

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2017 at Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: - Cllr J Bennett (Chairman), Cllr R Whitaker and Cllr R Thornber
Mrs S Pinder

APOLOGIES: - Cllr B Dixon, Cllr M Beattie, Cllr D Smith and Cllr R Elms

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

795 MATTERS ARISING

705. B4RN

Cllrs Bennett and Whitaker, along with Mrs S Pinder and Cllr J Whitney (Bowland Forest Higher Division Parish Council) to visit the HQ for B4RN on Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm. Nobody available from Slaidburn and Easington Parish Council to attend.

786 MEMORIAL BENCH

Cllr Dixon and Mrs S Pinder met with Mr and Mrs Ayrton to discuss the memorial bench. It was agreed that Mr and Mrs Ayrton would remove and dispose the old bench by the bridge and install a new one in memory of their son. This was agreed with Alan Boyer of RVBC. Mr and Mrs Ayrton have also given the parish council a donation of £500 which can be used for anything the council needs. Cllrs decided to leave money for the time being.

782. AUDIT

Diane Parker has completed the internal audit

The external audit has been completed with no matters arising

792. VILLAGE CLEAN UP

After the email was sent around to advise people of the previous clean up, Mrs Pinder was asked when a clean-up would be held outside the village, it was felt that everything happens within the village boundary and it would be nice to see something happening outside. It was agreed in future that everyone be encouraged to take part and Cllrs agreed it should be taken outside the village boundary

791 RIVERBANK WALL

Brian has met up with Sandra Silk of AONB who has looked into the ownership of the riverbank, with regards to the falling wall. She has confirmed after consultation with the environment agency the responsibility falls to the land/riparian owner. Brian has spoken to Paul Stephenson who is to look at his deeds.

Brian also spoke to Sandra Silk regarding the removal of the silt from under the bridge. She got the response below from LCC

Usually de-silting under a bridge is not given a high priority unless there is a structural need. At this location it would appear that there are no structural issues affecting the bridge and de-silting would not be beneficial as the levels do not appear to be excessively high. The main problem appears to be the build-up of material to the northeast/upstream banking which is excessive and diverting the flow of the river. I am not sure from the information we hold on our file if the northwest/downstream side is the same. Compared to the build-up of banking material either side of the structure removing the small amount under the bridge would not do anything to improve the flow.

I believe the Parish Council is considering removing the silt under the bridge themselves. If this is the case I have no objection but the work would have to be carried out in liaison with LCC and permits will be required from the EA.

796. FINANCE

Community A/c £1185.57

Business Premium A/c £4710.27

LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £865.00

Business Saver A/c £1200.22 (£585 our share)

797. ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE

Namesco website fees £192 Payment made – this is the payment for a 2 year contract

Newton Village Hall £15.00 – tonight's meeting

Steven Speak 3 payments totalling £1655 – payments made

SJ Pinder £100.00 salary – payment made

INCOME

AONB grant re Lengthsman £1200

Mr and Mrs Ayrton £500 donation

798. WEBSITE FEES

Namesco have offered a 2 year contract for £160 plus vat. This has been agreed and payment made.

799. CORRESPONDENCE

a. INSURANCE

BHIB Insurance brokers are to take over insurance from AON with effect from the next renewal in June 2018.

b. DOG CONTROL = PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Consultation received from RVBC – No comments to be made.

800. PLANNING

3/2017/0256 Dilworth Barn

To extend the date for completion of external works by 2 years – approved with conditions

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801. LENGTHSMAN

Mrs Pinder has contacted RVBC re grant funding. This year any funding is to be made through the concurrent grant scheme. In this scheme we can claim back a maximum of 25% of expenditure. RVBC cannot confirm how this will work for us as we are in a joint scheme with Bowland Forest (Higher Division PC and will inform us once a decision is made. These grants are claimed for in the last quarter of each year for expenditure in the previous year.

The lengthman to be advised that there are only enough funds for the next couple of months. Also to be advised that RVBC are cutting the grass verges within the village and he should leave them.

802. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Richard Thornber attended last meeting,

He advised that the Parish Champion Paul Rigby had spoken about grant funding. Clerk to contact him to see if any funds available for the lengthsman scheme

John agreed to go to next meeting on 9th November.

803. JOINT PC MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on 18th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall
Jean Lawson has invited Donna Atkinson of the Little Green Bus to attend.

804. HIGHWAYS

a. After email received from David Smith asking for any roads in need of repair, Bull Lane was put forward. This has been patched; Cllr Smith has said he is still trying to push forward for resurfacing. David has also put in for a bus to replace the old service bus as there are grants available at the moment

b. Friends Meeting House - thorns are growing into the road at one side and tree branches at the other side require cutting back. Cllr Whitaker to have a word with the occupants.

c. Trees at the Cottage are overhanging the road and need cutting back. Clerk to contact Mr Rhodes

d. Gulleys on Dunsop Road are blocked – clerk to contact LCC

e. Cllr Dixon has asked for SLOW to be painted on Slaidburn road before and after the junction with the car park following some near accidents, also asked for the white lines to be repainted on the fell road

f. Potholes by Bounty Cottage – clerk to contact LCC

g. SPID

Clerk received email from Waddington PC regarding their wish to sell their SPID. Clerk to look into

805. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Clerk to email councillors to see who will lay the wreath.

806. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. RISK MANAGEMENT

Cllr Bennett suggested that all benches be checked to ensure they are safe. Lengthsman to be asked to inspect. Also that the tree on the tulip triangle be looked at. Clerk to contact Mike Fisher to see if he will look at the tree.

b. CHRISTMAS TREE

It was agreed to purchase a Christmas tree this year

Cllr Thornber to have a word with Harry Backhouse to see what price he would charge for a tree

807. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.30pm