

**NEWTON LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

Present: Councillor P Olsen (Chairman), Councillor E Bean, Councillor J Harrison, Councillor V Wilthew, C Hart (Clerk)

050.2016 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

All councillors were present.

051.2016 To receive Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

052.2016 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 18TH August 2016

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th August 2016 were approved and signed to be correct.

053.2016 Casual Vacancy – to co-opt to fill the vacancy

Mr D Peach made a presentation to the Council. The Council resolved not to co-opt Mr Peach.

054.2016 Children's Fund – to consider the formation of a Children's Fund Management Group for the administration of the Children's Fund

The Council resolved that a Management Group should be formed to manage the Children's Fund. The Terms of Reference for such a group were to be formulated and suitable members identified. When the group had been established the Council was to consider returning the funds that it held in the Children's Fund account to the new Management Group.

055.2016 Richmondshire DC's Open Spaces Survey - to consider and formulate a response to the survey

Councillor E Bean had looked at the survey in detail. She was to add the comments from the meeting to the survey response. The Council resolved that the response formulated by Cllr Bean was to be considered the response of the Council.

056.2016 Play Area

a) Repairs - to consider alternative repairs to wet-pour surfacing

The Clerk reported that the first attempt at repair to the surfaces had not worked as the 'wet-pour' surface was not properly bonded to the substrate and the road-stone chippings that had been inserted in the gaps had begun to work their way under to surface and to cause it to lift at the edges. The contractor was considering other options for the repair of the surface.

b) Annual Inspection

The annual inspection had been carried out by ROSPA and a report was to be forwarded to the Council.

057.2016 Frequency of Council Meetings – to review the appropriateness of 2-monthly meetings

The Council resolved to revert to having meetings every 6 weeks as it was felt that a two-month gap between meetings was too long.

058.2016 Updates

a) Climate Change Group

A meeting was scheduled for 1st October 2016 when the consultant was to come to present his report and to answer questions.

b) Village Hall Trustees Report

The 'Annual Apple Press' (Community Apple Juicing) event was to take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 8th October between 2 and 5 pm. The last meeting of the Trustees had been on the 7th June 2016. The next meeting was scheduled for the 21st September 2016. The Fish and Chips nights were to resume on 27th September 2016.

c) Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership

There was nothing to report.

d) Highways and Pavements

The Clerk and a local resident had raised the current list of issues causing concern with NY Highways. Neither had received a response. The Clerk was asked to contact them again. The trees alongside the track passing the Village Hall Car Park had been trimmed however the Clerk was asked to contact Julie Toomes at Richmondshire DC to check whether any further trimming was needed.

e) The Wheatsheaf

Concern was raised over the overgrown shrubs surrounding the property which were overhanging the footpath. The Clerk was asked to write to Alison Pilkington at Richmondshire DC advising her of the issue so that she might encourage the owner to cut the bushes back. The Clerk was also asked to report that a site on Sinks Lane had become a dumping ground and needed to be restored.

f) Neighbourhood Watch

PCSO Tracie Taylor-Page had been appointed to cover the Newton Le Willows area. The Clerk was asked to invite her to the next Parish Council Meeting.

059.2016 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence

060.2016 Planning

Licensing Application – For sale of alcohol at High Parks Tea Room, Newton Le Willows.

The comments of the Council were as follows:

1. In general terms the Council wanted to convey their support of the application because of the very positive contribution that the business makes to the local economy.

2. With regards to the hours of business. The Council preferred more limited opening hours. They suggested:

12:00pm to 2:00pm and 5:00pm to 11:00pm 7 days a week for both the Sale and consumption of alcohol (on and off the premises)

The reasons for this were:

Firstly, the business was very family orientated and directed with many children around through the day. The design of the premises was such that children needed to have access to all areas where alcohol was to be consumed.

Secondly the 11:00pm curfew was for the benefit of local residents who may be disturbed by late night noise.

3. The expansion of opening hours to after dark was likely to have safety implications due to the nature of the drive giving access to the property, being windy, uneven and with a tricky pull-out onto the highway. The driveway would benefit from better lighting to avoid an accident.

4. The Council also noted that Part 3 of the application made no mention of the holiday cabins that were a part of the business and were located on land associated with the business.

061.2016 Finance

a) Audit – to accept the report of the External Auditor

The report from the external auditor was accepted by the Council

b) Expenditure – to approve the expenditure of:

£132.81 Clerk (Jul), £7.50 Chair Exp, £141.12 Clerk (Aug), £3,000.00 TEC Ltd – Green Energy Feasibility Study Fees.

All expenditure was approved.

062.2016 Items and dates for next meetings

a) Police Representative to be invited to attend

b) Speeding traffic and traffic issues in the village

c) Representative of the Atkinson Clarke Educational Foundation to be invited to appoint a new representative from the Parish Council onto the trust

d) Children's Fund Management Group

e) Open Spaces Submission

f) Play area

The next two meetings were planned to take place in the weeks of the 26th October 2016 and 30th November 2016 subject to confirmation.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7:25pm