

Minutes of Newton le Willows Parish Council meeting held on 14th **January 2019**

Present: Councillors P Olsen, V Wilthew, L Ryder, J Bell 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 3rd December 2018 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - **Ancient Tree Forum** – trees that are listed will have either a notable or veteran status. This is not the same as a preservation order. Apart from the three trees listed in past minutes, further trees have been identified (including a cherry tree planted for the queen's coronation) as needing to be recorded.
Action: L Ryder to contact the Ancient Tree Forum to find out what specific obligations land owners will have regarding trees on the Forum's list.
 - **Recycling** – the plastics skip is overflowing again and we still only have the one as a glass skip was going to be relabelled as a plastics skip. Other rubbish is being left at the recycling station (polystyrene boards for example) which according to RDC is fly tipping and needs to be reported to them.
Action: L Ryder to contact RDC about relabelling skips.
 - **Dog fouling** – the leaflet has now been received by the clerk and will be distributed with the next village newsletter. When Councillor K Sedgwick attended a recent meeting at Newton le Willows (with regards to speeding issues) she offered to provide a sign for NLW from monies in her Community Fund.
Action: Await further contact from Councillor Sedgwick. The clerk will ensure the leaflet is passed to the newsletter team for distribution.
 - **Insurance** – this has been renewed for the coming year with a view to review it fully ahead of the next renewal date.
Action: J Bell to lead on this.
5. **Reports from:**
 - **Village Hall Trustees** - the trustees met on the 7th January 2019. They welcomed John Allison as the new representative of Patrick Brompton Parish Council. Electrical work is to be under taken including a PIR light to illuminate the concrete apron area door and the defibrillator at the back of the building. A fluorescent sign is also being sought to highlight the defibrillator. Two sub-committees have been formed – one to consider work needing to be done in the kitchen area (to ensure compliance with Food Hygiene Standards) and the second group will focus on updating the toilets and storage facilities plans. Both

groups will report back at the next Village Hall meeting. A review of all Village Hall policies will be carried out throughout 2019. Recent events were discussed and concern was raised about attendance at all events. The exception was the end of year quiz and Christmas draw which was well attended. As a result, a questionnaire that was being looked at will now be extended to include both Village Hall Events and Green Room events. A future event of a ceilidh is being looked into. All coffee morning slots for 2019 have been booked and we have requests to run further ones. The road leading up to the carpark at the hall will be repaired in the spring.

- **Atkinson and Clarke Educational Trust** – the next meeting will be held in February and all decorating works have been completed.

6. Specific matters:

- **Speeding issues** – this has moved on considerably since the last meeting of the council. A meeting was arranged between Councillors P Olsen and V Wilthew and North Yorkshire County Council. Councillor K Sedgwick also attended this meeting. Speed concerns forms were also submitted by the clerk and two speed surveys should be carried out some time in January or February. The speed survey information will feed back into the proposal so that the correct solutions can be found. Current considerations are proposed amendments to the speed limits, speed limit carriageway markings and junction carriage way markings. A map of the proposed speed limit amendments was shown at the parish council meeting. Consensus was that a speed limit of 40mph should extend beyond Aysgarth School entrance but not as far as shown on the map, perhaps to entrances to Plane Tree Farm/Barn.

Action: The relevant consultation papers will be posted on the website by the clerk and comments from parishioners can be forwarded to the council via email (newtonlewillows.pc@gmail.com). The clerk to write to Ian Beighton (Highways) with comments.

- **Parish Plan** – this was carried out in 2012 and reviewed in 2015. It highlights issues in the Parish and those that remain outstanding from previous Parish Plans can be considered as such:
 - i. Issues under consideration – Wheatsheaf, dog fouling and speeding traffic.
 - ii. Highways (to be considered) – Road surfaces, drainage and railway bridges.
 - iii. Other matters (to be considered) – Broadband, bus service and mirrors on Sinks Lane.

Other matters (iii) will be considered individually at forthcoming PC meetings, starting with Broadband. Highway matters (ii) will be deferred until consideration of Speeding Traffic Issues (i) is complete.

Action: any comments regarding Broadband can be passed to the clerk via email (newtonlewillows.pc@gmail.com)

- **Wheatsheaf** – J Bell has sent a letter to R Sunak MP following his involvement. It would appear that a stalemate has been reached where bureaucracy seems to be holding things up. Planning has not been followed up and the owner appears to have been released from his obligations.

Action: a strongly worded letter will be sent on behalf of the Parish Council to R Sunak supporting J Bell. Councillor R Ormston will chase up the matter with RDC.

- **Precept** – this has been confirmed as £3065 for the coming financial year and is an increase of just under 5%.

7. Planning:

- **18/00903/FULL** Full Planning Permission for Extension of Existing Building for Storage of Vintage Tractors at Greenacres, Bedale Road, Newton-Le-Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1SF. There were no comments or observations raised by the councillors on this planning application.

Action: clerk will pass this on to the relevant RDC department.

8. Financial matters:

- Shared costs of a Christmas tree with Village Hall at £18.90 was approved
- A third signatory will be approved to go alongside V Wilthew and T Sanderson on all accounts.

9. Any other business:

- J Johnson reported that there has been no further progress with **Neighbourhood Watch**.
- **Trespassing on Brompton Road** had been a concern on New Year's Eve. Doors of sheds and cars had been opened and a wreath had been removed from a property. The issue had been reported on the non-emergency police number.

10. Items for the next meeting to include Broadband (Parish Plan), speeding issues, Wheatsheaf and the vacancy.

11. Date for next meeting will be the 4th March 2019 at 6pm.