

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting
held on 12th December 2022

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

Also present: Councillor R Ormston and 7 members of the public

22/041 There were no '**apologies for absence**'.

22/042 There were two '**declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda. One was from Z Hudson-Peach for the playground matter and the second one was from L Ryder for the precept (St Patrick's donation).

22/043 The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 2022 were approved and signed.

22/044 The following issues were raised during the **Public Participation Session**:

- i. Request to increase the **donation to the CAB** due to the cost of living crisis when setting the precept.
- ii. **Improve the look of the village** – is there more we can do to make the village more appealing to visitors and residents alike? This will be included as a specific matter on the next agenda.

22/045 **Matters arising:**

- i. Deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be 4th February 2023.
- ii. **Community resilience** – concerns about winter weather and strike actions have been highlighted in the Covid mag group, Bloomin' Newton and various social media avenues. We encourage all residents to look out and support each other.

22/046 **Reports:**

- i. **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on 5th December. Two new trustees have been appointed – S Oakley representing PIN and D Almond representing the choir. The current financial balance stands as just over £27,000. A profit is currently being made by the Hall, largely due to the bar which continues to be successful. There is a Santa drive on 16th December and the Hall and bar will be open to support this charity event. The 'Warm space initiative' was discussed but no agreement was made to use the hall as a 'warm hub'. There is not enough evidence to say there is currently a need. Residents are encouraged to use the hall when it is currently open for a very small fee (for example on a Tuesday afternoon for a crafternoon £1.50 for two hours + hot drinks and cake). It was discovered that not all water usage is metered in the hall. The supplier has been notified and will come and assess how best to remedy the situation. Hall charges are likely to go up in the new year but nothing has been set as yet. There is a quiz night on the 6th January 2023. The next meeting will be held on 30th January 2023.
- ii. **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – the last meeting was held on 21st November at which grants were approved. A new cleaner has been appointed on a fortnightly basis. The Trust has agreed to pay for the Christmas tree lights this year. The next meeting will be on 16th February 2023.
- iii. **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – a Zoom review meeting was held where it was agreed that events were well run but did not attract enough people. The issues with the website have now been resolved. A regular newsletter might help. There is a need for better engagement with the unitary

council and youth groups is particular. Councillor T Jones joined the recent Climate Change group meeting where the main topic was recycling. The thermal imaging camera is being promoted and is available to hire. Communitrees have agreed to supply a further 200 trees to be planted in Newton le Willows.

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Specific matters:

- i. **Website** – a meeting still needs to be had so this item will be carried over.
- ii. **Speeding** – the results are now available on all three sites. C Audritt collated the information to present at this meeting. The Station Road survey needed to be repeated due to equipment failure. A 21 page document was sent to the council and listed every traffic movement that took place, hour by hour at each of the three sites over a seven day period. NYCC highways consider the mean and 85 percentile value when assessing if there is a speeding issue. The results can be broken down as follows:
 - Station Road** – 87% of all traffic was below 30mph, the mean was 24.7mph and the 85% was 29.4mph.
 - Brompton Road** – 71% of all traffic was below 30mph, the mean was 26mph and the 85% was 30.7mph.
 - Bedale Road/Chapel Row** – 70% of all traffic was below 30mph, the mean was 27.2mph and the 85% was 32.3mph.There is a perception of speeding that the figures do not confirm/highlight. The occasional issues with speed being excessive seem to be particularly between 7am-9am and 5pm-8pm when school and work traffic is at its peak. In terms of Highways, none of these values would cause them to become involved. They would not consider speed bumps or chicanes. However, it was agreed that there is a slight increase in speed on Bedale Road/Chapel Row which needs to be contained. On inspection it was found that there are no roundels painted on the road in this section nor are there any repeaters visible (the small 30mph signs). Darren Griffiths, the NYCC representative would support some measures to tackle this issue. It was proposed by V Wilthew that a meeting was set up to discuss these results with Aysgarth School. It was seconded by C Audritt and the motion was carried. A further proposal was made by C Audritt to set up a small team to continue to deal with this matter. It was seconded by L Ryder and the motion carried. V Wilthew and Z Hudson-Peach volunteered to be this team. It was also agreed that an article be placed in the next newsletter and the website about this issue.
 - Action:** clerk to contact D Flowers of NYCC Highways to see what the cost of adding these to that section of the road would be. The clerk will arrange a meeting in the new year with the school.
- iii. **Dog fouling** – all councillors have now had an opportunity to assess the different proposed sites. The first proposal that was voted on was the location of the new bin at the top of Station Road just passed the houses. The vote was 3/2 in favour of the house side of the road. Three locations were identified and voted on – the middle option, in between the two gates won the majority vote 3/2. This will be discussed at a further site meeting to be set up with RDC. A further option of siting a dog waste bin on the east of the road by the footpath sign was also considered if the preferred site is not accepted. The clerk also stated that a grant application has been submitted for two new bins. Further decisions will wait until a decision has been reached on the grant application.
 - Action:** once we know how many bins we can buy, the clerk will contact RDC to arrange a site visit.
- iv. **Playground** – a proposal had been submitted to the council by D Peach ahead of the meeting. A treatment could be applied to the ground surfaces as part of an

annual maintenance programme. A free trial, which would enable an accurate costing to be calculated would enable the council to decide if they wish to proceed. It was proposed to accept a free trial by C Audritt and seconded by L Ryder. The motion was passed. There is still a further element to the maintenance programme that needs to be discussed. It was agreed to carry this over to the next meeting.

- v. **NYC update** – C Audritt and T Sanderson signed in to the latest unitary council briefing which was held via a Zoom meeting recently. There was a lot said but details are still sparse. Details are not yet specific enough to know how it will affect us but we do need to keep ourselves informed as we go forward.
- vi. **Precept** – was set at £3239, a slight increase of 2.5%. The figures established during the meeting were as follows:

Audit fee	£100
Parish council insurance	£260
St Patrick's Church	£225
Travel, training & seminars	£150
Richmond CAB	£60
Stationery, post & telephone	£30
Playground insurance and maintenance	£270
YLCA	£138
Village Hall hire	£60
Parish clerk salary	£1716
Website costs	£80
Repairs and renewals	£100
Defibrillator	£50
Total	£3239

After the meeting it was agreed between councillors that the donation to the CAB should be increased to £80 and this will be offset by a reduction in training costs so that the precept total is set at £3239.

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Planning decision:

- i. **22/00695/FULL** Full Planning Permission for Erection of Two Storey Rear Extension, Double Garage and Single Storey Link and Creation of New Vehicular Access at Newton Bank, Newton Le Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1TE - **Granted**

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All financial matters were approved:

- i. Speeding survey - £396
- ii. Zurich insurance renewal - £257.60

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Items for the next meeting will include the website, dog fouling, playground and appearance of village. The **date** for the next meeting will be Monday 23rd January 2023

Meeting declared closed at 9.15pm

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.