

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

**Wednesday 2 February 2022**

## **NEWTON- IN-BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL**

**7.30PM**

**notes**

### **1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**

The Chair welcomed those present including Martin Beattie (Chair), John Bennett (via Teams), Richard Whitaker, Richard Thornber, Brian Dixon, Sandra Pinder, Rosie Elms and Kim Shutes (Clerk). Apologies received and accepted from Rupert Swarbrick, PC Kearns-Turner and Mike Fairbairn.

### **2. Declarations of interest**

Richard Thornber declared an interest in the HARP item.

### **3. The notes from the meeting held on 17 November 2021 were accepted as a true record with a request from the chair for the Clerks to report back on the final amounts of money outstanding in the BARN account.**

### **4. Matters arising:**

- a. Work on the benches is needed to make them good once the weather improves but they appear to be in a better state than anticipated.
- b. Regarding progress on the HARP project, LCC have recently visited the quarry but no further action has been reported.
- c. The metal statue in the village will need a wire brush and painting over once the weather improves.
- d. Clerk to call on residents of Wayside to explain the issue of parking and the danger of parking just below the end of Bull Lane.
- e. Clerk to contact RVBC about emptying the gulleys.
- f. Water coming from Ing Barn being monitored but would appear only to be a problem in very heavy rain conditions.
- g. RT reported back from the RVBC meeting. There was a request for input to the local housing plan – do parish councils consider there is a need for any local housing? The parish council agreed not to respond this time but are considering asking local residents for their input if a further question is asked.
- h. Clerk to chase RVBC for grass cutting invoice as cheque is already prepared.

### **5. Financial matters**

- a. To approve payments
  - i. Clerk £100 (to pay)
  - ii. Newlands Nursery Ltd £51 – spring bulbs (paid)
  - iii. Steven Speak £285 – lengthsman (paid)
  - iv. S Pinder £44.39 – Namesco Ltd (website domain)

- v. Bowland UK Ltd - £513.99 – clerk laptop
- vi. Electricity charge £25 – Peter Barton and Julie Collins for Christmas tree
- vii. Village hall charge £15 + electricity
- viii. To agree B4RN outstanding amounts

Payments noted and cheques issued.

- b. Do we need to pay for Parish Council online?  
The subscription is due March 2022. Sandra Pinder to check with Slaidburn.

## 6. Accounts

- a. Lengthsman – we need to spend £280 before 31 March 2022. Clerk to claim money back from AONB before end of March.

## 7. Precept – due in April 2022.

## 8. Planning

- a. Dilworth Barn objections

Councillors had received three, anonymous, communications regarding the progress and detail of Dilworth Barn. Councillors are unable to respond as the letters are anonymous but note that RVCB have been copied on the latest correspondence. Councillor Elms is to ask the Enforcement Officer (Jason Middleton) what progress is being made on this case and to check the status of any outstanding application in hand with RVBC.

- b. Lower Underhand Farm application

No objections raised to this application. Clerk to email response to RVBC.

## 9. HARP

The paper regarding the Ofwat agreement to works on the HARP project were considered with no action necessary.

## 10. Correspondence

- a. Nalc publication: [Councillors' guide to handling intimidation | Local Government Association](#) – correspondence noted
- b. Nalc – new year open letter – correspondence noted
- c. Donation receipt and thanks for donation to over 60s Christmas party – noted with thanks
- d. SSAFA – Clerk to place poster in village notice board
- e. Bins – Clerk to place letter in village noticeboard
- f. Letter from Mike Fairbairn re emergency planning following recent electricity failure.



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The councillors thanked Mike for his letter and the contents were discussed at length. The development of an emergency plan was

considered together with the purchase of an emergency generator in conjunction with the village hall. Concerns were raised about planning for an unusual and very rare event costing a lot of money should be approached with caution. The cost of installing a suitable generator, ongoing costs and maintenance might be cost prohibitive however, parish council will be represented at the next village hall meeting and are prepared to discuss further.

#### **11. Jubilee Celebration planning weekend of 3 June 2022**

Chair to look into planting two trees on celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

Newton in Bowland will celebrate on Saturday 4 June 2022, details to be confirmed by the village hall committee and to let Slaidburn and Dunsop Bridge know the date.

#### **12. Highways**

Potholes are currently being addressed around the village. Clerk to do survey once works completed.

Clerk has reported the fallen tree on the road to Slaidburn to LCC and will also write to John Forrester as land agent for the landowner to remind that the tree has still not been dealt with.

Clerk to contact LCC regarding lack of white lines and posts on the Fell Road.

#### **13. AOB**

Martin Beattie announced his intention to stand down at the next meeting. Councillors thanked him for his service and a decision was made to co-opt a resident until the next elections.

Richard Thornber (as vice chair) would normally take over at the next meeting however, he raised concerns about his issues with the HARP project and would rather not chair at this time. John Bennett agreed to take the Chair for the next year.

The Chair to approach Mr Woodcock to see if he would be prepared to store all old parish council papers in his newly refurbished library.

Clerk to complete the Electric vehicle survey:



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Clerk to write to Michael Wenner at Laythams Farm to thank him for donation of the Christmas Tree.

**Meeting closed 9.40pm**

**14. Date of next meeting 4 May 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall. Clerk to book the hall.**