

**Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting**  
**held on Monday 18 October 2021**

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

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

1. There was an '**apology for absence**' from T Clarkson.
2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were **approved and signed**.

**4. Matters arising:**

- **Defibrillator signage** – still to be erected.
- **Playground** – the 'Wet and Forget' is still to be applied. Aysgarth School had volunteered to pressure wash the playground some time ago and it had been delayed.  
**Action:** L Ryder to contact P Barlow at the School to see if they are still able to do this.

**5. Reports:**

- **Village Hall Trustees** – the last meeting was held on 8 September. Income is still down although picking up as the Hall opens up again. There will be a vacancy for a treasurer after the AGM to be held on 1 November. Kitchen cupboards have now been replaced. The steps at the front of the building have been replaced. The missing beading on the windows outside has been replaced. The painting/decorating is still ongoing. Online banking has been set up as has a card payment system primarily for the Green Room. At the moment 50-60% of income is via card payment. Coffee mornings and Green Room have started up again and have generated approx. £1700. There have been issues with the trees lining the track up to Station View with RDC reporting that they are not able to get the refuse lorries up there until some cutting back has occurred. Electric car charging points are being considered by the trustees. The Big Spoon Charity Bike ride was completed. A dog training class has been turned down due to cleanliness concerns. The next meeting which will also be the AGM, will be held on 1 November.
- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – the last meeting was held in the School Room on 27 September. Various grants were discussed and the School Room is now back open and running events. The next meeting is scheduled for 22 November.
- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – L Ryder reported that the 'Reduce Carbon Footprint' event had been successful with various agencies attending. There are several other events planned and can be seen/booked via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/richmondshire-climate-action-partnership-34328000625>. There is also an event planned for 6 November to coincide with the UN Climate Change Conference being held in Glasgow. Closer to home, bulbs

have been planted in various location in the village including the bus shelter and the garden tidy up continues.

## 6. Specific matters:

- **Participatory budget** – there is still £2000 to be allocated from the Calor Gas Fund which was won over 10 years ago. A discussion took place as to how it should and could be allocated. It was agreed that any individual or group could place bid for up to £400 for something that would benefit the whole community. Deadline for application will be January 2022 and the money will be allocated.  
**Action** – the clerk will prepare an article for the next newsletter after checking how it was promoted previously.
- **Playground** – the picnic bench is currently being stored, possibly until next spring. The monkey walk on the climbing frame is awaiting a team to install it and will be supplied then. There is still an issue with the seesaw which needs to be resolved with RDC.  
**Action-** the clerk will contact RDC and enquire how best to proceed. Contact will be made with a local builder to see if they would be able to install the seesaw for us.
- **Prevention of drainage issues** – we believe there are matters that are still requiring some improvement. A grate has been fitted field side (railway bridge on Masham Road) to hold back debris from blocking the pipe under the embankment and so prevent further flooding onto the road. No further work is expected from Wensleydale Railway at this point. L Ryder had used the parish portal to request a pipe plan if one existed for the route of the pipe passing Asygarth School – it doesn't. This would have helped with monitoring the drainage issues in the future. The only issue still pending is a potential blockage at the edge of the school grounds. This could cause further issues in the village during heavy downpours as the rainwater flows along the road. Highways consider this matter closed and it is for the school to deal with. There is currently a need to clear leaves to prevent them blocking drains and this seems to be happening in key areas like the crossroads.
- **Website** – the current webmaster is stepping down in August 2022 and it was agreed that this would be a good time to look at redesigning the whole website and updating it whilst we have some time.  
**Action** - the clerk will draft an article for the next newsletter to see if there are any interested parties living in our parish that might like to consider the website design element and then the subsequent management of it.
- **20's Plenty** – the Council had been approached to see if we would consider lowering the national speed limit through the village to 20 mph by the Yorkshire branch of 20's Plenty. After discussion it was agreed that whilst we support it in principle, we cannot support a 'blanket' lowering of the speed limit.

## 7. Correspondence:

- Email from A Newton regarding horse signage – this was acknowledged. The issue has been taken up with NYCC with local riders concerned about difficult driving situations. It was agreed that the response from NYCC was fair. It was also agreed that this is an issue for everyone – inconsiderate drivers cause problems for pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and other drivers. We all need to be considerate of other road users.

**8. Financial matters were approved:**

- New neighbourhood watch signs (P Nunn) £22.44.

**9. Items** for the next meeting will include setting the precept and the participatory budget.

**10. Date** for next meeting will be Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The time and location will be confirmed when the agenda is posted on the website and village noticeboards.

**Meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm**