

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting held on 5th March 2015 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall

PRESENT: - Cllr R Whitaker (Chairman), Cllr B Dixon, Cllr J Bennett, Cllr M Beattie, Cllr R Thornber and Cllr R Elms
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)

Also Present Alison Andrews and Glenn Mallinson (United Utilities)

APOLOGIES: - Cllr D Smith and Mr G Morries

TALK BY UNITED UTILITIES

Alison Andrews and Glenn Mallinson outlined plans to replace lead water pipes in the village. All residents have been sent correspondence advising them of the plans to replace pipes free of charge. Work is due to commence in June 2015. There is to be 3 open days in the village hall for residents to express their interest and have any questions answered. These dates are March 13th, 20th and 27th.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

CAR PARK SIGNS

Clerk has obtained 2 signs for the car park. Cllrs Dixon and Beattie to obtain posts and erect the signs.

WOODLAND

Mr Morries was unable to attend but has asked if Councillors would like to meet to discuss the woodland. Clerk to contact and ask if Mr Morries has been able to complete application for grant.

QUAKER GRAVEYARD

Dave Padleys workforce have cut down the trees. The stumps have been left some 3ft tall. Clerk to contact Dave Padley to see if the roots are to be killed to stop regrowth.

CENTENARY TREE

Rabbits are eating the base of the new tree. Cllr Elms to check with RVBC if the rails are to be provided. The commemorative plaque has been placed.

WELL

Cllr Beattie is cleaning the well due to the ducks making a mess.

STONE SIGNS

Clerk to chase for a quote

EXPENDITURE

Namesco website fees

Newton Village Hall

Steven Speak - 4 payments lengthsman fees

SJ Pinder clerks salary – payment made

Signtec carpark signs – payment made

LALC payment made

M Beattie payment made re Christmas tree lights

LENGTHSMAN

The contract expires at the end of March. Dave Padley has advised that there will be £2000 grant from RVBC and approx. £1000 from Forest of Bowland for the next year. Councillors happy to continue with scheme and fund extra from the account

PLANNING

3/2014/0968 and 3/2014/0969

Marl Hill Byre

Conversion of existing garage into Granny Annex –RVBC approved

3/2014/0927 MARL HILL BARN

Replacement of 2 front, first floor, circular, timber windows with a transom rail one third/two thirds opening with 2 new circular, timber windows without transom rail, fully opening – rvbc approved with conditions.

3/2015/0057 The Heaning

Under cover parking and storage – no objections

3/2015/0079 East View

Proposed structural works to existing dwelling to prevent building falling into further disrepair – no objections

3/2015/0078 The Cottage

Change of use of first floor from garage/store to annex

Clerk to advise RVBC of concerns

CORRESPONDENCE

OVER 60S PARTY

Thank you letter received from Newton Village Hall Committee thanking for the donation.

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Councillors agreed to go ahead as usual. Clerk to enquire as to when and what areas are sprayed for weeds.

LITTLE GREEN BUS

Letter received requesting donations of £150 – nothing to be sent.

SPRINGTIME IN SLAIDBURN

Letter received inviting Parish Council to participate in floral displays in St Andrews Church for the weekend 2nd – 4th May. Cllr Dixon to see if Eileen Lewis is interested in helping. Flowers to be funded by Parish Council.

POPPY SEEDS FOR WW1 CENTENARY

Councillors to meet on 27th April at 7pm to find a suitable place to plant the seeds. Cllrs Elms to supply variation of seeds to be planted.

HIGHWAYS

CATTLE GRID

Clerk again to advise LCC of the sinking tarmac by the top cattle grid and of the broken rails.

Clerk to chase re flooding at Newton Bridge and again advise of the damage to the path.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting to be 21st May 2015 at 6.30pm prior to the Joint Parish Council meeting due 7.30pm