

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 28 September 2022
NEWTON- IN-BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL
7.30PM
Notes

1. **Welcome, introductions and apologies**
The Chair welcomed all present: Clerk Kim Shutes, Chair Councillor John Bennett, Councillors Brian Dixon, Sally Emanuel, Richard Thornber and Richard Whitaker (who arrived during the meeting), PC Mick Kearns-Turner and RVBC Councillor Rosie Elms.
Apologies were offered and accepted from LCC Councillor Rupert Swarbrick.
2. **Declarations of interest**
RT declared interests in the HARP project.
3. **Minutes from the meeting held 4 May 2022**
The minutes from the meeting held 4 May 2022 were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising**
The action plan was reviewed; most items cleared. KS to update the action plan.
5. **Parish Council liaison meeting 20 June 2022**
The Parish Council Liaison meeting minutes 20 June 2022 were received and noted.
6. **The Local plan consultation feedback were noted to have been forwarded to RVBC with no reply or feedback to date.**
7. **Finance. It was noted the VAT refund had been received and that the concurrent grant was still outstanding. ACTION – KS to chase RVBC.**
8. **As at July 2022, balances as follows:**
 - a. **Community current £1477.79**
 - b. **Community savings £5233.76**
 - c. **Lengthsman current £695.00**
 - d. **Lengthsman savings £502.55**
9. **Income**
 - a. **VAT £509.67**
 - b. **Interest £2.16**
10. **Planning**
One planning application received. RVBC informed that the parish council had no objections.
11. **Path improvement funding**
It was noted that interest from a parishioner had been received in reinstating the footpath from the village car park to Clerk Laithe where at one time there had been a bench. RE to contact Friends of Bowland to check whether the reinstatement would impact on wildlife and insects. Should there be interest in forwarding this, BD will speak to the owners of Clerk Laithe to ensure they have no objections to the reinstatement of the bench. KS to draft a reply to the parishioner for Chair approval.

12. Dark skies

SE had attended a Dark Skies seminar and noted that this area is one of the best in the country for observing stars at night.

KS to include the link <https://youtu.be/iaGg3T8Ltq8>

to the presentation in an email to parishioners to advise what action they can take to ensure they don't disturb this phenomenon.

13. HARP – LCC Councillor Rupert Swarbrick updated the clerk by telephone that the project was no further forward. It was anticipated that it would be another six months before the highways department were satisfied with information from UU.

Notes from a meeting held in West Bradford village hall on 29 July 2022 were received and noted by the parish council.

14. Wind turbine

A parishioner had requested that consideration be given to erecting a wind turbine in the village. Maintenance and repair costs to any wind turbine are likely to be a significant issue, even if funding was available to install in the first place. JB to request a full proposal be raised for consideration by the parish council.

15. PCSO update

PC Mike Kearns-Turner updated that there are low levels of crime locally but that he was expecting to see an increase in farm thefts once the evenings were darker. He is happy to have calls directed to him if people see suspicious activity.

16. RVBC Councillor update

No additional news from RVBC associated with the HARP project.

17. LCC Councillor update

As item 13. RS is happy to receive highways issues should we have problems with getting issues fixed. The Lovecleanstreets app is useful to report defects

18. Correspondence

No correspondence.

19. Remembrance Sunday 13 November 2022 – MB to let KS know once a minister for the Newton service has been located . KS to contact PK about the purchase of a wreath and lamp post decorations.

20. Website

KS to ask BW how many hits the site gets and to obtain costings to update the site. KS to ask parishioners if anyone wants their business advertised on the site.

21. Highways

BD noted that some of the black and white posts are missing at the top of the fell, KS to report.

22. AOB

- a. KS to circulate feedback from road safety meeting once available
- b. Mayors Jubilee trail acknowledged – KS to circulate information
- c. Unanimous agreement not to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements
- d. ASB survey noted
- e. Homeline link noted. KS to circulate information
- f. Receipt of climate action network noted
- g. Email to Friends of Bowland about the Quaker burial ground noted

h. Concerns about the volume of litter left at the lane end by the bridge in the village. KS to investigate.

23. Date of next meeting Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall