

Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting
held on 7th November 2022

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

Also present: 3 members of the public

22/031 There were **apologies for absence** from Councillors C Audritt, R Ormston and T Jones. In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor V Wilthew carried out the Chairman's role.

22/032 There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.

22/033 The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th September 2022 were **approved and signed**. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Z Hudson-Peach and seconded by T Clarkson.

22/034 **Public Participation Session** – no comments or issues were raised at this session.

22/035 **Matters arising:**

- i. **Community Resilience** – L Ryder brought two messages from the Leyburn and District Community Support Organisation. They refer to 'Warm Places', a national campaign that allows people to congregate for free in warm places. A list is being compiled of what each of the 26 parish councils are able to offer. A previous discussion about this was passed to the Village Hall Trustees for a decision as they are responsible for the Hall.
- ii. **Let's Talk North Yorkshire** – the clerk approached the three groups that are hosting the final coffee mornings of the year. Their responses were passed on and it was agreed by all parties that there would be an opportunity for the 'Let's Talk' team to attend the December coffee morning on the 17th.
- iii. **Communitrees** – up to 200 trees will be provided by RDC under this scheme at a variety of sites that were identified at a recent meeting attended by B Sampson and T Peach. The Woodland Trust are also offering free trees that will be delivered March 2023 if more are need.

22/036 **Reports:**

- i. **Village Hall Trustees** – the AGM was scheduled for 31st October but was postponed until 14th November due to covid absentees. No other meeting has taken place since the last report.
- ii. **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – last meeting was on 28th September and the next one takes place 21st November.
- iii. **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – Mike Sparrow heads up this initiative and there has not been a lot happening since the event at Tennants in Leyburn. A Zoom meeting

is being arranged for the 24th November. The village apple pressing day ran over to the Monday due to the quantity of apples and the equipment has been loaned out for a small contribution. The next Climate Change meeting is on 9th November. Councillor T Jones is due to attend and the theme is recycling.

22/037

Specific matters:

- i. **Website** – no meeting has yet taken place to discuss ongoing action. This will be carried over to the next meeting.
- ii. **Speeding** – the results are not all available yet so this too will be carried over to the next meeting.
- iii. **Dog fouling** – a discussion took place about what and where dog foul bins should be located. As there will be a cost implication (£270 per bin) all councillors need to agree on where they should be sited. There would also need to be agreement from the residents at the proposed sites. A proposal was made to arrange a site visit by V Wilthew and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach. The motion was carried. Questions were asked about whether a normal refuse bin would cost the same and would it be emptied as regularly.
Action: a site visit to be set up ahead of the next council meeting. The clerk will contact RDC to clarify charges and if there is a warranty on existing bins.
- iv. **Playground** – we regularly receive a report from RDC regarding the playground and usually the comments are the same. The clerk believes a maintenance programme needs to be set up to address these comments. It was proposed by V Wilthew and seconded by T Clarkson that a maintenance programme be drawn up. The motion was carried.
- v. **Notifications** – the Council considered writing a profile of the Councillors to be included in a future edition of the village newsletter and include a summary of what took place in the meeting closest to the newsletter deadline. This was proposed by L Ryder and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach. This was agreed. Consideration was also made to publish minutes in the local newspaper (Darlington and Stockton Times (DNS)). The discussion resulted in a proposal from V Wilthew and seconded by Z Hudson-Peach that the summary which is produced for the local newsletter could also be submitted to the DNS as there is no charge. This motion was carried.
Action: a Councillor profile will be written for the February 2023 newsletter and a summary will also be prepared and circulated as agreed. This will consist of a couple of lines about who the councillors and their areas of interest on the council are.

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Planning applications:

- i. **22/00695/FULL** Full Planning Permission for erection of two storey rear extension, double garage and single storey link and creation of new vehicular access at Newton Bank, Newton Le Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1TE. The Councillors felt this development could cause some issues as it is near the school and in an area of 40mph speed

restrictions. The impact on Station Road with extra vehicles/materials/equipment due to the size of the development causes concern. The Council would insist that specific planning conditions are put in place by RDC to minimise disruption including parking, damage to verges, delivery/offloading times by both contractors and their subcontractors.

Action: the clerk to feed these comments back to RDC by the deadline date.

Planning decisions:

- ii. **22/00606/AGN** Notice of intention to concrete the yard area which is currently hardcore at Ruswick Manor, Newton le Willows – **not necessary**
- iii. **21/00594/FULL** Full Planning Permission for change of use of land for two yurts with composting toilets at Stubbing Nook Barn, Newton le Willows - **Granted**
- iv. **22/00442/OUT** Outline Planning Permission for a single storey dwelling at Grange Croft, Newton le Willows - **Granted**

22/039

Financial matters were put on hold:

- i. **Speeding survey** – awaiting invoice
- ii. **Zurich renewal quote £257.60** – the clerk would like to discuss premium further with Zurich before a final decision is made

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Items for the next meeting will include website, dog fouling and speed surveys. The **date** for next meeting will be Monday 12th December at 7pm

Meeting declared closed at 7.55pm