

Newton-le-Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 5th January 2012

Present: Councillors: Paul Barlow (Chairman), Elaine Bean, Joyce Harrison, Alan Hudson, Peter Olsen. Bob Sampson (*Clerk*) & 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies: None

2. Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th Nov. 2011 were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising:

- Notice board – Peter Olsen said that the Village Hall Trustees were arranging for its installation.
- Road safety – It was agreed to accept the offer by North Yorkshire County Council to paint “SLOW” signs on Bedale Road although a reduced speed limit would have been preferred. However, the Council felt that the whole stretch of Bedale Road from the railway bridge to the crossroads was hazardous to pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to thank NYCC for the recently erected warning signs by the railway bridge on Station Road, although they should be considered only as an interim solution.

4. Annual precept – The Council set the following precept for 2012 – 13:

Mazars audit	£120	Rural Action Yorkshire	£40
Parish Council insurance	£150	YLCA	£125
St Patrick’s Church	£320	Village Hall hire	£100
Newton News	£50	Parish Clerk salary	£1400
Travel, training & seminars	£50	Climate Change Group	£50
Richmond CAB	£60	Grit Bin	£75
Stationery, post & telephone	£100	Payroll Services	£55
Playground insurance, inspection & maintenance	£260	Jubilee Mugs	£235

Total £3190

5. Local History Group – In response to the request from the group for additional funding to produce a book of village photographs, it was explained that this would enable more books of a higher quality to be produced. Councillors decided to refer the application to the Village of The Year Prize Money Working Party, with support in principle from the Parish Council.

6. Standing Orders – A copy of Part 1 of the NALC document, ‘*Standing Orders For Local Councils*’ was still circulating among Councillors and it was agreed that this item should remain on the agenda for discussion at future meetings.

7. Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership – Elaine Bean confirmed that the Partnership had offered a grant of £200 towards the cost of the village survey. Details of training on funding would be circulated.

The next meeting will be in Newton-le-Willows on Thursday 15th March at 7.00 pm.

- 8. Parish Emergency Plan** – 2 emergency boxes had been bought and filled with essentials. Lists of individuals and services available required completion. Emergency cards were being prepared for display in windows, if required – details to be published in Newton News. A meeting of the Emergency Team would be arranged. The Chairman thanked Joyce Harrison and Elaine Bean for their work.
- 9. The Wheatsheaf** - The Chairman had written to Richmondshire District Council underlining the need to pursue the section 215 notice following determination of the planning application. The Clerk reported that the District Council were still pressing the owner to deal with the tidying up of the site.
- 10. Parish survey / plan** – Volunteers have come forward to assist with this and Joyce Harrison offered to help analyse the data. A meeting is to be arranged.
- 11. Newton-le-Willows Village Hall Trustees** – Peter Olsen reported that a sub-committee is to be formed to plan the Jubilee celebrations; additional volunteers are being sought for domino nights and a Race Night is planned for 18th February.
- 12. Parish Council funds** – Councillors determined that up to 75% of Parish Council reserves may be placed in suitable, secure, short term investments. The Chairman of the Village of The Year Prize Money Working Party would be asked for advice on how much of the balance of the prize money could be treated similarly. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

13. Financial approvals – The Council approved the following payments:

Lyreco, photocopier toner - £94.25	Clerk's expenses (July – Nov.) - £44.98
Pennine Playgrounds - £1581.18	N-I-W Village Hall, room hire - £15.00
N-I-W Village Hall, flowers - £20.00	J. Harrison, emergency boxes - £45.20
Clerk' salary & expenses (Dec.) - £248.22	

14. Items for next meeting -

- Standing orders
- Lower. Wensleydale Area Partnership
- Parish Emergency Plan
- Parish Plan / Parish survey
- Village Hall Trustees report
- The Wheatsheaf

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd February 2012 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Paul Barlow

Chairman, Newton-le-Willows Parish Council