

**Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting**  
**held on Monday 10 January 2022**

**Present:** Councillors L Ryder, T Clarkson, C Audritt and parish clerk T Sanderson

**Also present:** Councillor R Ormston and 4 members of the public

1. **There was an ‘apology for absence’ from Councillor V Wilthew.**
2. There were no **‘Declarations of Interest’** in items on the agenda.
3. **The minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 29 November 2021 were approved and signed.
4. Zoe Hudson-Peach made a **presentation** to the Council. The Councillors took a vote and she was **co-opted to become a councillor**. Zoe was duly welcomed and asked to join her fellow councillors for the remainder of the meeting.  
**Action** – relevant paperwork will be completed and sent to RDC by the parish clerk.
5. **Matters arising:**
  - **Drainage** – a lot of work has been completed although there are still some concerns about drainage. It was agreed that a message of thanks should be passed on although outstanding concerns should also be passed on.  
**Action** – L Ryder to send a message of thanks with concerns also.
  - **Grit** – L Ryder has recently inspected them all. The one at the recycling station is low and would benefit from being topped up.  
**Action** – the parish clerk will contact NYCC and see if this can be arranged.
  - **Playground** – C Audritt has finally made contact with a company that may be able to install the proposed see-saw. An onsite meeting has been arranged. A quote can then be produced for our consideration.
  - **Website** – so far, no one has come forward locally. C Audritt attended a recent forum and asked other parish councils about their websites. Information was exchanged about several website designers and will be looked into. A further discussion needs to take place about how it will be maintained and managed.
  - **Dog Fouling** – the parish clerk is awaiting information from RDC which will be circulated to councillors on receipt.
6. **Reports:**
  - **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was on the 13 December 2021 and the next meeting will be on 17 January 2022. Trustees will be allocated tasks/roles that they will be involved in during the year. A full coffee morning rota has been drawn up for the year. Hall hire has picked up with Pilates, table tennis and choir running again and PIN have several events booked.

Prices have been reviewed, which resulted in some bar prices increasing but hall hire staying largely the same. Hire rates for children's parties has changed and includes an amount if bouncy castles are used. All internal work has now been completed. There are still some snagging issues to be resolved. The flat roof is leaking again and two radiators are not working. Trees at the front of the hall require pruning and two leylandii type trees may be removed. The extension plans have been put on hold for the moment.

- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – nothing to report due to absence of V Wilthew.
- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – there have been no meetings since the autumn. Website is no longer accessible. The new climate change officer is Ollie Braithwaite. There is a meeting next week which L Ryder will attend.

## 7. Specific matters:

- **Participatory budget** – only a few requests for application forms have been received. Deadline is not until the end of the week. All the information received will be collated by the parish clerk and circulated to the Councillors ahead of an informal meeting to be held on 24 January at 7pm in the Green Room.
- **Precept** – the precept for the next financial year was approved - £3190.  
**Action:** the parish clerk will complete the relevant paperwork and submit this information to RDC.
- **New unitary council** – L Ryder and T Sanderson followed the recent online presentation regarding progress towards a new unitary council. The information was useful and kept the Parish Council informed of the forthcoming changes. Councillor R Ormston stated he will be standing down at the next election and presented Tom Jones as the next Conservative candidate who will be standing.
- **Wheatsheaf** – issues have been raised again. The parish clerk has received two reports from concerned residents. Both raised safety issues regarding the building. It was suggested a further site meeting with RDC may be necessary.  
**Action** - the parish clerk will pass the information to the relevant RDC department.
- **Village hall sign** – the parish clerk had applied to the Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership fund and was successful. The grant is for 75% of the total cost. It was agreed that the balance would be applied for from the participatory budget scheme.  
**Action** – the parish clerk will complete the relevant paperwork.
- **Resilience Team review** – the team met following storm Arwen. Equipment that was supplied four years ago was looked at and replaced where out of date. Receipts were submitted to the Parish Council for approval. P Howells stood down and D Peach has joined the team. New resilience cards will be produced and circulated to all household in case of emergencies. It was suggested that a defibrillator course would be useful. The parish clerk stated that H Phillips who carried out previous training had already consented to do more if needed.  
**Action:** the parish clerk will contact H Phillips and arrange for some future training. If possible, details will go in the next newsletter.

**8. Planning applications:**

**21/01022/VAR** Variation of Condition 1 Attached to Planning Permission 14/00871/FULL to erect a Storage/Machinery Building in a slightly different position instead to store laundry, equipment and garden machinery for use with the existing lodges already approved on site, at High Parks, Newton le Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1TP - There was little change so the Council had no comments/observations to add.

**9. All financial matters were approved:**

- All required resilience resources - £19.99 to L Ryder and £17.46 to J Hodges of the resilience team.

**10. Items** for the next meeting will include the photocopier, banking arrangements and website.

**11. Date** for next meeting will be Tuesday 22 February at 7pm in the Green Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.