

## Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting Monday held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September

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

**Also present:** Councillor R Ormston and 7 members of the public

1. There were no '**Apologies for absence**'.
2. There were no '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda.
3. The **minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were **signed and approved**.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - **Climate Change** – Councillor L Ryder had downloaded the document and it is available to borrow to read.
  - **Fly tipping** – the side of the hedgerow affected the roadside has been cut today by a 'good Samaritan'.  
**Action:** the clerk will contact Northern Power grid to check if they can do anything about the height of the hedgerow as concern was raised about health and safety issue.
  - **Street lighting** – this is still being chased by the clerk.
  - **Wheatsheaf** – a meeting is being set up between Broadacres Housing Association and A Madden of RDC. If that fails to move the issue forward, then the clerk will contact A Pilkington again.
5. **Reports from:**
  - **Village Hall Trustees** – a meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. A decision was made to hire Christopher Hodges to draw up plans for the new extension. A meeting is being arranged for the Trustees to meet with him on site asap. Calendar entries were received and considered. A total of 13 photos will be used to design a calendar. The aim is to have it ready to sell at the October coffee morning. The Green Room takings for this financial year have been at a similar level to those of last year. The next Village Hall event will be a music event on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Also being considered is a Thai food night for December. The next meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October and will also be the AGM.
  - **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – Councillor V Wilthew will attend the next meeting which will be held next week.
6. **Specific matters:**
  - **Speeding issues** – the clerk contacted Ian Bighton of NYCC who confirmed all public consultation has been completed. As no objections were raised, the speed signs will be moved as previous stated in past minutes. The matter should be resolved within the next two months. Whilst attending the meeting,

Councillor V Wilthew was able to log the issue of painted road markings at the bridges and other road markings on Sinks Lane. Any further decisions about speeding issues will be taken after the effect of moving the speed signs has been noted.

**Action:** the clerk will check what other painted road markings will be added with the moving of the speed signs. She will also check with Crakehall Parish Council whether they are proceeding with any speed activated devices.

- **Playground** – quotes are still being sought for the painting of the equipment. We may need to approach commercial businesses for this. Once this element has been agreed upon, then the asphalt surface will be looked at. Councillor T Clarkson has attached tie wraps to all horizontal top poles to try and stop birds landing on them and washed the equipment again. This appears to be working and the playground looks cleaner.
- **Environment Climate Change Emergency** – partnerships are still in the progress of being set up and should be working soon. One of the primary aims is to abandon the use of plastics in RDC. The Local Plan working group may look at involving the Parish Council in the future. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take its lead from RDC and liaise with them when and wherever possible. The village Climate Change group has sent a letter of encouragement on this whole process to RDC.
- **Defibrillator** – the clerk had been approached by someone who has set up a charity that aims to ensure defibrillators in local communities are working. Unfortunately, the battery and pads were replaced by this organisation, without the authority of the Parish Council. The battery was found to be not working. It was agreed that once the correct information had been sourced from the ambulance trust that had been involved in its installation, then the battery would be replaced as a matter of urgency so that the defibrillator would be returned to full working order. The Parish Council will perform adequate checks in the future to ensure it is kept in working order at all times.

**Action:** a replacement battery will be obtained and installed correctly asap.

#### **7. Financial matters:**

- All **financial matters were approved** (payment of clerk's wages and expenses £809.39 (including taxes); hall hire to Village Hall £33.75, playground insurance £150; Web hosting (R Batley) £86.26).

**8. AOB: Community Funding** – Councillor R Ormston briefly discussed a Community Investment Fund which has recently been approved by RDC. A total of £100,000 has been allocated to rural funds. This information has also been passed on to the Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees.

**9. Items** for the next meeting will include speeding, playground, scratched cars and the Precept.

**10. Date** for next meeting will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

Meeting was declared closed at 7.22pm.