

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th February 2020

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

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

There was a minute silence before the meeting started for those recently deceased.

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 Parish Council meeting held on the 30th December 2019 were signed and approved.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - The Parish Council would like to formally thank Hannah Philips for her recent defibrillator training that she ran.
 - **Playground** – we are still awaiting the check and remedial action to take place. The clerk had contacted the decorator and this is largely due to adverse weather condition and will be carried out in due course.
 - **Pavement on Station Road** – this will receive a top 'dressing' to repair the surface when the weather permits.
 - **Street lighting at crossroads** - this has now been replaced.
 - **Signage for bins** – this has been purchased and distributed appropriately.
 - **Signage for footpaths** – this has been purchased and will be attached to footpath markers as appropriate.
5. **Reports from:**
 - **Village Hall Trustees** – last meeting was held on the 20th January and the next one will be on the 17th February. Plans for the extension have been submitted to RDC. A total of 53 calendars were sold which covered any costs incurred so will be produced for next year. The clothing bank has now been removed. The next Village Hall event will be the ceilidh on 22nd February for which tickets are currently on sale.
 - **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – there is nothing to report as the next meeting is not until the 17th February.
6. **Specific matters:**
 - **Drainage** – this is from Aysgarth School down Station Road and has been raised as an issue by several residents. L Ryder sent a report and photographs to NYCC. The reply came back that there is a problem with the drainage pipe (investigation has already begun) and work is needed to improve the situation. In the meantime, gullies have been cleared and drains checked to make sure they are not blocked. Not all are running freely. There has also been contact between L Ryder and A Francis (Aysgarth School Bursar). An email from the school was read out. It appears following the investigation, that the drainpipe is too small for the volume of water it needs to deal with. As a result of this, work will be carried out to remedy it but no timescale has been given. It was agreed that it would be beneficial if Aysgarth and the Parish Council share correspondence to and from NYCC on this matter to ensure a consistent approach moving forward.

Action: it is important that we all accept this is going to be an ongoing issue. All residents should continue to report this matter to NYCC via their website (or any other matter) if they are concerned. An article was placed in the recent newsletter. The clerk will check with NYCC if they have responsibilities for cleaning the drains.

- **Wheatsheaf** – the clerk had contacted A Madden and A Pilkington from RDC. The landlord has been contacted recently and any reply will be forwarded to the Council.
- **Speeding issues** – the clerk had contacted NYCC Highways to see if any further road marking were still to be done following the new speed signs. The reply was that there would be a charge for any further road markings and a quote could be given.

Action: the clerk to contact Ian Beighton of NYCC Highways for a price list so a decision can be taken as to what we would require.

- **Roles and responsibilities** – these were reviewed now that the Council is complete. L Ryder is Chair, V Wilthew is Vice- Chair and Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust representative, C Audritt will be the new Village Hall Trustee representative.

7. Planning applications:

- **20/00025/FULL** Full Planning Permission for construction of an agricultural building to house additional livestock related to agricultural enterprise at Rock House Farm and to create storage for hay, straw and machinery on the farm at Rock House, Station Road, Newton le Willows, North Yorkshire, DL8 1SX.

This was discussed openly with an explanation given by T Peach as Rock House representative. The new barn will provide better accommodation for their livestock, the levels of which will remain similar to the current ones. In terms of timescale, this will ideally be built before the housing (separate approved planning decision) and will take place with the wider driveway giving better access to the site. The barn is being built in open countryside raising a concern about the screening of it. The Council will raise a comment about extra hedgerow to provide further screening.

Action: the clerk will reply to the RDC planning application that Newton le Willows Parish Council do not wish to object to this planning application. However, it does wish to raise a comment/observation which is that the building is being erected in open countryside and would encourage further screening (additional planting) to reduce the visual impact of the structure.

8. Planning decisions:

- **19/00759/FULL** Full Planning Permission for conversion of existing domestic garage into annex accommodation at Clover Cottage, Newton Le Willows, North Yorkshire, DL8 1TG - **Granted**

9. Financial matters:

- All financial matters were approved - payment of speed sign stickers £27.92 & footpath signage £16.24 (a total of £44.16 to the clerk).

10. Items for the next meeting will include drainage, speeding matters, playground.

11. Date of next meetings will be:

- Monday 17th February at 7pm – extraordinary meeting to discuss the Village Hall extension plans.
- Monday 16th March at 6.30pm – ordinary meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 7.25pm