

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING 30TH NOVEMBER 2016

AGENDA

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Matters Arising

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Lengthsman

BT Payphones

Parish Council Liaison Meeting

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Date of Next Meeting

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 30th November 2016 in Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Cllr B Dixon (Chairman), Cllr M Beattie, Cllr J Bennett, Cllr R Whitaker and Cllr R Thornber
Mr B Forde (B4RN) and Mr Neville Pearson
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: - Cllr D Smith and Cllr R Elms

661. DEFIBRILATOR

Mr Pearson came to the meeting to inform that he had obtained the defibrillator from the Parkers Arms, and received the Memorandum of Understanding, which required signing and returning to Matt Dugdale at NWAS. Cllr Bennett requested certain amendments be made to the memorandum to make the text clearer. This was done and Cllr Dixon signed the paperwork. Clerk to return to Mr Dugdale. Mr Pearson agreed to act as custodian for the defibrillator and will undertake the weekly checks necessary. Parish Council agreed they would be responsible for any costs incurred as per the memorandum in respect of batteries etc.

705. PRESENTATION FROM MR B FORDE RE B4RN

Mr Forde was welcomed to the meeting and invited to give an introduction into the scheme B4RN (Broadband for the rural north).

The scheme would be a community, not for profit project and aims to get extra fast fibre broadband available to all properties. To enable this residents are able to purchase shares for which the money would be used to lay the cables across agricultural land and get the system up and running. At the moment the scheme is going out in the Chipping Area taking it to Whitewell.

If enough funding can be raised it could then be brought to Newton, along with Dunsop Bridge and Slaidburn. There would be a £150 connection fee and monthly fee of £30. If shareholders agree to connect their connection fee would be withdrawn. Cllrs agreed that residents should be approached to see what interest there is in the scheme within Newton and also contact the clerks at Dunsop Bridge and Slaidburn.

706. MINUTES

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

MATTERS ARISING

647c. BUS SHELTER

Bus shelter is now complete. RVBC have given £2435 as agreed towards the cost

698. NEWTON BRIDGE/SILT REMOVAL

Peter Wilkinson of LCC has contacted Cllr Dixon. He is to look into costings with a view to undertake work next summer

707. FINANCE

Community A/c £1084.94

Business Premium A/c £2710.10

LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £950.00

Business Saver A/c £2000.00

708. ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE

Namesco website fees £23.98 Payment made by direct debit
Newton Village Hall re meeting £15 - Payment made
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £17 – Payment made
Steven Speak £120 – Payment made
Frank Ireland re Bus shelter £2922 - Payment made
Paul Wilson £183.64 re Defibrillator installation – Payment made
SJ Pinder £100.00 salary – Payment made
The Villager £30 – Payment made
Newton-in-Bowland Village Hall re Over 60s party £100 – Payment made

INCOME

RVBC £2000 re lengths man
LCC £1200 re lengthsman
Bowland Forest Higher Division PC re monies due for lengthsman £42.50

709. CONCURRENT GRANT APPLICATION

Application form completed. £112.99 claimed

710. PRECEPT

£2,500 to be claimed

711. LENGTHSMAN

Steven Speak has cleaned the gullies twice, and swept by the notice board and roadside along the Cottage wall. Cllrs agreed the lengthsman be asked to carry out the following jobs
Leaves on the carpark need clearing
Fence on the carpark to be trimmed
Grate opposite Lowlands Farmhouse be cleaned
Track from College Cottages to Hydes Farm needs clearing

712. BT TELEPHONE BOX

BT have put forward proposal to remove the payphone from the village due to lack of use. Clerk has replied to RVBC to object to the proposals. Cllr Bennett attended the Parish Council liaison meeting and RVBC have the right to veto the proposals if objections are received

713. PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting 26th January 2017 at 6.30pm – Cllr Whitaker to attend

714. HIGHWAYS

Road sign damage at Hallgate Hill/Easington Rd crossroads and Chapel Croft.
Potholes on Bull Lane
Clerk to advise

715. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. CHRISTMAS TREE

Tree to be donated by United Utilities

b. BOUNDARIES COMMISSION- RIBBLE VALLEY WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

Consultation period closes 30th January 2017. Clerk to contact Cllr Elms to see how changes will affect her.

c. NOTICE BOARD

The notice board seems to be continually full. Cllr Dixon to look at installing an additional notice board at the back of the new shelter.

d. QUAKER GRAVEYARD WALL

Cllr Thornber reported that part of the wall has fallen down. Clerk to contact Dave Padley or Geoff Morries to see who is responsible for rebuilding it.

716. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on 22nd February 2017 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall

Meeting closed 9.10pm