

## Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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

Also present: Councillors R Ormston and K Segdwick and 7 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor J Harrison
2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.
3. **The minutes** of the Ordinary **meeting** held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - **Recycling** – this appears to be working well at the moment. Kerbside recycling is about to be changed which means that more can be collected from people's homes. Leaflets have been distributed from RDC and the new scheme starts later this month. More plastics can now be recycled (except black plastic) and a new box or partition will be supplied. Extra boxes or bags can be obtained from council offices. L Ryder, as a member of the village climate change group, stated that B Sampson is in touch with RDC recycling team to arrange a village meeting to inform residents of these changes.
  - **Children's fund** – no response from the bank.  
**Action** – parish clerk to chase this up.
  - **Kissing Gates** – B Sampson submitted a report to the parish council with regards to repairing/replacing kissing gates near South View and sought financial approval for the work to be carried out. Financial approval was granted.  
**Action** – parish clerk to notify this information to B Sampson for the work to proceed.
  - **State of pavements** – all work was carried out within the 90-day period.
5. **Reports from:**
  - **Village Hall Trustees** – meetings were held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> August. The main issue is the ongoing village hall maintenance. The website is being updated for outside users and the versatility of the hall. The lighting rig is now fitted and new lighting will be installed shortly. PIN were thanked for their contribution. The licence arrangements have been reviewed in light of some shortcomings. Peter and Teresa are working on it in order to cover for all eventualities. A village hall outside clean-up was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered on the day. Forthcoming village hall events – 23<sup>rd</sup> September: live music from band 1Two3Four; 15<sup>th</sup> December: live music with the return of Edwina Hayes.

- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – the meeting was brought forward to the 11<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a 3-4 week building works programme starting next week.

## 6. Specific matters:

- **Village Cleanliness** – the situation has been reviewed and L Ryder has updated the list. It was reported that in general, the village centre is being kept clean and tidy although there were some concerns that this could not be said of the outskirts of the village. (Recently 20 bags of rubbish had been collected and this was largely alcohol related). Dog fouling is problematic again. Residents are not all picking up after their dogs have fouled. This is causing a major concern for those cutting grass areas around the village on a voluntary basis. Residents are asked to be vigilant and report matters to the parish council.  
**Action** – a strongly worded article to be placed in the next Newton newsletter (November).
- **Lighting** – there has been no correspondence back from either the railway or electricity company.  
**Action** – P Olsen to chase this up.
- **Children's Playground** – this was cleaned as part of the village clean-up held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. Some issues resulting from last year's ROSPA report (14/11/16) can be remedied. Signage is required (no dogs, ownership of area and age limits) need to be sourced. Financial approval for additional signage was granted. Contact has been made with a company (Westwood Timber) recommended by RDC with a view to getting a quote for necessary repairs to the lifting/damaged asphalt.  
**Action** – parish clerk to liaise with both Company and ROSPA to move this matter forward.
- **Community Resilience Plan** – ongoing. Some updates have happened but there is still work to be done. A new template has been sourced from RDC and will be used. Once all the relevant information has been updated then a decision as to how this information is passed on needs to be established. A meeting can then be set up between the village community resilience group and RDC. L Ryder has noted that J Harrison advises to keep this concise. We have a reciprocal agreement with Aysgarth school – each can use the others facilities should they be required. A card of contacts will be produced and distributed.  
**Action** – parish clerk to thank those previously involved with the plan and register the scheme with NYCC.
- **Tree Survey** - A notice in the 'Newton News' produced a list of trees that are of interest/appreciated. This was added to a list of commemorative trees in the village. The complete list was shown at a recent coffee morning for further comment. All of these trees have also been photographed for information. As the village has recently lost two significant trees, it was deemed necessary to keep accurate records. It was suggested that a tree risk assessment could be carried out at the same time as a full survey to again help protect these trees.

It was agreed that the survey period should be drawn to a close and the final plan presented at the October coffee morning held in the village hall.

- **Wheatsheaf** – the parish clerk had contacted NYCC to see if they could help us with this issue. The reply was that they did not see the building as dangerous and referred us back to the NY building partnership whom we had already contacted earlier this year. After a general discussion on the state of the building, it was agreed that at the moment it is more of an eyesore than a specific danger/hazard. Members of the public were asked to report any changes to the building (damage, ‘visitors’) to the parish council so these changes could be reported to relevant authorities.

**Action** – parish clerk to contact A Pilkington of RDC to see if there is anything else that can be done.

- **Car damage** – S Coombs reported that cars along the top of Station Road have been scratched. This happened in April/May of this year and again around the August bank holiday. Other damages were reported at Ivy Crescent. Concern was raised that it might be a drink related offence. The parish clerk had reported this to the police and the Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator. Residents have been made aware of the situation and asked to be vigilant and keep accurate records of any damage done.

#### **7. All Financial matters were approved.**

Approval of clerk’s wages (£750 including taxes) and expenses (£10.40), hall hire (£30); webhosting – R Batley (£71.86); RAY membership (£35), photocopier supplies Cartridgesave invoice C/o T Sanderson (£59.02).

#### **8. Correspondence from St Patrick’s church and CAB was received and acknowledged.**

We have also received notification from our auditors that we have passed our financial audit. This occurred a financial fee, approval was sought and approved (£120).

#### **9. AOB:**

- **St Patrick’s Churchyard** – complaints have been made about the state of it causing concern and upset to some.  
**Action** – parish clerk to discuss the matter with church representative before the next meeting.
- **Neighbourhood watch issue** – residents asked to be vigilant if they see any unusual visitors or behaviour. Serious issues need to be reported to non-emergency police number (101).

**10. Items** for next meeting: reports, lighting, St Patrick’s churchyard, Wheatsheaf.

**11. Date** for next meeting is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.05pm.