

## Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

**Also present:** Councillor R Ormston and 8 members of the public

1. There were no '**Apologies for absence**'
2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' received for items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were **signed and approved** after some points were raised. In future there will be no 'AOB' recorded as all items need to be on the agenda. Any additional items raised will be stated as that.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - **Ancient Tree Forum** – the clerk is to hold all information on file. Essentially, notable or veteran trees will need to be considered under planning applications but are not protected as under a preservation order.
  - **Recycling skips** – these have now been relabelled although some labels are already peeling off. The new system seems to be working well with none overflowing.
5. **Reports from:**
  - **Village Hall Trustees** – the trustees met on the 4<sup>th</sup> February and the next meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The kitchen sub-group reported back on action needed to bring kitchen up to scratch and a working party have since carried out the relevant work. The toilets/storage sub-group also reported back with the suggestion of a new build entrance/toilet block on the concrete apron to incorporate disabled facilities and either unisex or gents/ladies' toilets. The existing toilets would be converted into storage rooms. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting. A survey for the Village Hall and Green Room has been drawn up trying to ascertain current usage and barriers to it. The aim is to try and future proof it as our only remaining village amenity. It will include Patrick Brompton. Amanda Madden (Rural Housing Enabler from RDC) visited to inspect the village hall as part of RDC's Community Facilities Assessment. A meeting of 'Community First' at Aldborough St John will be attended by P Olsen where the topics to be discussed will be policies and procedures and trustee information. The playground insurance has increased significantly this year.
  - **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – V Wilthew attended a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> February and the next one will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. There was nothing of significance to report.

## 6. Specific matters:

- **Speeding issues** – a low response rate was received from parishioners. The requested speed survey on Brompton Road has been completed and the information will be fed back to relevant parties. We are still awaiting the speed survey on Station Road to be completed before we have all the information to move this matter forward.  
**Action:** await second speed survey results before proceeding.
- **Parish Plan: Broadband** – this would appear to vary according to where people live in the village or the distance from the BT box to be more precise. It varies according to service provider and service level agreement. High speed seems to come at a cost. Once again, the response rate from parishioners was not high.  
**Action:** following a recommendation from Councillor R Ormston, the clerk is to contact Councillor D MacKenzie to see if he can offer any advice. (He is the responsible councillor for Broadband and has helped other villages).
- **Wheatsheaf** – this has somewhat stalled again on technicalities. Unfortunately, recent correspondence from Jake Berry MP referred back to section 215 of the Town and Planning Act of 1990 which is when the process seems to stall. P Olsen at his recent meeting with Amanda Madden (Rural Housing Enabler of RDC) mentioned the position we are in with regards to the Wheatsheaf. She would be willing to facilitate a meeting between relevant parties from RDC and the Parish Council. However, it needs to be acknowledged that the owner of the Wheatsheaf has consistently refused to meet with relevant parties.  
**Action:** P Olsen will contact A Madden to organise a follow up meeting.
- **Vacancy** – it was agreed that councillors would promote some interest with other parishioners with the aim of co-opting someone into the vacancy soon. There is an election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.  
**Action:** an article to be placed in the next village newsletter to try and encourage some interest.
- **Street lighting** – there is some concern regarding turning lights off between midnight and 5am could see a rise in rural crime. Comments from those in attendance were disappointment, better lighting is needed when people need them and there is not a direct correlation between crime figures and street lighting. Councillor R Ormston reported that street lighting is already being switched off in other locations in Richmondshire. A vote was taken by the council but no clear outcome was reached (three-way tie)  
**Action:** clerk to contact RDC asap to see if this is negotiable. If it is, then it will be discussed further and a survey of current lighting will be carried out.

## 7. Planning:

- **18/00904/FULL** Full Planning Permission for Addition of Kitchen and Bedroom Extensions at Newstead, Station Road, Newton-Le-Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1SX. The councillors had no comments or observations to make regarding this application.
- **19/00026/OUT** Outline Planning Permission with All Matters Reserved for 1 No Detached Two Storey Dwelling with Gardens and Garaging at Manor House Farm, Brompton Road, Newton-Le-Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1SL. The councillors had no comments or observations to make regarding this application.

**8. Financial matters:**

- All financial matters were approved (payment of clerk's wages and expenses £777.79 (including taxes); play park maintenance costs to RDC (£158.50); hall hire to Village Hall £47.50).
- V Wilthew and T Sanderson are now approved signatories on all accounts. It was agreed that J Bell will be added as a third signatory.

**Action:** clerk to start the paperwork and complete it with J Bell.

**9. Items** for the next meeting will include: speeding issues, Broadband, Wheatsheaf, street lighting, vacancy and mirror on Sinks Lane.

**10. Date** for next meeting will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 6.55pm.

**Additional items:**

- **Neighbourhood Watch** – there is still no area chairman.
- **Highways issues** – pot holes have been reported on Ivy Crescent, drains on Brompton Road need clearing, Sinks Lane is now on a repair list and the pavement on Station Road is in need of repair.
- **L Ryder** has joined a **resilience group** called 'Ready for Anything' which will combine resources in neighbouring towns/villages rather than operate in isolation. 'Ready for Anything' is a NYCC list of volunteers who are available to be called to give support in a major emergency in the County.