

**Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council Ordinary meeting  
held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

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

**Also present:** Councillors R Ormston, T Jones and 8 members of the public

Before the meeting commenced formally, the new Chairman C Audritt wished to thank L Ryder for his services as Chairman to the Council for the last three years.

1. There were no **apologies for absence** although V Wilthew apologised for arriving late as she had been attending an Atkinson Clarke Educational meeting.
2. There were no **'Declarations of Interest'** in items on the agenda.
3. **The minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were signed and approved.
4. To receive the **report** form from the **internal auditor**.
5. The **annual governance statement was approved**.
6. The **annual accounting statement was approved**.
7. The **certificate of exemption was approved**.
8. **Matters arising:**
  - **Noticeboard** – now repaired and erected, ready for use.
  - **Ukraine** – letter of support submitted.
  - **NALC smaller councils' letter** – letter of support submitted.
  - **Playground** – see saw now installed, only picnic bench needs to be installed for works to be complete.
9. **Reports:**
  - **Village Hall Trustees** – at the last meeting all heaters had failed. A replacement heating system was already being looked into due to two heaters failing. It was agreed that all heaters would be replaced and the system repaired. A contractor has been assigned. J Brown is now signatory for the Skipton Building Society account. Village bar takings were £700 for a recent music night and approx. £200 was taken at the recent Fish and Chips night. Current balance statement for the Hall stands at £27355. Current issues – storage and Jubilee preparations which is ongoing. Trees at the front of the Hall were assessed following storm damage. The plum tree had been damaged and was taken down. The cherry tree was also taken down and part of the stump was left in Village Hall Garden to help with biodiversity. The hedgerow at the side of the Hall had collapsed so the damaged part was removed and the remaining section will be removed after nesting season. Jubilee preparations are

being made – bunting to go up, costs to be shared between Village Hall and Parish Council.

- **Atkinson Clarke Education Trust** – a meeting was held tonight. A cleaner/caretaker is needed, advert to go in next newsletter. Grant applications had been discussed.
- **Richmondshire Climate Action Plan developments** – an event will take place on 1st July at Tennants in Leyburn. This venue has been provided free of charge. It will cover four themes - community support, energy savings, food (plug plants and growing your own, contribution to food banks and reducing food waste) and travel and transport (EV charging). B Sampson and L Ryder will be attending. The Climate Change Group meet on Wednesday and the thermal imaging camera will be available for a small deposit shortly.

#### 10. Specific matters:

- **Website** – as the Webmaster is stepping down later this year, an alternative arrangement needs to be found. It was agreed that this would be the opportune time to consider changing how the website looks, is managed and funded. C Audritt contacted someone he had used before and was able to offer some advice. It may cost £1400 + VAT for a new professional design and upgrade. This would give a new 10–12-page content to the website. V Wilthew had also carried out some research. Some discussion took place regarding funding – sponsorships from commercial bodies and charging an annual subscription to groups with a website page.  
**Action** – an article to be placed in the next newsletter to see if there is any local experience/expertise available. All councillors agreed to research alternatives ahead of the next meeting.
- **Training** – there is money allocated in the precept for councillors/clerk to attend training courses. It was agreed that councillors should consider each course when the clerk circulates the training lists. V Wilthew and Z Hudson-Peach volunteered to attend a forthcoming course on June 28<sup>th</sup>.  
**Action** – the clerk to arrange.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – a working party have met a couple of times to organise the event to be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. to discuss plans for the forthcoming celebrations. A flier has been produced and distributed to each household in the parish. It will also be mentioned in the forthcoming newsletter. The day will consist of a fancy-dress parade at 1pm followed by a mini sports event which will lead into the bring and share lunch/picnic. There will also be a toast to the queen and a sharing of the Village cake. Costs of which will be share between the parish Council and Village Hall.
- **Village Hall trees** – discussed under Village Hall report. It is hoped that grafts taken of the cherry tree will be successful and a cherry tree could then be replanted at the Village Hall. It was also mentioned that benches might be replacements for the trees.

**11. Financial matters that were approved:**

- Donations to CAB £60, St Patrick's Churchyard £225, War Memorial repair £100
- YLCA membership renewal £137
- RDC playground inspection and maintenance charge £161.71
- Bird boxes – B Sampson £186.75

**Financial matter pending:**

- Thermal imaging camera – Climate Change group £410

**12. Planning decisions received:**

- **21/01007/FULL** - Full planning permission for a new dwelling at Manor House Farm GRANTED
- **22/00101/FULL** - Full planning permission for the erection of a single storey timber double bay garage GRANTED

**13. Items** for the next meeting will include website, speeding and an opportunity for the electorate to raise issues.

**14. Date** for next meeting will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm.

**Meeting declared closed at 8.20pm**