

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting
held on 7th May 2019

Present: Councillors L Ryder, V Wilthew, J Bell and parish clerk T Sanderson

Also present: 8 members of the public

1. There was an '**apology for absence**' from Councillor R Ormston.
2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on the were **signed and approved**.
4. The **report** form from the **internal auditor was received and accepted**. The internal auditor (B Sampson) was thanked.
5. The **annual governance statement was received and accepted**.
6. The **annual accounting statement was signed and accepted**.
7. **Matters arising:**
 - Street lighting** – the clerk had contacted RDC about the timescale involved in upgrading the current street lighting to LED bulbs. She was informed that this is part of a 10-year plan and we have 6 years to go. Concern was raised about a missing light that had been removed from Station road (next to the phone box).
Action – the clerk will contact RDC to find out some further information.
 - Broadband** – the reply from Councillor Don MacKenzie was read out. Currently only two properties would appear to have met the criteria for this group's involvement
Action – clerk to contact the Councillor again to find out what criteria needs to be met before a property would qualify under the scheme.
 - Mirror on Sinks Lane** – the clerk contacted I Beighton (NYCC, Highways) who replied that he will inspect the mirror on his next visit to NLW to see if there are any improvements that could be made.
8. **Reports from:**
 - **Village Hall Trustees** – nothing to report as the next meeting is on the 13th May.
 - **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – nothing to report as the next meeting is not until the 20th May.

9. Specific matters:

- **Speeding issues** – reply from Ian Beighton was read out that informs us that the process is moving forward to improve/changed speed signs. This is separate from the speed concern reports that were received. The clerk had also heard recently from Crakehall and Langthorne Parish Clerk that they are considering a vehicle activated sign (VAS) and would like other local parish councils to possibly share the equipment and cost.
Action: an article will be written for the next Newton le Willows newsletter explaining about the speed signs. The clerk will contact Crakehall Parish Clerk to gather further information regarding VAS and possibly set up a meeting.
- **Wheatsheaf** – there is nothing further to report at this stage as technicalities and loopholes appear to be stalling any progress.
Action: the clerk will contact A Madden of RDC to try and arrange a site meeting or discuss how we can break this stalemate.
- **Parish Plan** – dog fouling notices may still be available from Councillor K Sedgwick following a recent meeting in our parish.
Action: the clerk will contact the Councillor to see if funding is still available for this signage.
- **Vacancy** – we now have two vacancies and will seek to co-opt two members of the community.
Action: an article will be placed in the next newsletter to this end.

10. Planning Decisions:

- **18/00903/FULL Granted** Full Planning Permission for Extension of Existing Building for Storage of Vintage Tractors, Greenacres, Bedale Road.
(This had been raised at the meeting held on 14th January 2019).
- **18/00156/OUT Granted** Outline Application with All Matters Reserved for a Three Bedroom Dwelling and Associated Parking, Swiss Cottage, Bedale Road.
(This had been raised at the meeting held on 16th April 2018).

11. All financial matters were approved:

- Payments to CAB £60, St Patrick's Church £225.
It was requested that the improvement to the state of the churchyard at St Patrick's Church should be noted. The Parish Council will continue to offer financial support to this cause.

12. Items for the next meeting will include Wheatsheaf, playground, fly tipping, Parish Plan and the vacancies.

13. Date for next meeting will be Monday 24th June at 6pm

Meeting declared closed at 8.17pm