

**Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting**  
**held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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

**Agenda:** Councillors R Ormston, T Jones and 3 members of the public

**23/001** There were no **apologies for absence**

**23/002** There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda

**23/003** **The minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were **signed and approved.**

**23/004** No items were raised at the **Public Participation Session**

**23/005** **Matters arising:**

- i. **Hedgerows** have all now been cut.
- ii. **Communitrees** – arranged by B Sampson, 200 trees have been planted around the village by 20 volunteers. A huge thankyou to all involved.
- iii. **Visit to Aysgarth School regarding speed survey** - unfortunately a mutually convenient date and time could not be made with the current headmaster who leaves the school at the end of this term. It was agreed that this matter would be taken up with the new headmaster once he is in place.
- iv. **Dog bins** – two new bins have been installed at opposite ends of the village. There is one to be removed at the bus shelter.
- v. **Wheatsheaf** – the clerk had contacted RDC who reported there is no change about this site with photographs taken in the autumn. A further site visit will be conducted shortly to review the condition of the building.

**23/006** **Reports:**

- i. **Village Hall Trustees** – met on 13<sup>th</sup> March. A new fence has been installed with shrubs likely to be planted later this year. Hall charges have had to be increased and new signage will be displayed for all to see, Insurance issues have been resolved around trustees liabilities. There are still some ongoing maintenance issues. Current bank balance stands at approx.. £26,500. The Village bar continues to bring in the majority of the income. Future events include a music night on 25<sup>th</sup> March and a rock choir event will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May. A grant application regarding benches is an ongoing issue, with deadline fast approaching.
- ii. **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – nothing to report. V Wilthew unable to attend the last meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February.
- iii. **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – the tree register that was completed in 2019 was reviewed. The cherry tree at the Village Hall was felled, the trunk has been left in the grounds and the grafted cherry tree sapling will need to be planted in the future. The clerk will hold a copy of the register to be viewed if required. L Ryder is to attend a Zoom meeting on the

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission. The Richmondshire Climate Action group is to produce a regular newsletter.

23/007

**Specific matters:**

- i. **Speeding** – the Speeding Sub Committee met with I Beighton of NYCC, Highways to agree a course of action to improve the existing Bedale Road speed signage. This included refreshing all white lines/signs that have faded over time. It was suggested that extra roundels and repeaters would need to be purchased at a cost to the Council. It was proposed by C Audritt, seconded by L Ryder, motion carried that we agree to the paintwork being refreshed. A second motion was agreed (proposed by C Audritt and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach) that new repeaters be purchased and located as per I Beighton's suggestion at a cost to the Council. Councillor T Jones agreed he would help with the cost of this improvement.  
**Action** – the clerk to notify I Beighton how we wish to proceed. She will liaise with Councillor T Jones regarding funding for the project.
- ii. **Playground** – the new signage has arrived and needs to be installed. It was agreed that it should be attached to the front railings so can be clearly seen on entering the playground. An email had been received from D Peach regarding treatment of the surfaces. Due to weather and growing conditions, it was suggested that the surface be monitored until an appropriate time. The Council will be notified when this will be. Wensleydale railway were contacted about clearing the vegetation behind the playground on their embankment. They agreed to inspect it and had been asked to notify us of their inspection. So far, no response.
- iii. **Website** – a meeting was arranged with the current webmaster and C Audritt and T Sanderson. The immediate issue, expiry of existing village emails, has been rectified. This gives us more time to decide what to do with the website. An email had been received by the clerk from a local web design company asking if we would be interested in having an informal discussion. It was agreed in principle to set up an informal meeting with them (C Audritt and T Sanderson to represent the Council). L Ryder expressed a wish to have his telephone number removed from the website. It was agreed that the website would be modified.  
**Action:** the clerk will arrange an informal discussion with this new company. The existing website will be modified to remove all councillors phone numbers except the Chairman's.
- iv. **The King's Coronation** – two meetings have been held between representative of Patrick Brompton and Newton le Willows to make plans for a joint celebration in the Village Hall. This will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May between 7.30 – 11pm. There will be live music, a table top quiz and food can be purchased on the night. Further details will be made available once they are confirmed. Tickets will go on sale soon; prices were kept low to encourage everyone to attend. Newton le Willows representatives are also planning a 'Bring and Share' lunch on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at the Village Hall with a Village Tidy up being planned for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. A scarecrow competition will be running for the Coronation weekend. Details will be circulated as soon as possible.

- v. **Climate Change Strategy** – this was put on the agenda as a response for a document circulated to the council via Bedale library called ‘Let’s talk Climate’. On reflection, it requires individual responses so the Council does not need to be involved,
- vi. **Draft Parish Charter** – C Audritt attended a drop in session on 23rd February. His opinion is not to involve us any further as we do not have the expertise or time to be more involved. It would appear to be for larger parish councils or town councils to become more involved. There is a survey for each council to complete to show that this has been considered. The clerk believes we should complete this to highlight that we have discussed this matter.  
**Action:** the clerk will re-circulate all documentation with a view to completing the survey. Deadline is not until 12<sup>th</sup> April

**23/008**

The following **financial matters** were approved:

- i. Clerk’s wages and expenses £810.80
- ii. Dog waste bin invoice - £540
- iii. Play Park inspection invoice - £166.42

**Financial additions:**

- i. Funds allocated from the Queens Platinum Jubilee Fund - £174 accepted

**23/009**

**Planning for approval:**

- i. **23/00107/FULL** - Full planning permission for change of use of land to allow extension of existing caravan park and development for 27 additional holiday lodges and caravan holiday homes with associated landscaping scheme at Akebar Caravan Park, Patrick Brompton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5LY. Concerns were raised about this extension to the caravan park. The amount of extra effluent may be too much for the existing reed beds. Environment Agency needs to be consulted.

**Action:** It was agreed that a formal reply would be drafted, circulated to all councillors and then submitted to RD planning by the deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> March by the clerk.

**23/010**

**Items** for the next meeting will include the Village Hall Sign, Wheatsheaf, planting of a cherry tree and the **date** for the next meeting will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

Before the meeting was declared closed, a presentation was made to Councillor R Ormston for his support and help over the eight years he has served. Tonight is his last meeting.

**Meeting declared closed at 8.20pm**