

## **NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Newton Village Hall

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

### **640. MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, read and approved

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **CENTENARY TREE**

Whilst Dave Padley has agreed to provide the rails nothing has come of it. Lengthsman be asked to purchase the rails and complete the job.

#### **STONE SIGNS**

Clerk to contact Armstrongs at Waddington Fell Quarry to obtain a price for new signage.

#### **LITTLE GREEN BUS**

Clerk has had no response from Cllr Fillis regarding company attending a meeting but she has phoned the Little Green Bus office and got the following detail:-

They work on a dial a ride basis for set days of the week. I.e. they would ask passengers what day and time is the best for them to travel and work to the majority. They would need a minimum of 8 passengers at any time with a maximum of 14. They would pick passengers up and drop them off at their home. Service runs 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday by voluntary drivers and is aimed at the elderly or those without normal bus service. There is a membership fee of £20 per year per passenger. The charge then for a shopping trip to Clitheroe of 1 – 2hrs is £4 return, if there was a day trip out this would be £11.

The also run a car service for people attending medical appointments at a cost of 40p per mile

The group have attended a meeting for residents of Newton and Slaidburn some time ago but had no uptake of the service.

It was felt that at this stage no further action would be taken.

### **642.ACCOUNTS**

#### **EXPENDITURE**

Namesco website fees £47.96 Payment made by direct  
Newton Village Hall £15 payment for tonight's meeting  
Steven Speak 4 payments totalling £1515 payment made  
SJ Pinder £100.00 salary Payment made  
Shackletons £10.00 for compost for troughs Payment made

#### **INCOME FOR LENGTHSMAN**

RVBC Lengthsman Grant £2000  
LCC Lengthsman Grant £1200

### **643. ANNUAL AUDIT**

External audit complete.

Fixed asset register has been completed and the auditor advised. Any purchase that the council intend to keep for longer than 12 months needs to be added to the register.

#### **644. PLANNING**

3/2015/0078 The Cottage

Change of use of first floor from garage/store to annex – Approved with conditions

3/2015/0208

Outline application for a single dwelling with all matters reserved except access. Land adjacent Village Hall – Delegated report - Refusal

3/2015/0352

FORMER PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Demolition of former public convenience and erection of single storey detached garage/store for residential use. No decision made

3/2015/0330 Show Building

Storage building for use in the Hodder Valley Show.

Approved with conditions

3/2015/0445 Newton House

Proposed first floor en suite bathroom. New SVP on rear elevation to connect to existing soil drainage – REFUSED

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 objections raised

3/2015/0746 Salisbury Cottage

Internal alterations, new window openings in NE,NW and SW elevations, replacement of all existing timber windows with UPVC mock sash double glazed units. Replacement of existing render wall finish to rear utility room extension and re-cladding with stone to match existing. Removal of existing tarmac to driveway and replacement with stone/cobble setts.

No objections raised

#### **645. FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND**

Wayleave agreement has been completed and work is now underway.

#### **646. CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT**

Application to be submitted

#### **647. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **a.UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD POWER LINES**

Letter received from AONB stating they are working with Electricity NW to remove overhead power cables and place wires underground. They are looking for new areas to work on. Clerk to contact and ask for whole area to be assessed as this will enhance the conservation area.

#### **b.PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 36 &37(PART)**

Confirmation received from LCC that all work has been carried out to bring the new footpath at Meanley Farm into a fit condition for use and the old path has now been closed

#### **c.RVBC GRANT**

RVBC are wanting requests for grant funding up to £3000. Applications need to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September. The main aims looked for are

A to protect and enhance the quality of life in the village.

B Make people's lives healthier and safer

C. Improve access to services

Projects previously funded have been

Sped indicator devices, Village signs, Playground refurbishments, Improvements to village halls, Wildlife and landscaping projects, Improvements to war memorials

Clerk to submit an application for full £3000 towards a bus shelter

#### **648. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October, Cllr Thornber to attend.

Clerk to request that winter gritting be placed on the agenda

#### **649. HIGHWAYS**

##### **a. GRASS VERGES**

There have been quite a few complaints made about the state of the grass verges and the visibility due to the lack of cuttings. RVBC have cut the grass at the entrance near the car park after complaints passed to LCC however this initially took quite a few phone calls to arrange. Due to the verges not being cut for the wild flowers they are now full of thistles/nettles etc. which are seeding into nearby fields.

Clerk to contact LCC and request that the 1m swathe be cut each time the verges are cut and not to be left until the third cut for safety reasons

##### **B. VILLAGE CLEAN UP**

Mark Fullalove has suggested a village clean up as he feels that the area is becoming untidy. He is not happy with the old toilets as the bushes have become overgrown, As the toilets are now privately owned Mr Fullalove will need to take this up with the owner. Village clean up to be arranged for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 commencing 10am at the village hall.

##### **c. Cllr Dixon has mentioned the following**

Tree branches hanging over the car park – lengthsman to be asked to look at

Stile collapsing at the causeway – lengthsman to be asked to look at

Road signs at Cow Ark Road, and the top of Dunnow need repairing – advise LCC

Branches and hedges obstructing visibility of signs – advise LCC

##### **d. PLANNING AT MEANLEY FARM**

Barn at Meanley Farm appears to have been converted and is now occupied and building has been erected to store firewood at Robinsons farm. Parish Council are unaware of planning permission. Clerk to contact the enforcement officer at RVBC

##### **e. PARKING ON TOP ROAD**

Cllr Elms has had a complaint from Margaret McDougall regarding speeding and traffic parking on the top road. As this is a highways issue Mrs McDougall be asked to contact the police and clerk to send a letter advising her of this.

**f. FOOTPATH ACROSS PARKER FIELD**

Cllr Elms stated that questions have been asked regarding the locked gate at Parker Field. Clerk advised that land agents Dacre, Son and Hartley have requested the gate be locked as this is only a concessionary footpath and not open to off road bikers. If anyone has any queries they should contact Amy at their office

**g. FOOTPATH HYDES TO CLERK LAITHE**

Clerk to contact LCC regarding the overgrown trees and state of the path./

**650. JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting to be on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Whitewell

**651.REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Cllrs Beattie and Thornber will attend

**652. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall

Meeting closed 9.10pm