigation by the Environment Agency (EA) and concerns four other similar plots. It is being reviewed as a possible future prosecution although the land owner does not seem to be responding to EA requests for information. There is currently no timescale on this matter.
  - **Street lighting** – new lamps are now working. It would appear that they are being replaced by the new LED lamps when being repaired. At the moment there is one out of order at the crossroads which will be reported by B Sampson.
  - **Defibrillator** – some possible training dates for training have been given by H Philips who previously carried out some training. As they are in January, these need to be publicised so we can run the training sessions.  
**Action:** the clerk will check if the dates are available with the Village Hall bookings secretary before advertise any sessions.
  - **Playground** – this was painted, inspected and paid for before Christmas. It is certainly brighter and cleaner looking although some remedial work needs to be carried out.  
**Action:** the contractor has been contacted and will inspect the work in January 2020 and will carry out any remedial action at no further cost.
  - **Vehicle activated signs (VAS)** – the clerk had contacted Crakehall clerk to find out how successful the installation of the VAS has been and is awaiting their reply. She has not been able to contact Hackforth clerk but has checked their minutes which state they are proceeding with an alternative to VAS  
**Action:** the clerk will feedback any information she receives from the two neighbouring councils at the next meeting.

## 5. Reports from:

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the Trustees met on the 16<sup>th</sup> December and their next meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The main issues are that the clothing bank is about to be removed as it is not cost effective for the company running it. Plans of the proposed building works were available to view at the meeting and the Trustees agreed to apply for planning permission. Calendar sales have proved successful this year with only a few remaining. Recent events include an acoustic night which was well attended and successful and a Christmas afternoon tea which was not as well attended as would have been nice, although this was largely due to lack of pronation and issues about the date. Future events include an end of year quiz (which was held after the Village Hall meeting which was very successful and well attended) and a ceilidh band has been booked for February 2020.
- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – met on the 18<sup>th</sup> November and will meet again on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020. There are ongoing issues with electricals concerns which affect the heating and ramp is about to be ordered following a successful bid application.

## 6. Specific matters:

- **Drainage** – L Ryder inspected the road conditions from the bridge on Station Road up towards the school following recent complaints to him. A full document was sent to highways and copied to the school. Emails have been exchanged between the school bursar and L Ryder to try and move this matter forward. NYCC have been out twice to try and resolve the issue although this is still ongoing. The major concern is that standing water in the road could freeze and prove very dangerous for residents and school attendees.

- **Precept** – the figures have been updated and read out at the meeting. The total precept will be set at £2923 which is slightly lower than last year. The figures were:

Audit fee	£100
Parish Council Insurance	£260
St Patrick's Church donation	£225
CAB donation	£60
Expenses (stationary, post and telephone)	£40
Travel, training, seminars	£20
Playground insurance and maintenance	£250
YLCA membership	£132
Community First membership	£30
Hall Hire	£60
Clerk's wages	£1560
Website	£30
Maintenance (repairs and renewals)	£100
Defibrillator maintenance	£28
Wheelie bin stickers	£28

**Total**                      **£2923**

- **Vacancy** – C Audritt put himself forward as a councillor. He was asked to state his case. He has lived in the parish for two years and has become active in village life. In his previous home, he stood on his local parish council for four years, two of which were as chairman. The Council took a brief moment to discuss his application and voted to accept C Audritt as the newest councillor.

**Action:** the clerk will ensure that all paperwork is completed and submitted to RDC.

- **Communication between Town and Parish Councils and District Council – L Ryder** attended a RDC precept meeting in November which brought up other matters/issues. Some may affect the Parish whilst others are more Village Hall related. One may affect the Wheatsheaf and is to do with properties being left emptied long term which potentially could be rented. There has also been a request to try and set up a joint meeting with Patrick Brompton Parish Council (PBPC) to discuss matters that affect both communities. It was agreed that this could be done after one of our meetings.

**Action:** the clerk to contact A Pilkington regarding the Wheatsheaf. L Ryder will contact PBPC chair to try and arrange a date and then the clerk will liaise with PBPC clerk to draw up a joint agenda.

## 7. Planning:

- **19/00759/FULL** Full Planning Permission for conversion of existing domestic garage into annex accommodation at Clover Cottage, Newton Le Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1TG.  
The councillors had no comments or observations to make on this application. This information was sent to RDC by the relevant deadline.

## 8. Financial matters:

- Approval for all payments was given. The specific costs were election costs (£75), playground painting (£825) and insurance renewal (£257.60).

## 9. Notes:

- Future grant application for two further grit bins should be looked into ahead of the next precept.  
**Action:** the clerk to provide a cost for this
- J Johnson reporting damaged pavements and was disappointed when NYCC deemed it hadn't met the current criteria.
- Concerns were raised about dog walkers allowing dogs off leads when sheep are in fields. Dogs can be shot if they are caught worrying sheep.  
**Action:** the clerk will source some notices that can be attached to footpath signs as a means of notifying walkers of this.
- Dog fouling – the clerk to chase this up with Councillor K Sedgwick as help had been promised earlier this year.
- Dog barking – concerns have been raised about noise levels although it is difficult to work out where the noise is coming from.

**10. Items for next meeting** will include the Wheatsheaf, speeding

**11. Date of next meeting** will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm.

**The meeting was declared closed at 7.33pm**