

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council
held on Monday 29th November 2021

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

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

1. There were no **'apologies for absence'**.
2. There were no initial **'declarations of interest'** in items on the agenda. However, when it came to the precept L Ryder declared an interest in the donation to St Patrick's churchyard.
3. **The minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th October 2021 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising

- **Playground** – the clerk contacted RDC due to concerns with completing this project. She has been informed that other councils are experiencing similar issues and that all projects need to be completed by March 2022. This is an extension on the original date. C Audritt has been in contact with the company that was due to supply the new seesaw. He has been able to obtain the details of the contractors they use to see if a better deal for installation can be reached.
- **Drainage** – a meeting was held recently with councillors, NYCC highways and Asygarth representative in attendance. Not all issues can be sorted in the short term although markings have been made where remedial action can take place. This work should be carried out within 30 days. During this meeting there was a discussion about grit bins and supply of grit. This is currently being investigated as it may be the responsibility of NYCC.
- **Website** – an article will be placed in the next newsletter to ask if a local resident would be interested in designing a new website and/or managing the website in the future.

5. Reports:

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was the AGM where the Chairman decided to stand for one final year. The Treasurer resigned and was thanked for her contribution over the years. A new treasure was appointed. It was agreed that specific tasks will be allocated to the trustees on a case-by-case basis. The current bank balance stands at £29,722.50. The electricity contract has been agreed over a 2-year period, credit has been returned and will help pay for the increase in charges. As a result of electricity and other charges increasing it was felt that an increase in hall hire and bar prices was likely. The bar is open again and has increased revenue by £1635 since it reopened. There are currently several bookings for private parties. The internal decorating has now been completed and the external decorating will be completed in the spring. There was some concern about the growth of the trees around the hall and they will be monitored closely.
- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – the last meeting was held on 22 November. No grant applications had been received. Maintenance issues were discussed. The School Room is once again open and has 5/6 bookings per month. The electricity for Christmas tree lights will come from the School Room. The war memorial that

stands in the church yard is in need of repair. The cost of the repair is £1500 with a grant secured for £1000. The next meeting will take place on 21 February 2022.

- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – an event took place at ‘Just the Job’ in Richmond on 6 November and was linked to the recent COP 26. Young families attended. Items such as bird boxes and bug hotels were made. Blooming Newton has been planting many bulbs at various locations throughout the parish and has provided new planters for the Village Hall. A graft of the jubilee cherry tree did not take earlier in the year. Don Brown will attempt a further graft of the tree.

6. Specific matters:

- **Participatory budget** – the final £2000 is to be made available for local projects. An article will go into the next newsletter with a deadline for applications being 14 January 2022. Further details of how the process will work will be in the February 2022 newsletter.

Action – the clerk will place articles in relevant newsletters.

- **Precept** – this was discussed and the following was agreed:

Audit fee	£100
Parish Council insurance	£260
St Patrick’s Church	£225
Travel, training and seminars	£150
Stationery, post and telephone	£30
Richmond CAB	£60
Playground insurance and maintenance	£250
Rural Action Yorkshire/Community First	£30
YLCA	£135
Village Hall hire	£60
Parish Clerk salary	£1560
Website costs	£80
Maintenance (repairs and renewals)	£100
Defibrillator	£50
War memorial repair	£100
Total	£3190

- **Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership Fund** – it was agreed that an application should be made for a Village Hall sign as per the quote obtained from E Falshaw.

Action – the clerk to ensure this is submitted in time.

- **Recycling/Waste management** – complaints have been received that once again people are not flat packing boxes at the recycle station which means it fills up more quickly than it should. A reminder article will be placed in the next newsletter.

Action – L Ryder will write this article for the next newsletter.

- **Dog fouling** – this is also an issue again with complaints made. Please can any dog waste be bagged and put in the relevant waste bins. It has been requested that the dog waste bin at the bus shelter be relocated. This can only be considered if there is a suitable location it can be moved to and will require the permission of RDC.

Action – the clerk will check what the rules are about relocation of these bins and report back.

7. Financial matters were approved:

- Renewal of insurance £257.60

8. Planning applications:

- **21/00973/FULL** Full Planning Permission for Construction of a Muck Store at Ruswick Manor Farm, Newton Le Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1TG. The council agreed it has no comments or observations to be made on this application.

9. Items for the next meeting will include County Council Briefing and participatory budget.

10. Date for next meeting is Monday 10th January 2022. The venue will be confirmed nearer the time.

Meeting declared closed at 8.25pm