

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING 14th FEBRUARY 2018

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Minutes of meeting held on the 14th February 2018 in Newton-in-Bowland Village Hall

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

APOLOGIES:-

Cllr D Smith and Cllr R Elms

818. MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, read and approved

MATTERS ARISING

705. RURAL BROADBAND

The public meeting is to be next Wednesday 21st February commencing 7.30pm in the village hall. Flyers have been distributed to every house in the parish. Bowland Forest (Higher Division) PC are prepared to pay for half of the village hall hire. Clerk to send a reminder email to residents

792. VILLAGE CLEAN UP

It was decided to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

RVBC have sent details through of an initiative to do a clean up on the weekend of 3rd/4th March. Cllrs decided not to participate

804g. SPID

Clerk has contacted Unipart Dorman who installed the sPID at Waddington. Prices vary from £1999 - £2999 depending on what is required. At this stage it was decided not to take things further.

815. WAR MEMORIAL

Clerk has spoken to Haydn Fortune at Tosside and to Cllr Sherras re the new memorial. He suggested we contact Rachel Horton at RVBC which the clerk has done. Rachel confirmed that planning permission is not required if the parish council maintain the land that the memorial is to be placed on and providing it is not taller than 4m and does not exceed 200 cu meters. The owners of the land must be consulted and permission given and she felt residents should be informed so that any objections could be made. As the parish council own the village greens it was felt that the clerk should obtain prices from Thos Rock and Sean Lloyd.

806a. TREE IN TULIP TRIANGLE

Cllrs Dixon and Beattie have met with Dave Hewitt of RVBC re the trees on Brights Close. He is to look at these trees once they are in leaf to see which are dead. He agreed to ask his colleague to look at the tree in the tulip triangle. Clerk has chased him and he will organise something asap.

806b. CHRISTMAS TREE

Cllr Thornber advised that he had paid £100 for last years Christmas tree, and it was agreed that he be reimbursed. Mr Clarke of The Old Reading Room to be paid £45 for the use of his electricity for the lights.

817a. BENCHES

Clerk has obtained prices from Empress Fencing for a new bench. For an oak hardwood bench, 1.5m long the price quoted is £295.00 plus VAT. Clerk to contact Shackletons to see what their prices are.

817b. NOTICEBOARD

The old noticeboard has been moved to the bus shelter. It was felt that this is not really big enough. Prices obtained from Greenbarnes, the suppliers of the village hall notice board. For a board similar to this it will cost £755.87 plus VAT. Councillors decided not to take this further until the cost of the war memorial has been decided.

819. FINANCE

Community A/c £733.57

Business Premium A/c £4711.10

LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £128.00

Business Saver A/c £700.43

820. ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE

Newton Village Hall £100 re over 60s party – payment made

£15.00 - tonights meeting + £40 B4RN meeting – payment made

Steven Speak 3 payments totalling £610 – payments made

SJ Pinder £100.00 salary – payment made

R Thornber - £100 christmas tree – payment made

J Clarke -£45 christmas tree lights – payment made

Bowland Forest (Higher Division) PC - £828.43 – lengthsman – payment made

INCOME

No income

821. PLANNING

SMELTHWAITES FARM 3/2017/1044 and 3/2017/1045

Retention of unauthorised alterations including rebuilding of the east storage/hay loft extension to provide heated storage and an upper floor bedroom, internal remodelling of the cart shed to form entrance hall and circulation space in the farmhouse linking the living spaces to the rebuilt west extension at both levels; rebuilding rear scullery to form main kitchen and replacement of garage and privy with larger single garage.

RVBC REFUSED

822. CORRESPONDENCE

a. SMALLER AUTHORITIES AUDIT APPOINTMENT

There is to be a change from this year for the annual auditing. For smaller authorities (ie those with a smaller turnover than £25000) there is no need for an external audit. There will still need to be annual accounts and if the turnover is greater than the £25000 PKF Littlejohn LLP have been appointed as our auditors

b. NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

Thank you note received for the £100 donated to the over 60s party

823. LENGTHSMAN

After a telephone conversation with Cllr Richard Sherras he advised that the grants received in previous years would continue for this year and 2018/19. We should expect to receive £2000. He was somewhat surprised to learn that we were in a joint scheme with Bowland Forest (Higher Division) and asked that the clerk contact RVBC to clarify the situation. They were unaware that it was joint scheme and after discussion felt it would be clearer if we were to separate and each parish look after their own lengthsman. Clerk has spoken to Mrs Carr

at Dunsop Bridge, who is happy to take over the admin for their parish. Councillors agreed that a cheque for the funds held be passed over

824. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting 22nd March 2018, Cllr Dixon agreed to go.

825. HIGHWAYS

Cllr David Smith has asked for any items to be passed to him so that he can keep chasing LCC. It appears that LCC are concentrating on Urban Unclassified Roads (ie housing estate) as they are able to get more funds from Government. Cllr Smith is doing his best to get them into the rural areas, and asked that we report all issues to him so that he can chase on our behalf.

Clerk to report the following issues

Large pothole on narrow road past Hund Hill Farm

The SLOW signs requested on Slaidburn Road have not be painted

Water on Back Lane is turning towards Gamble Hole Farm and not going to gulley.

Re-occurring Pothole at Fober Farm

Pothole come again on Slaidburn Road above Hydes Farm

Retaining Stone Wall on Dunsop Road has not been repaired

Mr Pinder at Brownhills Farm has asked if LCC would like to divert water off the road into the brook by crossing his land, Clerk has made already made this request but LCC have not contacted him. Clerk to chase

826. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

No items brought forward

827. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 7.30pm in Newton-in-Bowland Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.40pm