

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the annual meeting held on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7.30pm
in Newton Village Hall

961. PRESENT:- Cllr M Beattie (Chairman), Cllr B Dixon, Cllr R Whitaker, Cllr R Thornber
Cllr R Elms
Mrs S Pinder Clerk
Mrs D Parker and Mr G McBride (Parish Residents)

APOLOGIES

Cllr J Bennett

962. MINUTES

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

963. MATTERS ARISING

951. United Utilities have updated their virtual site showing the up to date plans for the Haweswater Aqueduct. There is to be a webinar on Thursday 3rd June at 6pm where members of UU will make a presentation of their plans. Everyone is to be encouraged to watch this to familiarise themselves with the plans. The planning application is due to be presented to RVBC late June. Once details of these plans are received an extraordinary parish council meeting is to be held in the village hall where everyone will be invited to give their views. Ideas are needed so that appropriate compensation can be claimed for all the disruption caused. Councillors felt it was important to stress that the bridge that is to be built across the river Hodder be removed following the scheme and all land returned to its original state. It is accepted that the works are going to place we just need to try to minimise the disruption where possible.

Clerk to send details of meeting again via email and post on facebook page.

905C INFORMATION BOARD

Helen Smith of River Ribble Trust has put the new boards in place by the river and on the car park

925 SPID

Clerk spoke to Alan Cox at LCC who has discussed our situation with the highways engineer. Unfortunately he cannot give us any solution. About 10yrs ago an independent survey was taken on all B roads and it was found that the speed limits were adequate for their situation. They will not consider moving the speed signs out of the village unless there is a change to the area. ie a new housing estate. Cllrs felt nothing more could be done.

944b CARS ON CARPARK

Mr McDougall sent a note to apologise he was not aware there was a problem and to say that the car was to be moved. Cllr Dixon said that a note has also been placed in the car saying it will be moved this week. Cllr Dixon to monitor.

939. CHRISTMAS TREE

Cllr Thornber has gifted last years tree. Cllrs thanked him for doing so

955. LITTERPICKERS

All 10 litterpickers are now out. There is a huge amount of litter being discarded on the roadsides. Clerk has spoken to RVBC to enquire about getting some new bins, if they were to go ahead they would need to purchase the bin and also pay for them to be emptied. Nothing to be done at this stage.

954 REMOVAL OF GRASS CUTTINGS

The old grass cuttings on Hallgate Hill and Slaidburn Road have finally been removed by LCC. They were advised in November 2020 that they were ready for collection however there was an oversight by LCC in arranging the collection.

958 ROAD SWEEPER

Clerk contacted SB Tippers. They charge £35 per hour and work on a minimum of 4 hours. This includes travelling time from Great Harwood. They sweep the roads for Slaidburn in approx. 2.5hours. Clerk to contact them to see if both villages can be done on the same day to reduce travelling time for both parishes.

964. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

These were approved and signed.

Mrs Diane Parker has completed the annual Internal Audit.

965. RISK ASSESMENT

The risk assesment issued by the insurers BHIB in respect of covid – 19 to be included on the risk assesment

966. CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

This was agreed and signed

967. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

This was approved and signed.

968. ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

Approved and signed

969. FINANCE

Community A/c £3837.44

(inc for B4RN £1000.00, £91 Bowland Forest Lower and £151 Slaidburn)

Business Premium A/c £5732.85

LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £195.00

Business Saver A/c £1002.44

970. ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE

BHIB Insurance renewal £510.39 – payment made

SJ Pinder £100.00 Salary - payment made

LENGTHSMAN

S Speak £95.00 - payment made

INCOME

RVBC precept £2000

RVBC Grant £1000 for B4RN

971.PLANNING

LPA CONSULTATION

No comments made.

The Old Schoolhouse 3/2021/0024

Proposed laying of cobbles, flags and gravel to the rear yard. RVBC Approved

WADDINGTON FELL QUARRY LCC/2021/0015

Revised and enhanced quarry restoration scheme incorporating tunnel arisings from the haweswater aqueduct resilience programme (harp) namely the bowland and marl hill tunnel sections - application supported by councillors

972. CORRESPONDENCE

a MOBILE GREEN GROCERS

Email received from Mr and Mrs Stansfield. They are setting up a mobile vegetable shop and wanting to park in Newton weekly. Cllrs are not wanting to upset Slaidburn Stores by agreeing due to their wonderful service to the community during covid pandemic. Clerk to advise

b MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Requesting donations. Nothing to be sent

c LENGTHSMAN GRANT

Grant of £600 available. Clerk to claim. There are a lot of stiles/gates in need of repair. Cllrs to walk around and see what needs doing.

d WEBSITE

The website needs updating and parish council page needs tidying. Clerk to contact Bob Wilkinson.

e GRASS CUTTINGS

Cllrs happy to instruct RVBC to cut grass on village greens as usual.

Dog bins are getting very full and the roadside bins are getting very full. Clerk to monitor

Clerk to ask RVBC for a price for the grass verge below the Policehouse to be cut.

973 HIGHWAYS

a Back Lane – potholes repaired,not a good job there is still water running down the road. Clerk spoken to LCC who have suggested we report issues as soon as a problem occurs. The more reports we make the more likely a full resurface is likely to happen

b Dunsop Road – potholes marked to be repaired

c CATTLE GRID FENCE – this has been repaired

d WATER ON FELL ROAD

Apologies received from LCC for the slow response in dealing with this they have sent the gulley cleaner to look. He has found 2 covered gulleys and jetted them. Water is currently running into them. They have asked if it starts to run down the road again we contact them immediately.

e Road sinking by Chapel and bottom of Brights close – clerk to report

f. 30mph sign by Newton Bridge rusted at bottom – clerk to report

g. Branches hanging over Slaidburn Road above Dunnock Hall. Clerk to report

974. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a Cllr Beattie said the benches on the green opposite the Old School were old and needed replacing. He will look into obtaining new ones.

b Malcolm Jones kissing gate needs varnishing. Clerk to speak to lengthsman

c Cllr Beattie and Dixon will renew plants at bottom of Hare and Hounds, hanging baskets for the bus shelter and look at getting shrubs for the memorial. Cllr Elms will look after the well.

975. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 in Newton Village Hall.
Extraordinary meeting re HARP _ Date to be arranged

Meeting closed 9.30pm