

## Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council

held on Monday 19th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillor L Ryder, V Wilthew, T Clarkson, C Audritt and parish clerk Teresa Sanderson

**Also present:** 7 members of the public

1. Councillor Richard Ormston sent his **apologies for absence**.
2. There were no **'Declarations of Interest'** in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved and signed.

#### **4. Matters arising:**

- **Playground** – the Wet and Forget treatment is still to be applied and will be done during the summer.
- **Signage** – two signs for the defibrillator will be installed soon and will point residents to the location of the defibrillator.
- **Vacancy** – a further article will be placed in the next newsletter.

#### **5. Reports:**

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and the next will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Expenditure continues to outstrip income. The current balance is £34,244.30. Online banking options have been discussed with a compromise reached so that a 'tap' payment system can be put in place for when the Hall opens up again. Hall repairs are moving along – plastering and lights have been done, decorating still outstanding. Glazing bars are to be replaced as well as the outside steps. There is now a sign on the back wall regarding parking and defibrillator signs are to be installed. A quote for the Village Hall sign will need to be discussed at the next meeting. The lawn mower has now been repaired. The Village Hall is now signposted from the recently added signs installed by NYCC. A village event is to be planned for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August and will be a family event.
- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – the last meeting was on 28<sup>th</sup> June and the next one will be on 27<sup>th</sup> September. There are a couple of events (picnic and BBQ) taking place in August where the School Room will be used.
- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – there have been many issues raised. A letter from V Adams highlighted tree issues. B Sampson is currently training as a tree ambassador. Parish Councils

are asked to pledge support for a tree planting project (of up to 30 trees). Details are still being worked out. The Councillors took a vote and agreed to support this initiative. B Sampson has agreed to lead on this. Extra recycle initiatives are being looked at whereby extra bins could be allocated at the recycle centre for additional items – crisp packets, food pouches and toothpaste tubes. This needs to be discussed at the next Village Hall meeting. With the RHS involvement, the Climate Change Group has distributed seed kits to residents, sunflowers have been planted all over the village and surveys of hedgehogs, butterflies and bees have/are taking part.

## 6. Specific matters:

- **Participatory budget** – there is £2000 still to be allocated from the remaining funds in the Calor Gas Fund. It was agreed that this money should be allocated to projects that will benefit the Village. Full details still need to be discussed.  
**Action:** the clerk will write a small article for the next newsletter outlining how this will work in principle.
- **Playground** – the clerk was pleased to confirm that the playground grant application had been successful. We can now move forward with the improvement the council wanted to make within the limits of the grant application.  
**Action:** the clerk will complete relevant paperwork and place orders for necessary purchases.
- **Bus shelter** – V Wilthew and C Audritt have cleared much of the vegetation around the signage at the bus shelter. Once cleared this piece of land could provide a focal point in the community. There is an ash tree that possibly needs to be removed (due to ash die back). It was suggested that this could be a project for the Climate Change group/Blooming Newton. It was also brought to the attention of the Council that there is a wasp nest at the bus shelter. The new signage has now been installed by NYCC.  
**Action:** L Ryder will take this to the next Climate Change meeting. The clerk will report the nest to RDC and have it treated accordingly.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – there will be an extra Bank Holiday for this event in 2022. It was agreed that a social event would be the most appropriate in this Parish. The details will be discussed at a later date.
- **Village event** – it was agreed that the Parish Council would assist the village Hall Trustees in arranging an event on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Details of the event would be circulated to councillors after the Village Hall meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.
- **Prevention of drainage issues** – L Ryder sent an illustrated letter to NYCC Highways and there was no response at the start of July. As a result, NYCC

was contacted for further information. They directed the Council to the parish portal where all information is logged. It highlights that there is a blockage at South Lodge, at Aysgarth School. By the railway bridge in the Masham Road the pipe under the embankment is due for jetting but a schedule for this remains to be given.

**Action:** the clerk will sort out login details for the portal and circulate the information to all Councillors. The clerk has not been able to use it in the past.

- **Bridleways** – there is nothing further to report on this matter.
- **Wensleydale railway** – the railway representatives have been invited to attend the next meeting but have not yet sent a response. The Parish Council strongly recommend that residents to not walk along the railway. Trains have been running again.

**Action:** the clerk will wait a further week and send a reminder to the representatives.

7. The **financial matter** was approved:

- Replacement defibrillator pads £54

8. The Council had no objections to the following **planning application**:

- 21/00346/FULL Full Planning Permission for Construction of a Single 3-bedroom dormer bungalow on a brownfield site with outline planning approval for residential use at land adjacent to Railway View, Station Road, Newton Le Willows, North Yorkshire

9. **Correspondence from** St Patrick's Church and CAB were acknowledged. Both were of gratitude for the recent donations the Parish made to them.

10. **Items** for the next meeting will include participatory budget, Queen's Jubilee and drainage issues.

11. **The date** for the next meeting will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with the time to be confirmed in the agenda for that meeting and on the website.

Meeting declared closed at 8.50pm