

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWTON-UPON-RAWCLIFFE & STAPE

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Newton upon Rawcliffe on Thursday 15th January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Ian Parkin
Councillor Billy Garrett
Councillor Caroline Jackson
Councillor Sally Sellars
Councillor Josephine Hall
Clerk to the Council Mrs Helen Pells

46/2015 APOLOGIES
Councillor Ian Clough (Lambing and Calving)

47/2015 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2014 AT NEWTON VILLAGE HALL
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

48/2015 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA
No declarations made.

49/2015 OPEN FORUM
One member of the public present: Janet Isherwood of Great Barugh spoke against Fracking. She asked for the Council's support as she lived close to Kirby Misperton, an area already exploited for conventional gas extraction and a site most likely to be considered by Third Energy for the drilling of shale gas.

50/2015 FRACKING
All the Councillors present agreed that there was a lot of

literature and information in the public domain for and against fracking and it was difficult to know what to believe. However the discussion which followed highlighted the following points:

- ✚ Why invest so much money into the exploitation of another fossil fuel when we as a country had targets to reduce our carbon footprint? Surely that money should go towards the development of renewable energy?
- ✚ The damage to the local environment when so many businesses rely on tourism.
- ✚ The doubt now being raised as to whether or not energy bills would be reduced? (Newton and Stape do not have gas)
- ✚ Light pollution from the well heads.
- ✚ The amount of extra traffic from the tankers which will have to deliver water and remove contaminated water from the site.
- ✚ The legacy being left to future generations.

A discussion followed and a vote was taken as to whether the council was in favour of fracking or against it for the exploitation of shale gas. Four members voted against it and one abstained. It was therefore **RESOLVED** by a majority vote of 4:1 that the council were against fracking and Mrs Pells would write to the relevant authorities informing them of this decision.

51/2015 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Precept: In January each year RDC request that Parish Councils state their precept requirement. As from 2015 Ryedale DC will not be contributing any Parish Grant (The grant for 2014/2015 was £23.79)

However, it was **RESOLVED** to ask for £2100, the same as in the previous 4 years.

52/2015 **FINANCE**

£ Cheque:

15/01/2015 Cheque No. Helen Pells Clerk's
525 remuneration

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the cheque.

£ Statement of Accounts: Balance £5115.64

53/2015 REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS.

None to report


54/2015 OUTSTANDING MATTERS (For information only except if otherwise stated)

None

55/2015 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced that Councillor Garrett would not be seeking re-election in May due to ill health. The Chairman thanked him for all his hard work and with all council members expressed their best wishes for the future.

56/2015 REQUEST FROM COUNCILLORS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS AT THE NEXT MEETING

 Councillor Hall had witnessed two Forestry lorries mounting the pavement near her home in Newton. Mrs Pells would write to the Forestry Commission and report these incidents. There was also some general concern about the lack of respect for the 30 mile an hour limit through the village.

57/2015 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5th March 2015

Minutes: 15th January 2015

Signed:

Chairman: _____ Date:

Parish Clerk: _____ Date: