

**THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWTON-UPON-RAWCLIFFE & STAPE**

**The Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held  
at the Village Hall, Newton upon Rawcliffe on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
May at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Chairman Ian Parkin  
Councillor Ian Clough  
Councillor Caroline Jackson  
Councillor Josephine Hall  
Councillor Steve Jackson  
Clerk to the Council Mrs Helen Pells

Three required for a quorum

**01/2015 TO RECEIVE & APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**02/2015 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ian Parkin, being willing to stand, was duly elected as Chairman. Nominated by Councillor Ian Clough and seconded by Councillor Josephine Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Caroline Jackson, being willing to stand, was duly elected as Deputy Chairman. Nominated by Councillor Josephine Hall and seconded by Councillor Ian Clough.

**03/2015 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Newton-upon-Rawcliffe Playing Field Association**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Josephine Hall, being willing to continue as the Council's representative on the Newton upon Rawcliffe Playing Field's Association Committee was duly elected to the said post.

**Newton-upon-Rawcliffe Village Hall Committee**

Owing to no volunteers Councillor Josephine Hall agreed to liaise

with the village hall committee when necessary.

#### **Poad's Charity Trust**

Mrs Angela Hemingway had been elected on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to serve a four-year term as the Council's representative on the Poad's Charity committee.

**04/2015** **TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**  
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **05/2015** **CHAIRMAN'S END OF YEAR REPORT**

First I would like to welcome Mr Steve Jackson to the Council. Steve is well known in both parishes and I am sure that his drive and personality will strengthen and enrich the Council and I look forward to serving with him. During the past year the Council has lost three members; Elizabeth Fairburn resigned last summer and Sally Sellars and Billy Garrett decided not to stand for another term. Sadly Billy resigned due to a serious health problem and I know that all members of the Council wish him the very best.

One of the most important items discussed by the Council over the last year was Fracking; a subject widely debated in Ryedale, arousing passions on both sides of the argument. The Council voted against it for several reasons including the impact on the tourist industry, the impact on the environment and the legacy that we were leaving to our children and grandchildren. At a time when our country is trying to reduce our carbon footprint it made no sense to be promoting yet another fossil fuel.

Another concern was the deteriorating condition of some of our local roads especially Heads Road and Stape Road itself. Indeed Heads Road in parts had become a honeycomb of potholes. Complaints were made to Highways, not only from the Council but from local residents too. It is important that we all continue to report potholes on the specified website thus contributing to the safety of our roads.

With reduction in government funding Highways announced that from April 2015 the non-statutory cutting of grass verges would cease and only visibility related cuts at junctions and roundabouts would be carried out.

The Council would like to create an e-mail list of willing participants which could be used to relay urgent messages. These messages would

be sent by 'blind carbon copy' but would be a way of communicating with the community at appropriate times. There will be more information on this in the next news letter.

During the year the Council were asked to comment on 3 planning applications. Other agenda items included the long standing problem of parking on the green and the late cutting of the grass in the spring. Ryedale District Council, who owns the green, assured the Parish Council that there were no plans afoot to reduce the number of cuts per year. However, this year the grass did not receive its first cut until 11<sup>th</sup> May and therefore the Council will be pursuing this matter further with Ryedale District Council.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Dennis Wilcock for acting as the Council's internal auditor. It is very much appreciated, and last but not least a thank you to Helen Pells our Parish Clerk.

Ian Parkin  
May 2015

#### 06/2015 FINANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2015

*Copies of the Statement of Accounts and full details of outgoings and incomings had already been distributed to council members.*

*To approve the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 for the following:*

*Parish Council (including the Cemetery Account): The accounts were presented with a total balance on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 of £5,097.81 Total incomings amounted to £2,960.00 and total outgoings to £2,211.30*

*It was RESOLVED that subject to the Parish Council Accounts being approved by the Internal Auditor, the above accounts for the year 2014-2015 be approved and signed.*

*To receive the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 for the Poad's Charity Trust, the Newton-upon-Rawcliffe Playing Field Association and Penny Garth Allotments*

*Awaiting accounts.*

**To appoint an internal auditor**

It was **RESOLVED** to ask Professor Dennis Wilcock to act again as internal auditor.

**To approve the Annual Governance Statement**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement duly signed by the chairman.

**07/2015 PROPOSED DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 including the Annual Meetings

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Parish Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: