

**NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm via MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**PRESENT:-** Cllr M Beattie (Chairman), Cllr J Bennett, Cllr B Dixon, Cllr R Whitaker

Cllr R Elms

Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)

Mr R Parker and Mrs D Parker (members of the public)

**APOLOGIES:-** Cllr R Thornber and Cllr D Smith

**946 MINUTES:-**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed

**947 MATTERS ARISING:-**

**905c INFORMATION BOARD**

Helen Smith of River Ribble Trust has met with Cllrs Beattie and Dixon, they are prepared to pay for the new information boards and have them mounted in oak display units. Once they have arrived she will contact us to arrange to have them put in place. The village website and facebook logo have been added to the boards

**925 SPID**

The Clerk has spoken to Alan Cox at LCC who oversees road safety.

The SPIDs that show the speed need to be located within a 20-50mph speed limit they cannot be sited in a national speed limit area. Once we decide what, if anything we want to get he will come out and see where they can be sited. LCC highways no longer allow them to be fit to lampposts so a new post would need to be put in place. After discussion it was decided that more information was needed and Mr Cox be invited to come and advise. Clerk to organise

**944b CARS ON CARPARK**

Mr McDougalls car is still on the carpark. Clerk to write asking him to remove the vehicle by 1<sup>st</sup> April or RVBC will be contacted and asked to remove.

**939 CHRISTMAS TREE**

Mr Barton has been paid for the electricity. Clerk to contact Cllr Thornber to see how much it cost and reimburse him

**940 CHRISTMAS GIFT**

All properties received a gift of 6 mince pies delivered by the councillors, they were made by The Hark to Bounty.

Thank you notes received from many residents.

**948 FINANCE**

Community A/c £667.44

(inc for B4RN £91 Bowland Forest Lower and £151 Slaidburn)

Business Premium A/c £5732.71

## LENGTHSMAN

Community A/c £545.00

Business Saver A/c £1002.42

## 949 ACCOUNTS

### EXPENDITURE

Peter Barton £25 for Christmas tree electricity – payment made

Andrew Wood £120.00 clearing drain – payment made

Hark to Bounty £297.50 Mince Pies – payment made

Parish Online £60 – B4RN – payment made

SJ Pinder £100.00 Salary – payment made

### B4RN

Richard Astle B4RN – £315.00 payment made

Sarah Johnson B4RN – £538.22 payment made

Parish Council has contributed £175.22 to meet these payments

## LENGTHSMAN

S Speak 2 payments totalling £450 – payment made

### INCOME

AONB grant £600 for lengthsman

## 950 DEFIB

Councillors agreed to contribute towards the electricity costs due to Village Hall not being open.

£50.00 to be donated – payment made

## 951 HODDER AQUEDUCT RESTORATION PROGRAMME

The Clerk joined in zoom meeting with RVBC and also one held with Waddington PC. Minutes have been circulated to councillors

RVBC meeting was very similar to ours held 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, however it did include Waddington. The main thing for Waddington Residents is the vehicles coming through the village and the building of a temporary road around Waddington. UU held an open meeting with just short of 120 joining in. This was held as UU have changed their original proposals regarding the haul route. UU also joined the pc liaison meeting last week, again this was a repetition of previous meetings, they have however decided on the haul route to go around Waddington. It will go from Hanson cement to join the road just below Waddington School and then progress through Waddington and onto the Fell Road.. Planning application will be submitted May/June

Armstrongs are about to submit their application to LCC to receive the spoil

Clerk has asked Chris Tighe if they are planning to hold a public meeting with Newton, at this stage he says not unless their plans change significantly to the proposals already made

Screening opinion request submitted to RVBC 3/2021/0119 EIA scoping request for the installation of tunnelled pipework at the Bowland Section of the Haweswater Aqueduct and associated works.

RVBC happy for us to comment although we are being formally consulted. Chris Tighe has confirmed the hours of working. The tunnelling will be 24/7 and the removal of spoil will be Mon-Fri 7am – 7pm and Sundays and Bank Holidays 7am – 1pm.

Mr and Mrs Parker were asked for any concerns.

They are very concerned re the size of the project which is running through their property. Much of their grazing land will disappear along with the capacity for their winter feed when the haul route is put in place and works commence.

They are unsure what the noise/vibration level will be when works begin.

They are hoping their spring water supply will not be affected, UU have confirmed that water will be supplied if required.

Mr Parker pointed out that although a main haul route is to be constructed around the village bringing people from Waddington/Clitheroe he still felt a large number of staff/vehicles coming from other areas may travel through both Slaidburn and Dunsop Bridge. There is no mention of this on the scoping assessment. This comment to be made to RVBC.

There were concerns raised re the safety run off lane on the fell. Vehicles are regularly parked there blocking the entrance should the need arise. This to be mentioned due to the increase in large vehicles using the road.

