

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council
Meeting held on 27 November 2023

Present: Councillors V Wilthew, T Clarkson, Z Hudson-Peach, W Dermott and parish clerk Teresa Sanderson

Also present: 8 members of the public and PCSO S Diamond

- 23/063** There was an **apology for absence** from Councillor Tom Jones.
- 23/064** Zoe Hudson-Peach stated she had a '**Declaration of Interest**' in the Rock House planning application listed on the agenda.
- 23/065** **The minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2023 were approved and signed.

Before the meeting progressed any further, V Wilthew as acting Chairperson took the opportunity to thank C Audritt for his hard work and dedication to the role. He had been a councillor for almost four years and Chairman for close to two years.

23/066 **Public Participation Session**

There were no comments on items on the agenda raised at this meeting during the public participation session.

23/067 **Matters arising:**

- **Gully on station road** – the clerk has contacted NYC to see what developments are ongoing. There has not been a response from them as yet. There has been some work carried out there and it appears to be flowing correctly.
- **EV charging station** – this matter will be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- **Cherry trees** - the clerk has not yet looked into replacing the two plaques but this will be remedied before the next meeting.

23/068 **Reports:**

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on the 6/11 and was the AGM. An election of Trustees took place with S Perkins taking on the role of Chairperson, Z Hudson-Peach taking on the role of minutes secretary and S Pay/S Oakley taking of the responsibility for the role of bookings secretary. A recent quote from Dyna-rod was deemed high and as the matter seems to have been resolved, the matter will be taken no further at this point in time. The Village Bar has taken £14,000 up to September, been open 44 times with a profit of £6,700. Forthcoming events include the Santa Run on the 16 December. The Green Room floor is currently awaiting some repair

work. It is hoped that a representative for Aysgarth School will join the Trustees. At a recent cancer research lunch, the issue of handrails at the front of the building was raised again. A coat rail has been added in the hall and a request to keep outer toilet doors closed was made.

- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – no one attended the last meeting. V Wilthew had been contacted recently by V Nelson and explained that a new representative would be chosen shortly to represent the parish council on this committee.
- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** - there is nothing to report.

23/069 **Specific matters:**

- **Vacancy** – two candidates (Rob Pulham and Charlie l'Anson) had put themselves forward to be co-opted to role of councillor. Each in turn was asked some questions and given the opportunity to give a verbal presentation about themselves. After this, the candidates were asked to wait outside of the meeting whilst the councillors deliberated and reached a decision. A vote was taken with each candidate receiving two votes. In this case, the Chairperson's vote is the deciding vote. Both candidates were asked back into the meeting where both were thanked for putting themselves forward. Both were considered strong candidates. Rob Pulham was invited to join the council as being the successful candidate on this occasion. He accepted and joined the other councillors for the remainder of the meeting.

Action: the clerk will ensure that all relevant paperwork is completed and sent back to North Yorkshire electoral team.

- **Reallocation of roles** – as a new councillor has just been co-opted, it was agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting.
- **Wheatsheaf** – V Wilthew has recently visited the site and taken some photos and compiled a list of complaints about the building. The clerk had contacted the recently appointed enforcement officer who replied that he had visited the site and now needed to discuss his findings with the owner. We would be kept informed of that meeting/discussion.

Action: the clerk will forward the email from V Wilthew to the new enforcement officer.

- **Housing Strategy Consultation** – the council are happy to be involved in the consultation process and to have a voice in this. One of the areas to be looked at is empty properties and the council feel the Wheatsheaf would fall into this category, especially as it has planning approval already.
Action: clerk to file a comment by the deadline of 11 December with the Wheatsheaf being mentioned.

- **Precept** –the precept for the coming financial year was set as £3585, a rise of approx. 5%. The exact figures are as follows:

○ Audit fee	£100
○ Parish council insurance	£260
○ St Patrick's Church	£225
○ Travel, training and seminars	£130
○ Richmond CAB	£80
○ Stationery, post and telephone	£20
○ Playground insurance and maintenance	£250
○ YLCA	£140
○ Community First	£30
○ Village Hall hire	£70
○ Parish Clerk salary	£2000
○ Website costs	£80
○ Repairs and renewals	£100
○ Grit bin top ups	£100
▪ Total	£3585

23/070 Planning applications for consideration:

- **ZD23/00579/FULL** Full Planning Permission for construction of a general-purpose building to house machinery for the maintenance of the small paddock and domestic storage of vehicles at The Arches, Newton le Willows. A comment was raised about the size of the shed but no formal comments/objections need to be passed on.
- **ZD23/00377/FULL** Full Planning Permission for conversion of redundant agricultural barn with demolition of timber mono pitched building to form a single storey 2 bed family home on the family run farm, this will include any associated landscaping at Rock House Farm, Newton le Willows. No formal comments/objections need to be passed on.

23/071 Financial matters were approved - Zurich Insurance renewal - £257.60.

23/072 Items for the next meeting will include roles and responsibilities, EV charging points, speeding rondells. The **date** for the next meeting will be Monday 15 January 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.55pm