

**Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting**  
**held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

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

**Also present:** Councillor T Jones and 5 members of the public

- 23/020** There were no **apologies for absence**.
- 23/021** There was a '**Declaration of Interest**' in the cricket pavilion planning application from V Wilthew.
- 23/022** The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th April 2022 were approved and signed (proposed by Z Hudson-Peach and seconded by T Clarkson).
- 23/023** The **report** form from the **internal auditor** was received and B Sampson was thanked for his report.
- 23/024** The **annual governance statement** was approved.
- 23/025** The **annual accounting statement** was approved.
- 23/026** The **certificate of exemption** was approved.
- 23/027** **The following issues were raised at the Public Participation Session:**
- **Playground** – nettles and weeds are coming through the fence around the playground. Can these be dealt with? This will be dealt with at the next meeting as an agenda item
  - **Criminal damage** – A representative of the Cricket Club attended and advised that the recently installed padlock on the gate to the cricket field had been superglued shut by someone unknown. This amounts to Criminal damage and had been reported to the police. The gate was installed and padlocked for security and insurance purposes. A new stile has been installed alongside the gate to provide continued access to the public footpath. The Cricket Ground is private land and, provided access to the Public footpath is not restricted, then the Parish Council advised that it would not get involved. It was agreed that any Criminal damage is totally unacceptable and we were all left disappointed that this has happened in the Village.
- 23/028** **Matters arising:**
- **Wheatsheaf** – currently nothing further to report but the clerk will chase this with A Madden.
  - **Village Hall sign** – this was taken to the Village Hall Trustees meeting who are looking at costings for a sign.

- **King's Coronation** – the money allocated to the council for Coronation events has been used for Coronation items. There was an underspend of approx. £5.
- **Cherry tree** – this will need to be planted at an appropriate time in the location decided by the village Hall Trustees. A new plaque will also be added.

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**Reports:**

- **Village Hall Trustees** – last met on 24th April. There are now two 'new' benches outside as well as the long benches. They have all been cleaned up and repaired ready for the summer events. Thank you to all who helped with this. As part of the Coronation events there was an evening function on the Saturday which saw the largest takings on the bar, the Sunday was the 'Big Lunch' and Monday was a Village clean up. There was an event last Saturday (20th May) which was also very successful. All hedge waste has now been removed. Current bank balance is £25,649.
- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – met last Monday (15th May). This was a difficult meeting at which two members stepped down. Maintenance and upkeep were discussed. Grants were approved. The next meeting will be 11th September.
- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments (RCAP)**- The RCAP is developing under new leadership linked to the NYC new Climate Change Strategy and part of a North Yorkshire Climate Coalition of similar climate action groups located all over North Yorkshire which is keen to work with community groups so hopefully they will be operating with us in Richmondshire to bring information and practical help to people in our area.  
The Climate Change group instigated a children's art competition for the recent coffee morning with the theme being 'What would a carbon free 2040 look like?' The group is also looking at a project to have a wind turbine erected at Thornton Steward reservoir.

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**Specific matters:**

- **Blocked gully** – following this being raised at the last meeting, the clerk contacted Yorkshire Water who agreed to come and carry out a site visit. They concluded that this was not their responsibility and we should contact the local council which the clerk did. We are currently awaiting their response.  
**Action** – the clerk to feed back all information to the person raising this as a concern. She will also check with NYC and keep councillor T Jones informed.
- **Resilience** – The NYC Staying Healthy Independent and Connected Organisation project was discussed. Otherwise referred to as Cuppa Connect. The objective of this three-year project is to bring together, at the same time and in the same place, the services of specialist support organisations including Citizens Advice, Mind, Carers Plus, North Yorkshire Council and trained staff from the Leyburn and District Community Support Hub. This will ensure that the services of these specialists will be as close as possible to the people in rural communities instead of people having to go to the specialists. It is hoped that by providing a regularly drop in facility at a friendly and relaxed venue, people will begin to take more responsibility for their health and independence and remain connected to the support they need. The venue is the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre on Richmond Road and the drop-in sessions are on market day the second Friday of every month between 10.00 am and 12.00 am.

Alongside this is The NYC countywide Community Support Anchor Organisation. A three-year project will bring together the services of the public sector with the voluntary sector to provide support at a local level much as we have done for the last three years. The emphasis will remain on people being supported by family and friends but with support from the local NYC Community Support Anchor Organisation when necessary. A lot of work is being done to defining the areas of responsibility and the structure that is required to provide community support in rural areas to address issues in every day circumstances and times of national and regional emergencies. As all the above progresses, David Poole will keep us informed.

- **Participatory budget** – there will be a further round of bids to use the remaining monies. It was agreed that a bid for up to £200 would be considered (proposed by C Audritt and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach).

**Action** – the clerk to place an article in the next newsletter (deadline 3rd June).

**23/031 All financial matters were approved:**

- Donations to CAB £80, St Patrick's Churchyard £225, bunting/flags/tablecloths/napkins £95.35, signage £28.55, prosecco £44.94

**23/032 Planning decisions for consideration:**

- **ZD23/00241/FULL** - Full Planning Permission for replacement cricket pavilion, Cricket Ground Newton Le Willows North Yorkshire. The Parish Council agreed they would fully support this application as it will be an asset to the Village. A resident expressed concern about the location of the pavilion near a SSSI and also the waste disposal and drainage. A member of the Cricket Club Committee, who happened to be in attendance, said he would respond directly to them about these points.

**Planning decisions made:**

- **22/00828/FULL** Full Planning Permission for Extension to existing building for dry storage, Greenacres, Bedale Road, Newton le Willows, DL8 1SF GRANTED
- **22/00708/FULL** Full Planning Application for use of existing timber building to be used for holiday accommodation unit (Retrospective), High Parks, Newton le Willows, DL8 1TP GRANTED

**23/033 Items for the next meeting will include the playground, vacancy. The date for the next meeting will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7pm**

Before the meeting was formally closed, L Ryder was formally thanked for his service to the council and presented with a leaving gift. He has decided to resign and this will be his last meeting.

**Meeting declared closed 8.18pm**