

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 22nd February 2017 in Newton-in-Bowland Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: - Cllr B Dixon (Chairman), Cllr M Beattie, Cllr J Bennett and Cllr R Whitaker
Cllr D Smith (LCC)
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: - Cllr R Thornber and Cllr R Elms

717. MINUTES: - Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:-

705. RURAL BROADBAND

Flyers sent to all residents to see if there is any interest. So far 12 people have registered interest. Bowland Forest (Higher Division) and Slaidburn Parish Councils have also been asked for comments. Slaidburn are to invite someone from B4RN to come to their next meeting in March, and invite any interested residents to attend.

Rachel Carr has consulted councillors in Dunsop Bridge but has not had any guidance on what to do. She has asked that if we were to hold a public meeting is there any objection to their residents attending if they are interested.

After discussion it was felt that more interest is needed from Newton residents and neighbouring parishes – Clerk to liaise and discuss at next meeting

661. DEFIBRILATOR

This is now operational. We are awaiting North West Ambulance Service to confirm when they are available to take training course.

712. BT TELEPHONE BOX

RVBC have objected to the proposed removal of 42/50 phone boxes targeted by BT for closure. They have objected to the box in the village being removed.

715a. CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree donated by United Utilities in December was not a very nice one. Another tree obtained and donated by Cllr Thornber.

715d. QUAKER GRAVEYARD WALL

Erica Cadbury confirmed that the wall has been inspected and quotes will be obtained for the rebuild. She also stated there is a tree that they felt should come down and they are looking into this. A decision as to whether the work can be undertaken will be made at their next meeting on 4th March 2017.

Geoff Morries has contacted Sandra regarding this tree and felt that there should be authority given from RVBC for its removal. He asked her to get this approval but she said as trustees of the graveyard had already inspected the tree, felt this should be sought by them, and Mr Morries advised to contact Ms Cadbury. Councillors agreed.

718. FINANCE

Community A/c £1809.27

Business Premium A/c £2710.27

LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £810.00

Business Saver A/c £2000.22

719. ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE

J Clark £40- re Christmas lights – Payment made

Namesco website fees £35.97 Payment made by direct debit

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

Steven Speak £140.00 – lengthsman work - payment made

SJ Pinder £129.10 (£100.00 salary + postage £29.10) – payment made

INCOME

RVBC Concurrent functions grant £113.08

VAT refund £924.22

Interest 39p

720. CORRESPONDENCE

Newton Village Hall

Thank you letter for contribution towards the costs of holding the over 60s party

721. PLANNING

3/2017/0017 Lowlands Barn

Change paint colours on window frames – no objections/ RVBC no decision made

3/2017/0045 Newton Hall

Re-roofing. Repair of chimney stacks including leadwork, pots and flaunching; repointing external boundary walls and re-bed stone copings; repair/make good rainwater goods, replacing damaged and corroded brackets, repair of cracking to render wall finish to east gable end; cleaning and relaying of paving to rear patio. – No Decision made by RVBC.

722. LENGTHSMAN

Steps leading to the carpark are covered in leaves and slippery. Clerk to contact Steven Speak and ask if he can clean them off.

723. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Whitaker attended the last meeting. He reported that dog fouling was discussed and that posters and bag dispensers are available from RVBC reminding people to clean up after their dogs.

Clerk to contact and arrange for posters to be put out.

724. HIGHWAYS

Clerk to report the following to LCC

Road signs left from previous roadworks on Easington Road need collecting.

Potholes outside the village hall, by Lowlands Barn and on the Fell Road.

Footpath at far end of Dunnow Wood by kissing gate very muddy.

Clerk to contact RVBC re road sweeper

725. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

WEBSITE

John has sent details of a you-tube link to be put on the website containing pictures of the village and surrounding area

726. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, to include the annual meeting, is to be held on 17th May 2017 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.20pm

