

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting held on 16th May 2018 at 7.30pm in Newton-on-Bowland Village Hall

PRESENT:- Cllr B Dixon (Chairman), Cllr R Whitaker, Cllr R Thornber, Cllr J Bennett
Cllr D Smith and Cllr R Elms
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)
Mrs D Parker (Resident)

APOLOGIES:- Cllr M Beattie

828. MINUTES:-

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

MATTERS ARISING

792. VILLAGE CLEAN UP

The councillors set the date of Thursday 7th June 2018 for the clean up, to commence 7pm at the bus shelter. Clerk to arrange for flyers to be distributed and to send email to residents. If enough people turn out it was suggested that the clean up should extend to the outlying roads.

815. WAR MEMORIAL

Cllrs Dixon and Beattie have meet with Shaun Lloyd to discuss the memorial. It was decided to get a quote from Mr Lloyd to include having the names of the 7 fallen soldiers engraved, along with a poppy and a quotation. A discussion was had to decide where the memorial should be positioned. It was felt at this stage that it would be best situated by the benches/bus shelter.

The remaining monies from the Diamond Jubilee fund have been offered, and the clerk has managed to obtain a grant of £300 from the LCC Parish Champion.

Clerk to contact War memorial trust and the AONB to see if there are any grants that can be obtained.

It was decided to have an unveiling of the memorial. Aldwyth Pearson to be contacted to see if this can be coincided with her plans for the commemorate WW1 weekend in November.

806a TREE IN TULIP TRIANGLE

Dave Hewitt from RVBC has confirmed that he has not forgotten to look at the tree. He will do this as soon as possible

817a BENCHES

Clerk has obtained prices from Shackletons. It was decided to leave this at the moment until a decision was made on the siting of the war memorial.

829. FINANCE

Community A/c £4889.57

Business Premium A/c £4713.45

LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £0

Business Saver A/c £0.34

830. ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE

Newton Village Hall– £40 B4RN meeting - payment made
£15 for tonights meeting – payment made
SJ Pinder £100.00 salary – payment made
RVBC Grass cuttings £576.96 – payment made
BHIB Insurance £491.93 – payment made

INCOME

Precept £2500
Concurrent function grant £1996 (includes £594 for Dunsop re Lengthsman)

831. RISK ASSESSMENT

Councillors agreed that the risk assesment was adequate

832. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Councillors confirmed the annual governance statement was correct

833. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts were circulated, agreed and signed
Mrs D Parker has agreed to do the internal audit.

834. INSURANCE

BHIB Insurance brokers are now overseeing our insurance. This years renewal fee is £491.93. a reduction of £61.76 on last year. The policy will be underwritten by Aviva Ltd. All items on the schedule are the same as last year, Councillors agreed to renew policy. Insurance will need amending after the was memorial is in place/

835. PLANNING

CLERK LAITHE 3/2018/0141

Application to regularise a change of design to agricultural livestock building, including increase in footprint and new extension to side. No objections made. RVBC approved with conditions

Lower Underhand Farm 3/2018/0197

Retention of unauthorised lean to porch on northern elevation
No objections - RVBC approved no conditions

836. CONSULTATION ON STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE

Lcc are proposing to change the way they maintain street lighting.
Currently they inspect lighting at night but with changing to LED bulbs they are expecting the lights to last some 20 years therefore they are proposing to finish the night inspections. They are also proposing to do complete inspections every 10 years instead of 5 years. Councillors have no comments to be raised.

837. CORRESPONDENCE

BOWLAND PENNINE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Letter received requesting donations. Councillors agreed not to send anything

838. LENGTHSMAN

Concurrent functions grant received from RVBC for £1886. £1292 is for Newton parish, the remaining £594 is to be passed to Bowland Forest (Higher) PC. Cllr Dixon has asked that the lengthsman cut the grass on the carpark.

839. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting 21st June 2018.

840. HIGHWAYS

LCC have agreed to paint the SLOW signs near to the car park entrance.

Clerk has reported the Pothole at Fober Farm.

Whilst the pothole in the centre of the road above Hydes Farm has been repaired water is still coming from the area. Clerk to advise LCC

841. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. HEALTH CENTRE

There is to be a meeting next Thursday 24th May at 7pm in Slaidburn Village Hall to discuss the future of the Health Centre. Jean Lawson has asked if some councillors could attend

b. BUS SERVICE

Cllr Smith has said that after a discussion with Slaidburn PC he is looking into community transport

c. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Cllr Elms reported that residents have requested that minutes of meetings be placed on the village noticeboard. Clerk to arrange

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 in Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.40pm