

**Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting
held on 4th July 2022**

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

Also present: Councillors R Ormston, T Jones and 8 members of the public

- 22/001** There was an **apology for absence** from L Ryder.
- 22/002** There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.
- 22/003** The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd May 2022 were **approved and signed**. Approval of minutes was proposed by Z Hudson-Peach and seconded by V Wilthew.
- 22/004** **Public Participation Session** – this was the first time this session has been used and as such no comments or issues were raised. The Chairman explained this would now be a regular agenda item and attendees will be given the opportunity to have their say.
- 22/005** **Matters arising:**
- i. **Picnic bench** – this has now been installed at the playground. Thanks were offered to V Wilthew and T Clarkson.
 - ii. **Thermal imaging camera** – this has now been paid as agreed at the participatory budget exercise amount, £10 less than the submitted paperwork.
- 22/006** **Reports:**
- i. **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on 20th June. The building of and outside storage facility is being considered whilst the current planning proposal is on hold. There will be a Village Hall Garden tidy up on 5th July at 5pm. An audit of village hall keyholders will take place in order to keep an up-to-date register of keyholders for insurance purposes. New heaters are to be installed at the end of the week. There are running repairs in the kitchen. Electrical issues are causing concern – fuses tripping and a large bill being queried. The Village Show will take place on 4th September and aims to be bigger than last year's. The existing outside benches will be repaired as a matter of urgency. The website was discussed (see under specific matters). The current balance is £25972.24 with any income coming mainly from the bar. A recent music event was very successful and raised over £1000 between ticket sales and bar takings. A future event will be a comedy night on 1st October. The remaining hedge at the side of the building will be removed after the nesting season and an alternative will replace it – fencing or shrubs. New benches are being considered in the front of the Hall. Councillor R Ormston mentioned the Area Partnership Fund is once again open and this would be a source of some funding.
 - ii. **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – no meeting has been held recently, the next one is on the 8th August. An advertisement was placed in the recent Newton News for a cleaner and also displayed on the noticeboard at the bus shelter.
 - iii. **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – the recent Heat, Eat and Meet event held at Tennants and run by the Richmondshire Climate

Action Partnership was very well run. Quite a few attended from Newton and/or helped with furnishing tables of vegetables and herbs for the 'eat' part of the promotion.

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Specific matters:

- i. **Website** – Councillors had looked at a variety of websites for nearby villages and felt that the Patrick Brompton was the most user friendly. It is hosted by a company called Weebly at a cost of approx. £120 a year. C Audritt and T Sanderson met with the current webmaster who has agreed to help try and implement some changes to what we currently have. The Village Hall will discuss this matter at their next meeting so that the whole process can move forward. There is no action to be taken at the moment.
- ii. **Jubilee report** – a successful day was had which was considered fairly inclusive. Village cakes were donated and were delicious. A fancy dress parade started the day before moving outside to a sports event. Special thanks go to H Hepworth and P Nunn for their time spent planning and running the sports events. As it was next to the Hall it gave those in attendance the chance to watch the various races from inside the Hall if necessary.
- iii. **Training** – L Ryder, V Wilthew and Z Hudson-Peach have all recently attended online training arranged via the Yorkshire Local Council Association. As a new councillor, Z Hudson-Peach found her course ('Off to a flying start') useful whilst V Wilthew, who also attended part of this course, found it less useful although acknowledged that the trainer was very knowledgeable. The main issue councillors had with these online courses was the timing. They usually take place between 6 – 9pm making them not so easy to attend due to work or family commitments. Careful consideration will be taken in the future as to which course are selected
- iv. **Speeding through the village** – there is a perception that we have a speeding problem in our village. The last time a speed survey was carried out (2018) the data did not support this as an issue. However, meetings were held with NYCC Highways in the village and speed markings/signage was added and improved. C Audritt has contacted NYCC Highways again to discuss carrying out a new speed survey. A possible three sites were discussed – one on Brompton Road (at village signpost), one on Station Road (outside the village hall) and the third one on Brompton Road (before the bridge). It will cost £110 per location. Once the information has been gathered and assessed from the Speed Survey we can then discuss and decide any further actions, if any, that may be required. **Action:** it was proposed by V Wilthew and seconded by T Clarkson that we ask for a speed survey to take place at all three locations in September once the school has returned. It was unanimously agreed. C Audritt to arrange.
- v. **Subsidised School Transport from the Village** – this was brought to the attention of the Council by a resident who was recently been told that their child no longer qualifies for free school transport. It is deemed that the child is of an age to be able to walk to school. However, the routes available in Newton le Willows are either across a poorly maintained footpath or road with no footpaths. Neither option has public lighting on the majority of the routes. A letter of appeal has been submitted by the resident to NYCC. There is a negative environmental impact if more parents choose to drive their children to school rather than pay the fixed fee of £600 per child. Councillor T Jones has

been helpful in providing information as to how the process works. The Council was asked to consider whether it could support an appeal.

Action: A letter of support was proposed by C Audritt and seconded by Z Hudson-peach with unanimous agreement. The clerk will draft a letter and circulate initially to councillors and once approved send it to the school transport department of NYCC.

- 22/008** **Planning application granted:**
21/00973/FULL – Full Planning Permission for Construction of a Muck Store
Ruswick Manor Farm, Newton Le Willows.
- 22/009** **All financial matters were approved:**
Training costs – two invoices totally £62.50, Jubilee expenses invoice for £27.96,
Cricket club bench – invoice for £344.95
- 22/010** **Correspondence** was acknowledged from both the CAB and St Patrick's
churchwarden. Both were to thank the Council for their recent donations.
- 22/011** **Items for the next meeting** will include dog fouling and the Village show. The **date**
for the next meeting will be Monday 15th August at 7pm

The meeting was declared closed at 7.55pm