

## **NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams

**PRESENT:-** Cllr m Beattie (Chairman), Cllr B Dixon, Cllr J Bennett, Cllr R Thornber and Cllr R Whitaker  
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:-** Cllr R Elms

### **MINUTES**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

##### **BT PHONEBOX REMOVAL**

Following comments issued to Ofcom by RVBC re closure

*Located in an area of unreliable mobile network coverage and so it provides an alternative means of communication, particularly in an emergency situation. Located in area with a low density population. Located in a very rural area, used by many for outdoor pursuits including hiking, mountain biking and camping. Nearby roads are susceptible to dangerous driving conditions in inclement weather with dangerous bends and junctions. Village of Newton is to be used as a base for United Utilities to carry out major works to waterpipes as part of the Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme, due to commence in 2023. Work will see an additional 10-30 works vehicles passing through the village per hour which may lead to a greater risk of accidents on nearby roads.*

##### **INFORMATION BOARD**

Helen Smith has drafted a new board. Councillors are happy with the design but feel village website and facebook logo should be included. Clerk to advise Helen

##### **SPEED CAMERAS**

Clerk Spoken to PC Elliott who has advised that we talk to LCC. Clerk requested details from 3 sites but nothing has been sent through. Clerk to continue to chase

##### **FINANCE**

Community A/c £1794.65 (inc £1010.40 for B4RN)

Business Premium A/c £5732.57

##### **LENGTHSMAN**

Community A/c £395.00

Business Saver A/c £1002.39

##### **ACCOUNTS**

###### **EXPENDITURE**

Royal British Legion poppy appeal £60 payment made

SJ Pinder £100.00 Salary

###### **B4RN**

R Astle £88.99 Expenses

###### **LENGTHSMAN**

S Speak 2 payments totalling £365.00 – payment made

##### **PRECEPT**

£2,000 to be claimed

## **PLANNING**

Clerk Laithe 3/2020/0444

Construction of rural farm shop with the inclusion of two retail units. – No objections. RVBC refused 3/2020/0933 Construction of rural farm shop with the inclusion of two retail units.

Resubmission of 3/2020/0444 – 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 from PC.

RVBC approved with conditions

Chapel Croft 3/2020/0732

Replacement dwelling and conversion of barn to two dwellings.

No objections however RVBC been asked to look into fact that work has been done already to alter windows

Oak Bank 3/2020/0931

Construction of additional detached garage with storage room on first floor – No objections

Hoddercroft 3/2020/0905

Change of use of outbuilding to two-bedroom holiday let – No objections

Burnhouse Farm 3/2020/0942

Change of use from agricultural to the siting of a camping pod and decking. Access track to camping pod – No objections

## **HODDER AQUEDUCT RESTORATION PROGRAMME**

Meeting held with UU on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November via Microsoft Team.

Update given and questions raised by residents given. See separate minutes for details

RVBC holding a zoom meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Sandra to attend

## **B4RN**

Richard Astle has been in touch regarding the finances for B4RN. They are getting to the stage when they can fit the house kits. They do not have enough funds to purchase all the consumables they need and households may be asked to pay a fee upfront. He has asked if the Parish Council would be happy for payments to be made into the accounts. Councillors felt this was acceptable for Newton residents and that the other parishes should approach their own councils to see if they were happy to do this. Clerk to see if a separate account could be opened so that funds are kept separate. Cllr Beattie to discuss things with Mr Astle.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE**

It is hoped that the Christmas Tree will arrive week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Dixon has contacted the new residents at the Old Reading Room who are happy for their electricity to be used for the lights.

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT**

It has been suggested that due to Covid-19 restrictions this year and the fact that there is to be no over 60s party it would be nice to give residents a pack of mince pies for Christmas. The Parkers Arms and The Hark to Bounty to be asked if they would be interested in supplying. It was felt that although these may be more expensive the council would like to support a local business.

It was decided that all households should receive a pack. Clerk to arrange

## **PAYPHONE**

The BT payphone is not working.

Clerk has advised BT who will attend. BT also to arrange to have the box cleaned. Bush on the outside to be cut back. Cllrs Dixon and Beattie to deal with.

### **WELL IN FRONT OF THE OLD SCHOOL**

This has been blocked. Andrew Wood has been and jetted to get it clear. No bill received as yet

### **HIGHWAYS**

The salt heaps have arrived

### **CLERK TO ADVISE LCC OF THE FOLLOWING**

Visibility bollards on the fell need attention

Fence at the top of the fell by cattle grid by carpark) is damaged

Water has stopped going through Wallapawell and water is now running down the fell road.

It was felt that the amount of time being taken by LCC to do road repairs on Bull Lane and throughout Newton had been far too long, with LCC coming back repeatedly to do works instead of doing in one stage. Clerk to speak to David Smith.

### **PICNIC TABLE**

Clerk to contact RVBC re dumped picnic table at the top of the fell

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

#### **GRASS VERGE**

Cllr Dixon requested that the grass verge between Hydes Farm and the Old Police House be cut. Lengthsman to be advised.

### **CARS ON CARPARK**

Cllr aware that Mr McDougall has an old landrover parked on the carpark that has been there for a considerable time. Cllrs to speak to Mr McDougall.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm.