

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2017

Present: Councillors P Olsen, V Wilthew, L Ryder and parish clerk T Sanderson

Also present: 7 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillors J Harrison, S Coombs and Councillor R Ormston
2. There were no **‘Declarations of Interest’** in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the Ordinary meeting held on the 5th June 2017 were **signed and approved**.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - **Recycling** - we are fortunate as a village to have the recycling station and as it is the only one for some distance, it is used by surrounding villages. As a result, it is heavily used. Swapping a bottle bin for a plastic one was briefly considered. However on the grounds of health and safety it was decided that we are better sticking with the facilities we have.
 - **Child’s fund** – new signatory forms have been resubmitted and we are awaiting official confirmation that the requested changes have been authorised.
5. **Reports from:**
 - **Village Hall Trustees** - the last meeting was on the 14th June and the next meeting will be held on the 19th July. The relevant music licences have been obtained (PRS and PPL). These are charged on a percentage of turnover so they have been a significant expenditure. The work towards installing a lighting rig is reaching its conclusion. Fittings are being manufactured, will soon be installed and the lighting rig can then be installed on them. The annual village barbeque will take place on Saturday 5th August. Some broken windows will be repaired.
 - **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – currently there is nothing to report and the next meeting is on the 18th September.
6. **Specific matters:**
 - **Village Cleanliness** – J Harrison will produce a current rota of what volunteers keep tidy and will pass it on to L Ryder who will take over. The original rota was held by B Sampson who will also hand this on to L Ryder.
 - **Lighting** – V Wilthew made enquiries and found installation costs and annual maintenance costs to be high. This would have to be at the expense of the parish council. On top of these costs would be increased public liability insurance, risk assessments needing to be carried out and a maintenance budget to be allocated. In light of all of this, a discussion about the feasibility of installing two extra lights took place. It was agreed that a feasibility study should take place to see if a light could be fitted at the Station Road bridge location. This would involve liaising with electricity suppliers and the Wensleydale railway/Railtrack.
Action – P Olsen will check with electricity suppliers whether this is feasible in the first place. Solar lighting will be researched as an alternative.

- **Children's Playground** – the lifting asphalt needs to be repaired or possibly replaced. Alternatives were suggested – grass, wood chips and recycled rubber tyres.
Action – parish clerk to contact local contractors to obtain relevant quotes.
- **Community Resilience Plan** – the parish clerk passed a hard copy of the plan which was last updated in 2012 to L Ryder for consideration. The original file has now been sourced and we are awaiting J Harrison for her involvement. The file needs to be updated to reflect all housing, vulnerable people, key holders of the hall and to decide who will be in the community resilience team.
Action – L Ryder will be the lead on this as it is a work in progress.
- **Tree Survey** – an article was placed in the latest edition of the Newton News which resulted in some parishioners reporting trees of interest. L Ryder is planning on plotting this information along with the memorial tree details on a map to produce a visual. An approach can then be made to RDC. There is still concern about tree preservation orders and it is felt that ongoing discussions with landowners would prove most useful.

7. **Financial approval for** £22.94 to B Sampson (kissing gate materials) was given. As there is a need for maintenance/repair of other kissing gates in the parish, B Sampson was asked if he could cost the work for the next meeting.

8. **Additional matters:**

- **Mirror** at the end of Sinks Lane has been reported to NYCC Highways as it is out of alignment.
- **Fly tipping** on Sinks Lane – the Environment Agency were contacted again to review the current situation. The investigation is ongoing and the removal and proper disposal of the baled waste is part of the investigation. They will keep us informed.
- **Wheatsheaf** – there seems little further that the parish council can do on this matter. It was suggested by RDC that an approach to NYCC directly may help with the clearing of the site with regards to overgrown vegetation which poses as a hazard to pedestrians and residents.
Action – parish clerk to email NYCC directly and express our concerns
- **State of pavement** on Station Road – this had been reported to highways, who on inspection, have marked areas that are in need of repair and should be carried out within 90 days.

9. **Items** for the next meeting : village cleanliness, lighting, children's playground, community resilience plan, tree survey, Wheatsheaf.

10. **Date** for next meeting is Thursday 14th September at 6pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 6.55pm.