

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 12th August 2020 in the garden of 2 College Cottages, Newton-in-Bowland at 7pm

PRESENT:- Cllr M Beattie (Chairman), Cllr B Dixon, Cllr R Thornber, Cllr J Bennett
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)

APOLOGIES:- Cllr R Elms and Cllr D Smith

916. MINUTES:- Minutes of the previous meeting (26th February 2020) were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

901. CAR PARK

Branches on the car park have been cut back

905a BT PHONEBOX REMOVAL

BT is again proposing to remove the phone box following public consultation. Clerk has written to object due to the poor mobile signal in the area and pointed out that there are major works planned by UU.

905c. INFORMATION BOARD

Ribble Rivers Trust would like to have some input with the new board. They have also offered to help with Funding. Clerk to contact and arrange a meeting with councillors Beattie and Dixon
It was also felt that the board on the carpark should be updated.

873. B4RN

Parish Champion Grant has been obtained for the B4RN project. Monies to be held in the parish council Account.

911e. THORNYHOLME SCHOOL

Mr Cooke has advised LCC and RVBC of his intentions with the signage.

The signs will have purple writing (to match the school colour) on a white background with purple border and read as follows –

Thorneyholme Primary School (and a directional arrow)

The signs will be made of metal fixed to metal posts. They will be approximately one metre wide by approximately 15 cm high and will be fixed approximately two metres from the ground, The outer edge of the signs will be at least one metre from the highway in each case.

Parish council agreed signage.

917. CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

This was agreed and signed.

918. RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk assessment was discussed and agreed

919. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The statement was considered, discussed and agreed

920. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts were discussed and agreed. Mrs Diane Parker has completed the internal audit. It was felt that whilst the bank balance was high this would be used this year with various purchases being considered.

920a ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

These were agreed and signed.

921. FINANCE

Community A/c £1781.91 (inc £1010.40 for B4RN)

Business Premium A/c £5731.78

LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £450.00

Business Saver A/c £1502.18

922. ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE

BHIB £504.95 – insurance premium – payment made

GeoXphere Ltd £60 for Parish Online subscription – payment made

RVBC £600.26 grass cuttings – payment made

SJ Pinder £100.00 Salary - payment made

LENGTHSMAN

S Speak 2 payments totalling £450.00 – payment made

INCOME

LCC Parish Champion Grant (B4RN) £300

Precept £2000

923. PLANNING

Dilworth Barn 3/2020/0264 Retention of and extension to existing barn to create agricultural building. – Application withdrawn.

Parish Council has received an anonymous letter of objection to works being undertaken at the site.

Enforcement officer informed.

Clerk Laithe 3/2020/0444

Construction of rural farm shop with the inclusion of two retail units. – No objections

Joes Barn, Meanley Farm 3/2020/0487

Proposed change of use of existing converted barn to mixed use as one-bedroom farm welfare accommodation, shoot rest accommodation and guest accommodation. – No objections

924. HODDER AQUEDUCT RESTORATION PROGRAMME

Consultation is under way

Clerk suggested we contact UU to see what if anything UU would be prepared to give to the community as a goodwill gesture for the inconvenience when works are underway

925. SPEEDING

Motorbikes are still causing concerns, also some sports cars coming fairly regularly from Bentham.

Residents were asked if they felt this was a problem and for their thoughts on what could be done. Clerk contacted Lancashire Police who have requested that the parish be placed on the ongoing 'Operation Manta Ray' which aims to educate speeders. Clerk also spoke to John Hazlewood, the co-ordinator of the Community

Road Watch who has suggested that anyone witnessing speeding should report it directly via their website. www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk. Clerk to look into the possibility of obtaining a Speed Indicator. Cllr Dixon suggested that we again try to get the 30mph speed signs moved further away from the village.

926. CORRESPONDENCE

a. INSURANCE

BHIB to charge £504.95 for this years premium – payment agreed

b. CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPICATION

Form received Clerk submitted for repayment of part grass cuttings

c. GRASS CUTTINGS

RVBC to charge £600.26 for grass cuttings – payment agreed

d. SLAIDBURN HERITAGE CENTRE

Thank you letter received for donation

e. COUNTRYSIDE POSTERS

Posters received from LCC following easing of lockdown and different visitors coming to local areas. These are to be placed either side of Newton Bridge, by Hydes Farm, in the notice board and on the carpark. Clerk to contact LCC to see if more can be obtained

927. FLOWERBED TRIANGLE AT THE BOTTOM OF HARE AND HOUNDS TRACK

Mr Hardman has been in contact asking who is responsible for the upkeep of the trough by the phone box. It was growing weeds and he wanted to tidy it but not stand on anyones toes. Clerk said it would be fine if he was happy to do it but also offered for the lengthsman to clear it if he would prefer.

928. FOOTPATH AT DUNNOW WOOD

Cllr Dixon has asked the Clerk to contact Mr Forrester again with regards to the blocked footpath. Cllr Beattie advised that he has already started to clear the area.

929. HIGHWAYS

Back Lane in bad state again

Dip in the road at the bottom of Brights Close

Clerk advised that LCC Highways have cut a section of the tarmac at Fober Farm, no signage or markings were left in place. The same had happened throughout the village and at the top of the Fell Road. These have now been filled with tarmac.

Clerk has received notification that Trough Road is to be closed 28th September for 4 weeks to strengthen the bridge at Sykes Farm. There will be no through traffic

930. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Beattie has been approached with regards to wheelie bins being left on the road obstructing vehicles from reversing out of driveway. Clerk to contact RVBC to see if bins are allowed to be left on the highway if there is an alternative site on the property.

931. LENGTHSMAN

A list is to be drafted to give to the lengthsman advising him of duties they would like him to undertake on a regular basis. These duties include cutting the verges, keeping the carpark tidy, clearing gullies, litter picking, clearing weeds

932. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was not arranged due to Covid 19, however anything that needs to be discussed will be emailed around all councillors.