

## **Newton-in-Bowland Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the annual meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Newton-in-Bowland Village Hall**

**PRESENT:-** Cllr R Whitaker (Chairman), Cllr M Beattie, Cllr B Dixon, Cllr J Bennett  
Cllr D Smith  
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:-** Cllr R Thornber and Cllr R Elms

**MINUTES:-** Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, read and approved.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:-**

##### **CENTENERAY TREE**

Steven has agreed to get rails and put around tree. This still hasn't been done

##### **647B BUS SHELTER**

Melissa Thorpe has agreed that in principal the grant of £3000 is acceptable, subject to LCC approval. We need to pick a shelter and send details in and ascertain who owns the land.

Clerk has spoken to Richard Hardman, he is not the owner of the land. If we go ahead he would like the shelter to be in keeping with the village. He has reservations should any of the trees be removed as they give him some privacy. Having said that he is not opposed to the idea of a shelter. Clerk also checked with Alison Grimes, the land does not belong to them, they used to own it at one time but were under the impression it was owned by LCC but have no paperwork to confirm this. Cllr Bennett to obtain for a land registry search. It was decided to go for a stone shelter similar to the one in Dunsop Bridge. Clerk to contact the Knowlmore Estate to see if they have a supply of stone that could be used.

##### **649d PADIHAM BARN**

Lucia Varoe has confirmed that Mr Oyston is to submit planning applications for both the agricultural barn and the barn being lived in by the gamekeeper. As yet they have not been submitted

##### **661. DEFIBRILATORS**

Clerk has spoken to the parkers Arms, they are happy to let the defibrillator be put somewhere more central.

She has also spoken to Cheryl Pickstock of NW Ambulance Service who says that a metal cabinet to house the unit would cost £525 plus vat. There would need to be electricity supply as it needs to be kept at 8degrees, She says the electric would cost 40-50p per week. Cllr David Smith said that he has funds available that could be claimed by the Village Hall Committee to house such equipment. Paperwork will be sent to clerk and a grant of £600 to be claimed. Clerk to check to see who is responsible for insurance

Ambulance service are also able to come out in an evening and give a 1hr familiarisation session so that people are able to use the machine. They are a charity so there is no charge for this but any donation would be gratefully received. This to be organised once the defibrillator is in place.

#### **660. BOWLAND TRANSIT**

The bus service is to cease on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Public meeting called for tomorrow night to discuss what alternative form of transport can be started. Cllr Smith confirmed that although some of the bus routes have had a reprieve and are being looked at for a second time, unfortunately our service is definitely to end. He has put in claim for a £10,000 grant from LCC for the start up of a car share scheme in accordance with the Little Green Bus.

#### **663. FINANCE**

Community A/c £899.81

Business Premium A/c £3408.53

#### **LENGTHSMAN**

Community A/c £631.50

Business Saver A/c £500.36    Newton £448.36    Bowland Forest (Higher) £683.50

#### **664. ACCOUNTS**

##### **EXPENDITURE**

Namesco website fees £47.96 Payment made by direct

Newton Village Hall £15 payment for tonights meeting and £15 for tomorrows public meeting

Steven Speak 3 payments totalling £1305 payment made

SJ Pinder £100.00 salary + £29.99 internet renewal for 3yrs

#### **665. PLANNING**

3/2015/0742 Newton House

Proposed first floor en suite bathroom. New soil vent pipe boxed into the internal corner of the dwelling with a Glidevale slate vent outlet. The soil vent pipe is to connect with the existing drainage route for the ground floor bathroom. NO DECISION MADE

3/2016/0009 Salisbury Cottage

No decision made

3/2016/0050 LAND ADJACENT TO NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

Outline application for a single new dwelling with all matters reserved except access. Resubmission of planning application number 3/2015/0208

Pc sent letter asking that all reasons for previous refusal be upheld.

RVBC REFUSED

#### **666. LENGTHSMAN**

Dave Padley has confirmed that RVBC are to give another £2000 this year, he is unsure to what, if any, will come from the Forest of Bowland.

There is going to be a significant shortfall. Steven is contracted to work 325 hours for a total of £3575. It was decided to send a letter to every resident in the parish to see if they would be happy to have their council tax increased to cover such a scheme.

#### **667. GRASS CUTTINGS 2016/17**

This years fee is £527.12 which includes inflation rate of 1.5%. Clerk to confirm this is acceptable. Clerk also confirmed that she has contacted LCC to get confirmation that all roadside verges will have the 1m safety swathe cut on each cutting this year. She is awaiting a response.

#### **668. CHANGES TO AUDIT**

From the start of the 2017/18 financial year parish councils with a turnover of less than £25000 will be exempt from having to submit an annual return, but will still need to have an auditor appointed in case of questions from an elector that needs to be resolved. The National Association of Local Councils has backed the SLB (sector Led Body) to act as auditor. They will act for 5 years unless councils decide to opt out. Councillors agreed to sign up to the SLB.

#### **669. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Councillors decided not to enter

##### **b. NEWTON VILLAGE HALL**

Letter thanking pc for contribution towards over 60s party

#### **670. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Cllr Bennett to attend

#### **671. HIGHWAYS**

Potholes on Bull Lane and Fober Farm and Slaidburn Road to be reported.

Request for all gulleys to be cleaned and drains jetted where necessary.

Road surface on Easington Road leading to Cow Ark getting worse. Clerk to chase LCC.

Footpath needs repairing from Wicket gate at Newton Bridge leading into Mr Stephensons field.

Clerk to advice

#### **673. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.50pm