

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWTON-UPON-RAWCLIFFE & STAPE

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Newton upon Rawcliffe on Thursday 14th May 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

- Present:** Chairman Ian Parkin
Deputy Chairman Caroline Jackson
Councillor Ian Clough
Councillor Josephine Hall
Councillor Steve Jackson
Clerk to the Council Mrs Helen Pells
- 08/2015** **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
All members present.
- 09/2015** **TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH MARCH 2015**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 10/2015** **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**
Councillor Josephine Hall is presenting Agenda Item 18/2015 and is also involved in this project being a joint venture between the Newton-upon-Rawcliffe Playing Field Association and the Kids' Club of which Councillor Hall is a committee member.
- 11/2015** **OPEN FORUM**
One member of the public present (Mr Neil Baxter)
No questions asked or comments made.
- 12/2015** **COUNCIL PROCEDURES**
Councillor Caroline Jackson was concerned that agenda items were sometimes left to the Parish Clerk to manage extending her one-hour per week recommended time spent on Council business to considerably more.
After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that as a principle, items added to the agenda should either be pursued by the requesting councillor or allocated to another councillor if appropriate (e.g. an agenda item requested by a member of the public or when another councillor has a particular interest in a subject or when an agenda item is added by the Parish Clerk)
This principle may not always be necessary when the action to be taken is a matter for the Parish Clerk.
- 13/2015** **Co-option**
The Council is still short of 3 Councillors. The recommended ratio is 5 councillors for Newton and 3 for Stape.

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk should publish a notice on the notice boards and in the next edition of the Parish Magazine asking for interested parties to either contact the parish clerk or a member of the council.

Action: Mrs Pells

14/2015

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

NYCC – Ryedale Area Committee: Even though the Parish Council is not represented on the area committee a councillor can still attend as a member of the public.

NYMNP – Southern Area Parish Forum Meetings: A member of the Council is invited to attend.

Details of other relevant meetings are also usually sent to the Parish Clerk.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk should ask for a volunteer as and when details of each meeting are published.

Action: Mrs Pells

15/2015

THE GREEN AT NEWTON

Litter Bins

The present litter bin on the green gets blown about on windy days and Mr John Wicks who lives near the green has suggested that the Parish Council take up the offer, free of charge, of a more substantial bin from Ryedale District Council. These bins are less likely to succumb to the wind. It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Pells should arrange delivery of one of these bins.

Action: Mrs Pells

Grass Cutting

For the second year running the first cut of the village green has not occurred until May. Several residents have contacted Mrs Pells to complain. Mrs Pells was told by RDC that they were short staffed. Mrs Pells will seek further reassurance from RDC that there is no intent to reduce the number of cuts per season.

Action: Mrs Pells

16/2015

TRAFFIC CONTROL AT NEWTON / COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Councillor Josephine Hall was concerned about the speed of the traffic through the village. Mrs Pells was to send her details of a pilot scheme being introduced at 50 sites in North Yorkshire by Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, known as 'Community Speed Watch'. Community Speed Watch empowers communities to monitor the speed of traffic themselves.

Action: Councillor Hall

17/2015

MONUMENTS ON STONY MOOR

Jo Collins from the NYMNP had contacted Mrs Pells concerning two cairns on Stony Moor. Jo works on the Monument Management Scheme and planned to visit the moor in the summer with a group of volunteers to 'clean up' around the two monuments. It would involve crushing bracken fronds and pulling up small tree saplings. She had since contacted Mrs Pells again to inform her of a new scheme being introduced whereby a Parish Council adopts a

monument and takes over its care. This would involve keeping the undergrowth down and reporting any problems should they arise. Mr Neil Baxter expressed concerns about the need for spraying around the monuments and the adoption scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Pells should seek more information from Jo Collins and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Action: Mrs Pells

18/2015

REVAMPING THE PLAYING FIELD

Councillor Hall reported that the Kids' Club and the Newton-upon-Rawcliffe Playing Field Association had joined forces in a project to raise money from grants to revamp the playing fields. The monies would be used for a pavilion or some type of shelter, general repair of the playing fields, mains electricity and illumination of the tennis courts and an outdoor gym for adults and children. Councillor Hall requested general support from the Parish Council, not finance. Members of the Parish Council gave a warm response to these proposals and it was **RESOLVED** to support the project.

19/2015

CORRESPONDENCE & MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE PARISH CLERK

Mrs Pells reported that new rules were being introduced about the information small Parish Councils make public. By the next meeting hopefully she will be able to explain how the new rules will affect the Parish Council.

Mrs Pells also reminded the Parish Council that it was her wish to retire from the position of Parish Clerk in the near future.

20/2015

FINANCE

Cheques to approve and sign

1 June 2015	526	P & A Gospel	Cemetery Maintenance	£720
1 June 2015	527	Yorkshire Local Councils Association	Yearly subscription	£113
26 May 2015	528	Helen Pells	Remuneration	£125
26 May 2015	529	Helen Pells	Licence for the cemetery re-cycling bin	£36
22 June	530	AON	Insurance	£417.06

N.B. Cheques 526 and 527 were dated 1 June 2015 and posting was delayed to allow time for the 'new signatory' information to be processed at Yorkshire Bank Pickering.

Cheques 528 and 529 payable to Helen Pells were not deposited in Mrs Pells' account until she was confident that the new signatory information had been processed.

Mrs Pells had paid for the licence for the emptying of the cemetery bin using her own debit card to avoid an interruption in the service. It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the above cheques.

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Balance

As of 22 April 2015: £6147.81

- 21/2015 **REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS.**
None
- 22/2015 **OUTSTANDING MATTERS –FOR INFORMATION ONLY (EXCEPT IF OTHERWISE STATED)**
None
- 23/2015 **MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**
None
- 24/2015 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
Requests from Councillors: None
Requests from Members of the Public: None
- 25/2015 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Thursday 3rd September

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman: _____ Date:

Parish Clerk: _____ Date: