

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on February 26th 2020 at 8.25pm in Newton Village Hall

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

907. MINUTES:-

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

MATTERS ARISING

901. CAR PARK

Trees to be pruned. Cllrs Beattie and Dixon to deal with

905a BT PHONEBOX REMOVAL

RVBC have sent a letter to BT opposing the closure.

873 B4RN

Richard Astle is to apply for a voluntary organisation grant. PC to hold funds if required. Question raised as to whether Newton PC can invest in the scheme. Clerk to consult RVBC.

902 TULIP PATCH

Tulips have been planted

900b QUAKER GRAVEYARD

Cllr Thornber reported the wall had been rebuilt.

904. CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree is to be put up at the beginning of December next year.

908. FINANCE

Community A/c £361.86

Business Premium A/c £5728.23 (inc £660.40 for B4RN)

LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £900.00

Business Saver A/c £1501.25

909. ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE

Shackletons £39.98 re Tulips payment made

J Clarke £45 – electricity re Christmas tree – payment made

James Alpe £84.00 re B4RN payment made

Newton Village Hall– £15 for tonight's meeting – payment made

SJ Pinder £100.00 Salary – payment made

LENGTHSMAN

S Speak 3 payments totalling £700.00 – payment made

INCOME

LCC Lengthsman grant £600.00

Interest £2.85

Lengthsman Interest £0.75

910. PLANNING

3/2019/0824 Hoddercroft

Retention of unauthorised extension and re-roofing of domestic shed and storage building.

RVBC Approved with conditions

3/2019/1075 Dilworth Barn

Retention of and extension to existing barn to create agricultural building.

RVBC Refused

The proposed development by virtue of its size, overall scale and configuration, when taking account of the submitted supporting information, is not considered to be reasonably required for the purposes of agriculture. As such, approval would result in development, outside of a defined settlement boundary, that is not needed for the purposes of forestry or agriculture.

The proposal, by virtue of its overall design, relationship and interface with the non-designated heritage asset Dilworth barn, would result in an incongruous, discordant and anomalous form of development that would be of significant detriment to the character and visual amenities of the protected AONB landscape. It is further considered that the proposed development would be of significant detriment to the inherent character of the non-designated heritage asset known as Dilworth Barn by virtue of an unsympathetic relationship and failure to respond positively to the inherent architectural character of the building.

As such the proposal is considered contrary to Core Strategy Key Statement EN2 and policies DMG1, and DME4 of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy.

CHAPEL CROFT – Enforcement officer Andy Glover to keep an eye on property, Any changes are to be advised

911. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Thank you letter from Newton Village Hall and from Slaidburn Brownies re donations

b. Lancashire Best Kept Village

Decided not to enter

c. RESIDENTS CONCERNS

Letters have been received from local residents in relation to concerns about an individual who has recently been released from prison. After consultation with Marshall Scott of RVBC the parish council have been advised they have no powers to address the concerns and this not a matter we or RVBC can become involved in. Lancashire police have said that anyone with concerns should contact them direct, if necessary, using 999.

d SLAIDBURN ARCHIVE

Letter received from Margaret Brenchley asking if we can donate towards a new publication to celebrate 75 years since VE day. There are no fallen soldiers from Newton in WW2. Councillors agreed £200 to be contributed.

e THORNEYHOLME SCHOOL SIGN

Mr Cooke of Lowood has asked if there are any objections to him placing a sign advertising Thorneyholme School on his driveway. Councillors have no objection but have said should there be objections from local residents he may have to remove it. Clerk to advise.

912. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Whitaker gave an update on the last meeting.

Parish Councils have been asked to explore land where trees might be planted, particularly community owned land and suitable sites should be reported to Borough Councillor Berryman. It was decided no public sites were available. Clerk to send email around asking for interest

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

This year's theme is Hidden Nature and it was noted that this was particularly relevant for the Ribble Valley. The presenters detailed some potential options for events that could be run this year and noted that the programme of events is due to go live on the Heritage Open Day website in July.

Next meeting 2nd April 6.30pm. Cllr Beattie to attend

913. HIGHWAYS

Potholes on Dunsop Road past Hund Hill

Road sinking at the end of Brights Close.

Request all drains are inspected by LCC, blockages on Brights Close and opposite Dunnow Hall

GPO Manhole cover sinking on Hallgate Hill

We are still not getting any reports from Highways regarding forthcoming road closures. Cllr Elms to liaise with Olwyn Heap of RVBC and ask that they are forwarded to clerk

914. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Tree on green by Newton Hall has still not been inspected. Clerk has a quote to inspect at £350. Clerk to chase Dave Hewitt at RVBC.

b..UU Update

Mr and Mrs R Parker have asked if they can be updated should any new information be given by UU regarding the tunnelling project for the Haweswater Aqueduct. Councillors agreed.

915. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13th May commencing 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.05pm