Mrs Cefai from Gamble Hole Barn has stated that the scoping assessment shows the tunnel going under/very close to her property. She has been concerned about this before and had assurances from Chris Tighe that the tunnelling will be going nearer to the entrance to the track to the main road. This is not shown on the new assessment

Cllrs suggested that Mrs Cefai be advised to contact RVBC with her comments and the parish council should do the same.

Another suggestion raised by a resident is that local people should be contracted to do works where possible, concerns raised about the number of unknown people that will be working in the area

## **952 PLANNING**

Clerk Laithe 3/2020/0933

Construction of rural farm shop with the inclusion of two retail units. Resubmission of 3/2020/0444 –RVBC REFUSED

Chapel Croft 3/2020/0732

Replacement dwelling and conversion of barn to two dwellings.

RVBC Approved with conditions

Oak Bank 3/2020/0931

Construction of additional detached garage with storage room on first floor – RVBC Approved with conditions

Hoddercroft 3/2020/0905

Change of use of outbuilding to two-bedroom holiday let. RVBC Approved with conditions

Burnhouse Farm 3/2020/0942

Change of use from agricultural to the siting of a camping pod and decking. Access track to camping pod. – RVBC refused

The Old Schoolhouse 3/2021/0024

Proposed laying of cobbles, flags and gravel to the rear yard. No objections

### **953 B4RN**

The Clerk has looked into opening a new account with Barclays Bank to house B4RN monies, should the need arise. Properties are now not required to pay £30 fee as PC have agreed to fund any overspend. So far the other parishes volunteers have not got confirmation that their councils will look after their funds so it has been agreed that the money stays in our community account. When talking to Barclays they stated that our bank mandates were not up to date as insufficient ID had been given by Cllrs Beattie and Dixon, New forms to be handed over for completion. The mole ploughing to install the cables has now started.

### **954 GRASS VERGE**

Grass cuttings have been left in heaps on Hallgate Hill and Slaidburn Road. Cllr Beattie to contact Geoff Morries to see if they can be removed.

### **955 LITTERPICKING**

Mrs Boswell contacted us enquiring if we have any litter pickers, she is walking daily and happy to pick litter as she goes along. Clerk has contacted RVBC who have donated 10 along with some bin bags for the villages use. Clerk to advise residents they are available. Cllrs Dixon and Elms requested one be given to each of them.

### **956 CORRESPONDENCE**

a PARISH CHAMPION GRANT

Grant application form received

It was decided not to claim anything due to a healthy bank balance.

b COUNTRYSIDE CODE REVIEW

Request has been sent for completion of a survey to enable the revised countryside code to be drawn up. Clerk completed.

Concerns raised as visitors are expected to come to the area that are unaware of the code. AONB have agreed to some signage and the lengthsman be asked to put in popular places.

There is also an increasing amount of dog worrying, it was suggested that a polite notice be placed in the notice board and sent around asking dog walkers to keep their dogs on a lead.

### **957 HIGHWAYS**

#### **SALT HEAPS**

There has been a lack of salt heaps on secondary routes.

The clerk has contacted LCC on occasions asking for them to be replenished or the roads salted.

Taken 10 days for them to put extra heaps on CowArk Road and then they only left 4/ Similar on Bull Lane

Cllr Elms reported that she was aware that LCC are not going to be replenishing salt heaps in future

David Cowking is having problems getting authority to plough the roads

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The clerk contacted police on Christmas eve after car overturned on ice at Wallapawell. LCC put it on gritting schedule for lunchtime. Rang again on 29<sup>th</sup> Dec to request the look into issue, rang again 11<sup>th</sup> February for an update but nothing done so logged again. It had been logged as a winter maintenance issue not as a highway defect.

Cllrs felt a strong letter of complaint be sent to the Highways department and someone be invited out to see the problems. Cllr Beattie would be happy to meet them. Clerk to sort

Visibility bollards on the fell – Clerk to chase LCC

Bull Lane reported for continuing running water and subsequently ice.

Potholes on Bull Lane, Fell Road reported

Broken gully on Dunsop Road - reported

Slaidburn Road, water coming from the centre of the road – clerk to report

Stones of the retaining wall on Dunsop Road are falling out. Some top stones on the field side are looking dangerous. This was advised to LCC some time ago. Clerk to contact and advise

**958 ROAD SWEEPER**

Clerk to contact SB Tippers to enquire about the cost of sweeping the village roads

**959 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

a LOST CAR KEYS

Clerk has received a telephone call from Mr Knowles stating that he has lost some Audi car keys whilst on a walk through the area. Notice placed in the notice board and villagers to be asked to look out for them.

b LENGTHSMAN

The lengthsmen is to be asked to only do work when requested by the parish council,

**960 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2021, commencing 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams

Meeting closed 9.40pm