

## Newton le Willows Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 6pm.**

**Present:** Councillor P Olsen (Chairman), Councillor J Harrison, Councillor V Wilthew, Councillor S Coombs, T Sanderson (clerk)

**Also present:** Councillor R Ormston and 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** none, all councillors were present.
2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**'
3. The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November were signed and approved.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - PCSO Taylor-Page had been invited to attend but no reply received before meeting. Future correspondence will be copied with chair of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
  - Footpaths - B Sampson has now contacted all landowners and all are happy to be involved with footpath repair. North Yorkshire County Council has been notified as it may be able to help with planning and costing so that the repair of the footpaths can move forward. B Sampson was thanked for his work on this project. A sum of £400 had been ring-fenced for this work.
5. The clerk reported that **Speeding** matters are no longer an RDC issue and that the reporting procedure had changed. This reflected what Councillor Ormston had been told at a recent Area Partnership Meeting. PC Grainger was there explaining the reporting procedure.  
**Action** –PCSO Taylor-Page will be invited to attend and speeding can be discussed then.
6. The **Recycling Centre** is still causing a concern, although it would now appear to be plastic/cans causing problems. It was reported that a resident had taken surplus bags left there to another recycling station over the Christmas period. The facility is still being monitored as it is believed that some of the surplus materials are trade waste. An added notice and relevant signage will show RDC that we are trying to control the situation as we do not wish to lose this facility.  
**Action** – a banner will be sourced to try and improve the situation further. Councillor J Harrison will draft a new notice that will be printed and laminated on A3 for information.

There are currently no further developments to report on the **fly tipping** situation on Sinks Lane. Concerns were raised about possible deterioration of the matter.

**Action** – the Parish Council will chase the Environment Agency to see what is being done, is it still an ongoing investigation and can the site be re-inspected to ascertain if it has been added to or deteriorated.

7. There is a lack of any activity at the **Wheatsheaf**. Local residents had cutback the overgrown bushes to clear the pavements to keep them safe for residents. It was reported that another building plot (on School Lane) owned by the owner of the Wheatsheaf has now had rubbish dumped on that. This again could lead to bigger issues and is of great concern to residents.

**Action** – A Pilkington of RDC will be contacted to see what can be done.

8. No formal feedback regarding the **licensing application for High Parks** was received. The Parish Council is disappointed that despite their input in this matter, they have not been notified by RDC that a license has been granted.

**Action** - licensing to be contacted again to see what the conditions of approvals are.

9. At this stage there was no feedback from RDC regarding **Signage at school**. Councillor S Coombs indicated that there appears to be fewer signs than at Christmas. There is no clear communication between the school and the parish council.

10. A committee will be set up to run the **Children's fund management**. It will consist of Councillor V Wilthew, Mrs Sampson and Mrs Perkins. (Councillor V Wilthew reported that she has been asked to attend a meeting with V Nelson of the Atkinson and Clarke Educational trust ahead of attending the AGM of the trustees).

11. Each and every element and piece of equipment of the **Play area** was inspected by ROSPA. The report produced highlighted areas as high/medium/low risk. Some footrests need replacing, capping over exposed bolts is recommended, improving signage (ownership notice) needed, basketball hoop netting needs to be removed for safety and a general cleaning to remove algae was reported. Aysgarth School usual undertake an annual clean which would help the overall cleanliness. It was felt that this should be done twice a year. Overall, the risk rating is currently medium and if everything was carried out as listed in the report, then the risk would reduce to low/medium. A second inspection will take place later this year to ensure we are moving in the right direction on this.

**Action** – Councillor P Olsen to contact P Barlow regarding the school's involved with the clean up. Plan of action needs to be drawn up at the next meeting.

**12. Any other business:**

- Report from the Village Hall trustees - meetings were held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and the 10<sup>th</sup> January. R Simpson has come on board as the PIN representative and is very proactive. Electricity usage has been high and is being monitored (possibly due to frost thermostat been altered). The trustees aim to draw up a programme of repair for the coming year and a diary of events is being drawn up to encourage usage of the hall. Many more events have now been scheduled. Transparency of hire charges is being discussed and implemented, aimed at encouraging more user groups to use hall. A cleaner is to be recruited. It was noted that the parish council have some funds which can be used to assist new village groups setting up and this will be notified to the village hall trustees.
- Pavement in Station road is in a poor state of repair (in particular at Brewers Cottage and Quoits House). People are walking on the road to avoid the pavement.  
**Action** – highways will be notified and an inspection requested.
- The track surface leading up to South View next to the village hall needs resurfacing. It is not helped by the large recycle wagons using it.  
**Action** – Village Hall Trustees to be notified of this at their next meeting for their action.
- There is no need for an election to fill the vacancy so we can co-opt. A notice will appear in the next village newsletter

**13. Date of** next meeting will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Green Room of the Village Hall

**The Meeting was declared closed at 7pm**