

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting
Held via Zoom on 1st February 2021

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

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

1. There were no '**apologies for absence**'.
2. There was a '**Declarations of Interest**' stated from C Audritt with regards to the planning application which is on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2020 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at the next face to face meeting.

4. Matters arising:

- **Playground** – the swings have been replaced and the surfaces have been thoroughly cleaned (thank you to all that helped). This leaves the Wet and Forget treatment and replacing links on the wooden bridge to be completed. This will be carried out when the weather improves.

5. Reports

- **Village Hall Trustees** – there has been no meeting since the end of October 2020. The Hall is currently only being used by a dancing couple (in their own bubble) and no other parties. The treasurer sent a recent financial statement out stating income is at £342, expenditure at £1592.49 and the overall balance stands at £35,506.80 (largely due to the grant of £10,000) for this financial year. Once the pandemic has passed, there will be a significant amount of cleaning and running repairs to be carried out. Concern has been raised about the damaged wall. Whilst awaiting repair, the broken section of the wall may to be dismantled safely before it collapses. C Audritt will liaise with S Hodges of the Village Hall Trustees to move this matter on.
- **Atkinson And Clark Educational Trust** – the carpet has been replaced during lockdown. The cleaner is the only person going in the hall on a monthly basis ensuring there are no leaking taps and flushing of toilets.

6. Specific matters:

- **Covid-19** – lockdown continues, L Ryder continues to receive bulletins from the local co-ordinator. P Perkins is co-ordinating lunches from Aysgarth School which will be running until at least half term.
- **Devolution** – there is nothing further to report at this time. It looks set to go ahead 2022/3.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – P Nunn is now in place; he posts information via Facebook and various WhatsApp forums and will keep the Council informed of latest developments. The Council appreciate all his efforts.
- **Richmondshire Environment and Climate Emergency developments** – there has been a climate coalition meeting. Valerie Adams is the climate emergency officer. A

steering group has been set up with Councillor Wickes of RDC chairing it. A motion was approved (proposed by the Chairman and seconded by C Audritt) that the Climate Change Group monitors the issues relating to the Environment and Climate Emergency as declared by RDC and reports to the Parish Council. Newton le Willows is well represented with L Ryder and B Sampson being involved in RDC theme groups. It has also been noted that T Peach of our parish is also involved. The next coalition meeting is on 11 February.

- **Involvement with local food banks (Richmondshire)** — there have been at least three that have set up locally. The Council will wait to receive further information before deciding whether to become more involved.
- **Drainage on roads** – the recent inclement weather has caused concerns in many areas of this Parish. Areas of concern include Masham Road down from High Parks entrance to the bridge, Station Road down from Aysgarth School, the gully at the bus stop, blocked drains between Sinks Lane and the tea rooms, the beck below Beechwood Farm has failed causing water to drain onto the road. Some issues are being pursued by D Peach with Yorkshire Water and Wensleydale Railway. C Audritt proposed problems were reported to NYC Highways. It was agreed that issues needed to be reported by parishioners themselves as well as by the Council. The NYCC portal allows all to do this.

7. Planning application:

- **20/00929/FULL** Full Planning Permission for conversion of existing outbuildings to form ancillary accommodation at Phoenix House, Bedale Road, Newton-Le-Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1SG No comments/observations were raised by the council and this shall be sent as the reply to RDC by the clerk.

8. Correspondence:

- **Email** – from C Bradley concerning bridleways. J Bell has agreed to represent the Council on this matter and will liaise directly with C Bradley. The Council will be supportive on this matter as any improvements to the bridleways will be a positive for the Parish as a whole.

9. AOB:

- **Hedgerow cutting** - was discussed following a complaint from a parishioner. A letter outlining what had been discussed will be sent to them.
- **40 mph Speed sign** - one had been severed near the school and has now been reported.
- **Grit bins** – will all be checked and topped up as necessary.

10. Items for the next meeting will include climate change developments, drainage, fly tipping on Sinks Lane, the Wheatsheaf, closing the youth bank account.

11. Date for next meeting will be the 29th March 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom

Meeting declared closed at 19.42

