NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 19 September 2024

NEWTON- IN-BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL
7.00 pm

DRAFT notes

1. **The Chair welcomed all present including all councillors, the clerk and two parishioners. Apologes received and accepted from Rosie Elms, RVBC councillor.**

2. **No declarations of interest.**

3. **The minutes from the meeting held Thursday 16 May 2024 were agreed to be an accurate record. Proposed Councillor Slinger, seconded Councillor Emanuel.**

4. **No matters arising.**

5. **No clerk has been appointed; there was a discussion about affording to pay for the position as projected outgoings exceeded income.**

   It was agreed that BD would make further enquiries with a view to appointing locally on the existing arrangement.

   Councillor Slinger agreed to temporarily take on the clerk function.

6. **No councillor was available to attend the Parish Council Liaison meeting on 12 September 2024 however, councillor Slinger reported that there was a discussion about changing bin collections. Councillor Conway kindly offered to attend all Parish Council Liaison meetings. Clerk to forward details.**

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7. **Councillor Emmanuel met with United Utilities representatives to discuss improvements to the circular river walk. Landowners will be approached in advance of any works that might be planned in the future.**

8. **Finance**

   a. **Balances:**
      i. **30643084 £1260.43**
      ii. **23382419 £4092.79**
      iii. **20480398 £770**
      iv. **33509605 £511.58**

   b. **Income (2024/5):**
      i. **Concurrent fund applied for £114 (awaiting)**
      ii. **Precept £2250 (received)**
      iii. **Opting in to local delivery bio scheme for public rights of way £500 plus £300 (received)**

   c. **Outgoings summary**

      i. annual outgoings (1).xlsx

9. **Cheques approved:**
    a. **100612 village hall £17.25**
    b. **100613 spoiled**
    c. **100614 insurance £682.31**
    d. **100615 lengthsman £180**
    e. **100616 spoiled**
    f. **100617 P Slinger (defib) £500**
    g. **100618 P Slinger (defib) £500**
    h. **100619 P Slinger (defib) £234.80**
    i. **100620 C Spence fencing £240**
    j. **100621 Oaktrees plants £111.00**

10. **Update on Banking. Barclays Bank are not able to offer a sufficiently flexible banking service and changing mandates takes too long (we have two names to remove and to replace) it was agreed that the clerk will explore the possibility of moving to Unit Trust Bank who provide a service tailored to parish councils. ACTION. Proposed councillor Slinger; seconded Councillor Thornber who also offered to become signatories on the existing account.**

11. **It was agreed not to take any further action on the Rural Prosperity fund offered by RVBC.**

12. **Lengthsman update: Alex has started work to keep the grass verges cut; councillor Slinger has painted the phone box and weeded the cenotaph. The Parish Council land in front of Newton Hall is to have the tulips replaced. Councillor Thornber is to speak to RVBC (Alan Boyer) about agreeing a new schedule of work for the grass cutting contract that is with RVBC as there may be some funds to be saved from this as some parishioners are currently volunteering to keep some of the verges tidy. ACTION**

    A parishioner present thanked the parish council for their positive action in responding to her observations about the verges in advance of the Hodder Valley Show.

13. **The clerk updated progress on the Quaker Burial Ground including ring fenced funds and reminded councillors that there is £1035 ring fenced in parish council accounts to complete the entrance to the burial ground.**

14. **The new defibrillator is installed and working. Clerk to write to Neville to thank him for continuing to monitor the defibrillator. ACTION**

15. **Planning – no objections:**

    a. **3/2024/0368 Higher House Barn**
    b. **3/2024/0262 Burnhouse Farm**
    c. **3/2024/0335 Old School**
    d. **3/2024/0336 Old School**

16. **See item 7.**

17. **No further updates from the Traffic and Road Safety Group.**

18. **PCSO update – not present**

19. **RVBC councillor update – not present but sent a message that there was a meeting arranged with LCC about ongoing gritting issues.**

20. **LCC councillor update – not present. Clerk to send completed spreadsheet to Rupert Swarbrick. ACTION**

21. **Adopt Standing Orders – already adopted.**

22. Correspondence and parishioner queries:

a. **To acknowledge receipt and circulation of information about the Clitheronian Road Rally**
b. **To acknowledge receipt and circulation of crime prevention leaflet**
c. **To acknowledge receipt and circulation of OPCC consultation**
d. **To acknowledge receipt and completion of the town council survey**
e. **To acknowledge receipt and completion of the settlement review**

23. Remembrance Sunday plans for Sunday 10 November 2024 at 2pm. Clerk to order two wreaths and create poster. The village hall committee have kindly agreed to offer refreshments, any donations of cake gratefully received.

24. Website update – none at present.

25. Highways – return spreadsheet to LCC ACTION

26. AOB

a. **Bins – no action;**
b. **Query about paragliding – clerk to respond;**
c. **Sheep worrying info from police – clerk has circulated;**
d. **Parish and town council conference invitation – no councillors attending;**
e. **Offer of defibrillator declined as we have just purchased one clerk to respond;**
f. **Forest of Bowland national landscape 60th anniversary offer of trees – clerk to decline offer as there is nowhere to plant;**
g. **No response to the draft Statement of Principles from RVBC clerk to respond;**
h. **Query about responsibility for trees in the village. Clerk to respond;**
i. **Observation from parishioner about the issues of closure of the Fell Road. Clerk to respond;**
j. **A parishioner present at the meeting asked about car parking on the verge at the end of Back Lane and was told that it was not advisable and at their own risk.**

27. Date of next meeting Thursday 21 November 2024 7pm in the village hall