

Minutes of the Newton le Willows Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 4th June 2018

Present: Councillors P Olsen, V Wilthew, S Coombs, L Ryder and parish clerk T Sanderson
Also present: 14 members of the public, Councillor R Ormston and PCSO Taylor Page

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 16th April 2018 were signed and approved.
4. The **report** form from the **internal auditor** was **received and accepted**. The internal auditor (B Sampson) was thanked.
5. The **annual governance statement** was **read out and accepted**.
6. The **annual accounting statement** was **signed and accepted**.
7. **Matters arising:**
 - No one has approached the Council to fill the **vacancy**. The Council can operate as a four-man council but would prefer a fifth member.
 - **Speeding matters** – PCSO Taylor Page was brought up to date with earlier discussion. Some disagreement on whether the Parish could be involved with a local community watch scheme ensued.
Action – the clerk will carry out further research and forward this to the Councillors and PCSO as necessary, ready for the next Council meeting.
 - **Tree Survey** – a walk around the village was recently conducted. This enabled a discussion about the maintenance of the currently listed trees as well as adding to the list. Some of these new additions were at Aysgarth School, who would need to be approached at a later date. There was also a suggestion that there may be some ancient trees/tree stumps that also should be listed. Ownership of all listed trees needs to be clarified.
Action – awaiting report before decisions can be made.
 - **Data protection** – Councillor R Ormston mentioned that the law has now been changed and for the time being Parish Councils do not need to nominate a data protection officer. However, the Chairman and Clerk had already discussed the matter, with the Clerk agreeing to undertake that responsibility as part of the clerk's role.

8. Reports from:

- **Village Hall Trustees** - meetings were held on 10th April and the 8th May. Ongoing items include inventory, licensing arrangements, village hall website and safeguarding. An excellent display was produced by A Brown for the 'Tour de Yorkshire' displays in St Patrick's church at Patrick Brompton. The guttering has now been replaced and the damaged ceilings have been repaired. The ceilings now need to dry before they can be painted. Green waste in the car park has now been cleared (thanks to D Peach) but needs to be looked at. The Green Room will be open on the first Friday and third Saturday of every month. The next fish & chip night followed by the Acoustic night will be held on 19th June. This may be the last fish & chips night, as the numbers attending has dwindled. The Green Room is also open after cricket home games on the 9th, 16th and 23rd June and 27th July. All events will be advertised in the 'Newton News'.
- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – only item to report is the shed behind the school room is to be demolished soon.

9. Specific matters:

- Children's Playground – to be carried over
- Speed Matrix – to be carried over
- Community Speed Watch – to be carried over
- Local Plan – to be carried over
- Parish Plan – to be carried over
- Vacancy – to be carried over
- PCSO Taylor Page discussed current crime issues in the local area. These are all relatively minor. She suggested that all vehicle related incidents be reported to the police on the non-emergency number 101. This may lead to a pattern that can be pursued by the police.
Action – an article will be written for the next newsletter encouraging residents to report all incidents, whether they have a car registration number or not.

10. All Financial matters were approved

(CAB £60, Community First membership £42, St Patrick's Church £210, Playground Insurance £100, Clerk's wages (Apr – Jun) £375, Clerk's expenses £18.41)

11. Items for the next meeting: Children's Playground, Speeding issues, Local Plan, Parish Plan, Footpaths at the Wheatsheaf and the Renumeration of the Clerk's wages.

12. Date for next meeting is Monday 23rd July at 6pm

Meeting was declared closed at 7.45pm