

Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018

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

Also present: Councillor R Ormston and 5 members of the public.

1. There were **no apologies for absence** at this meeting however a minute's silence was held following the death of Councillor J Harrison. This means there is now a vacancy on the Parish Council.

Action: parish clerk will notify RDC of this and start the democratic process of filling the vacancy.

2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.

3. The **minutes** of the **meeting** held on the 29th January 2018 were signed and approved.

4. **Matters arising:**

- **Kerbside recycling** – L Ryder, along with Bob Sampson, met with Sally Dixon from RDC. An A-Z of recycling matters was obtained from which a draft document has been produced for the parish. An article will appear in the next 'Newton News'. Extracts from the A-Z will go in future additions of the newsletter. Kerbside recycling was cancelled on Monday 5th due to the weather the previous week. The plastic bin in the village recycling station is almost full and could cause a problem. RDC will be notified of this.
- **Car damage** – a police message circulated that implied that the damage had been caused by speeding vehicles rather than deliberate damage.
- During the recent bad weather, Aysgarth School used the village hall for car parking ensuring that the roads were not dangerous for parishioners.
- **Community Resilience Plan** – an article has been placed in the 'Newton News' to keep everyone up to date with the new team.
- **Lighting** – there is still nothing to report.
- **Tree Survey** – a survey to assess the nominated trees will take place when the weather improves and lighting is better in the spring.

5. **Reports from:**

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on the 12th February. A start has been made on updating the constitution and H & S. A meeting is being arranged with 'Community First' (previously known as Rural Action Yorkshire) to ensure that the constitution is modernised using the correct format. The hiring charges were looked at and agreed to be left at their current rates. A request from the Climate Change Group had been received for planting some dwarf trees in the front garden of the village hall, but was declined. The 'Tour de Yorkshire' runs through Patrick Brompton on May 5th and the village hall committee will liaise with them. The next PIN event will be on the 6th April when the Green Room will be open. The access road leading to the village hall and Green Room is full of potholes so a working party will be set up to repair it in the spring whilst a long-term solution is sort. Access and ownership needs to be clarified so that costs can potentially be shared. The next village hall meeting is on the 19th March 2018.

Action: parish clerk to liaise with the Dawes family who offered assistance in the repair of the road.

- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – at a recent meeting ongoing maintenance issues were discussed. Chairs that had previously been housed in a lean-to were donated to the church. The next meeting will be held in May 2018.

6. Specific matters:

- **Parish Plan** – the relevant documents have been found and will be circulated to all councillors.
- **Lighting** – a new light will replace the one taken down on Station Road.
- **Speeding** – V Wilthew has reported road conditions (to NYCC) on a stretch of road on Sinks Lane and at the same time asked about painting white lines and ‘30’ signs on the roads. The matter is being looked into by NYCC. A concerned parishioner passed on information regarding a speed watch system we may wish to become involved with to the parish clerk. Two PCSOs have visited the village on several occasions to check for speeding vehicles but have not found this to be an issue. They will continue to be monitor the situation.

Action: parish clerk to circulate details of speed watch system to all councillors for consideration.

- **Dog Fouling** – there is general concern about the amount of dog fouling that is happening in a variety of locations around the village.

Action: an article will be placed in the next ‘Newton News’

- **First Aid Training** – we are awaiting some dates from the trainer so that we can move this forward.

Action: parish clerk to circulate dates and book volunteers on a training course asap.

- **Roadworks** – P Olsen and T Sanderson have looked at the repairs that were carried out recently on Station Road leading up to the ‘Cocked Hat Farm’. They agreed that it has been done to a reasonable standard but nothing has been done past the edge of the road surface.

- **Neighbourhood Watch** – the vacancy has not been filled and this is cause for concern as we do not want to lose the scheme. Our local Chairman will try and contact others who may have further information

7. No objections on this **Planning application** were forthcoming from the Parish Council (18/00023/Full - Full planning permission for opening up a window in kitchen at Ashley House, Newton le Willows)

8. All **Financial matters** were approved.

(Approval of £20 to NLW village hall for hall hire for meetings; £750 clerk’s wages (including any tax) and £3.55 clerk’s expenses).

9. **Items** for next meeting Parish Plan, ongoing Tree Survey, Speeding, Roadworks.

10. **Date of next meeting Monday 16th April 2018**

Meeting was declared closed at 6.53pm.