

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 30th October 2017

Present Councillors P Olsen, V Wilthew, S Coombs, L Ryder and parish clerk T Sanderson

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

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor J Harrison.
2. L Ryder declared his interest in the St Patrick's churchyard.
3. The minutes of the **meeting** held on the 14th September 2017 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - **Recycling** – the new collections seem to be having some teething issues, with foil sometimes being left in boxes even though it should be recycled. Feedback would be welcomed from other parishioners. The mini recycling station appears to be working well at the moment although there are still some concerns as to the frequency with which the plastic one is emptied.
 - **Children's fund** – the account has now been updated with new signatories in place. All parties have been notified.
 - **Kissing Gates** – the work has been carried out and financial approval is now sought.
 - **Playground** – a quote was received from Westwood Timber to replace the damaged/lifting asphalt. The total cost came to £1584. This needs to be discussed further and the cost needs to be found.
 - **Community Resilience Plan** – a meeting was held with H White of NY resilience forum and the village team. A new emergency bag was provided. L Ryder is now awaiting a new template that will be used by all resilience teams in NYCC. (It was agreed that the parish council would use a simple format for the information but would feed this information onto the NYCC template which is more detailed). The village hall committee needs to be alerted that the village hall may be used as part of a county wide resilience plan. We can also call upon NYCC should we need them. We should be able to call upon neighbouring parishes should there be a need although not all parishes have a resilience plan or team. An inventory was carried out – this means the 'pack' now contains a red emergency bag pack + contents, a black laptop style bag + contents and two snow shovels. A safe place in the village hall needs to be found for all of it. A meeting with Aysgarth school now needs to happen so that both venues are up to date and can assist each other should there be a need. An article will be produced for the next newsletter and a new emergency card will be distributed to all households.

Action – photocopying of emergency cards to be carried out this week. Clerk to look into costs of running a first aid course to ensure qualified first aiders are available should they be needed,

- **Tree survey** – this was presented at the last coffee morning on a map and with photos of the twenty trees listed. At the moment, there is only one household with a tree preservation order and the residents are aware of it and will seek relevant permission should they need to do anything to those trees. A tree preservation order can only be placed on trees which have an amenity value or are assessed to be at risk. Recently, a new resident has come forward who is an arborist and would be happy to take a look at these trees and possibly advise us if anything need to be done to them. After that, the next stage would be to place a copy of our list with RDC's planning department.

Action – clerk to keep a copy of the list and photos for council records.

- **Car damage** – this has happened again in the middle of a Friday afternoon suggesting that this is not a drink related incident. The PCSO had been contacted by the vehicle's owners, but no reply had been received to this or the previously reported incidents.

Action – clerk to email Sgt Findlay and copy J Johnson in as Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator to find out what is happening.

5. Reports from:

- **Village Hall Trustees** – meetings were held on the 26th September and the 24th October. The next meeting is on the 27th November. The new lighting is now full installed. The next acoustic night will be held on 21st November following on from fish and chips. A Christmas concert will be held on the 15th December with Peter Lister performing as the support act followed by Edwina Hayes. The last village hall meeting was also it's AGM which was suspended to allow all village groups the opportunity to nominate one of their members to represent them as per the constitution. It was agreed that those using the hall should have some say in how it is run.
- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – the work there has now been completed. The next meeting is in two weeks' time.

6. Specific matters:

- **Village Cleanliness** – problems with litter have been reported at the top of the village where roadworks have recently been done. Due to the nature of the rubbish collected, it was felt that this was probably down to contractors dropping their lunchtime litter. It is also usually worst after a weekend. At this point in time, there are still cones waiting to be collected and possibly barrels of tar. Overall, there was concern about the quality of the work and the necessity of it when there are other road areas needing it more (under the bridge on Station Road for example).

Action – clerk to draft a letter to Highways to express our concerns about the quality of the work and the cleanliness of the site.

- **Lighting** – nothing further to report at this stage.
Action – P Olsen to chase this up.
- **Wheatsheaf** – there has been no further information from RDC. The state of the gardens was mentioned as was missing windows as a low level.
Action – clerk to contact RDC again with extra information.
- **St Patrick's churchyard, Patrick Brompton** – there has been correspondence between the church and NLW parish council. It was agreed that the current contractor have (has) not done a very good job. All parties are taking the concerns seriously and alternatives are being looked at to improve the overall situation. The churchyard was visited today and the grass was still too long in areas. Councillor R Ormston reported that Patrick Brompton have recently changed their grass cutting contractors and are currently satisfied with the service. He will pass on their details to the PCC in an effort to help the situation improve. It was agreed with precept figures about to be set, that we are all looking for value for money.
- **Speeding** – this is still an issue in the village and needs some involvement from the police. However, there is now another road issue with the speed of the 'roadside recovery vehicle' as it comes into the village and disturbance of residents.
Action – the parish council will send a letter to him formally expressing the concerns of the residents. The clerk will also contact the PCSO to move speeding issue forward.

7. Financial matters:

- All financial matters were approved (Len Porter Fencing Ltd (gate repairs) £136.80; B Sampson (additional hardware) £5.70). It was agreed that a letter of gratitude should be sent to B Sampson for all his work in repairing the village kissing gates.

8. Correspondence:

- Bedale library letter - was received and acknowledged. It was suggested that they could carry out further fundraisers in the village hall should they need to raise more funds in the future.

9. Items for next meeting – precept, roadworks, playground, tree survey, community resilience plan.

10. Date for next meeting – Monday 11th December at 6pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.15pm.