

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWTON-UPON-RAWCLIFFE & STAPE

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Newton upon Rawcliffe on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at 7.00 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
- 26/2015* TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
All present
- 27/2015* TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015  
It was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 28/2015* DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA  
No declarations made.
- 29/2015* OPEN FORUM  
No members of the public attended the meeting.
- 30/2015* WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLOR STEVE JACKSON  
The Deputy Chairman formally welcomed Steve Jackson to the Parish Council.
- 31/2015* CLOSURE OF RAWCLIFFE BANK  
The Deputy Chairman was concerned that misinformation was

being circulated around the two parishes saying that the Parish Council was aware beforehand that Rawcliffe Bank was to close on June 8<sup>th</sup>. She wanted the record set straight and a minuted account of the efforts made by the Parish Council to reduce the inconvenience the closure had caused to local residents and also the action taken to discover why such short notice of the closure was given.

**Report from the Parish Clerk:**

On 11 February 2015 the parish clerk received an email from Mr Neil Baxter informing her of a meeting he had had with Northern Powergrid and during that meeting he had discovered that the proposed undergrounding of the power lines from Stony Moor to Newton would involve re-routing them via Raindale Road / Stape Road / Rawcliffe Bank and Rawcliffe Road to the Boon Hill Farm entrance.

Mr Baxter was concerned about the disruption any such work on Rawcliffe Bank may cause including the possibility of the complete closure of the bank itself.

Mr Baxter understood that there would be a planning application at some point in the future. The Parish Council had in the past not only been routinely informed of work involving power lines but also had been invited to comment on such work. Mrs Pells was not able at that time to discover any details of the work and thus made the decision that there was nothing to be done at that stage but to await any such planning application. She thanked Mr Baxter for the information.

On the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> June at 0800 hours she was informed by Councillor Ian Clough that Rawcliffe Bank was closed and would be for the following 10 days.

The actions taken by the Parish Clerk and the Deputy Chairman following this information appear as Appendix 1 and 2

respectively.

After a full discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk write to Highways (cc other relevant agencies) and ask for an explanation with reference to the following points:

1. Why was such short notice given of the closure?
2. Why was there no consultation period between the relevant agencies and organizations?
3. What procedures are there for informing local agencies of the work being undertaken?

### 32/2015 **COMMUNITY ASSETS**

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council produced a list of community assets. Following a discussion in which there was little enthusiasm for such a venture and it was **RESOLVED** to abandon the idea.

### 33/2015 **ADOPTION OF MONUMENTS ON STONY MOOR**

Mrs Pells had contacted Jo Collins expressing Mr Neil Baxter's concerns that the care of the monuments would involve spraying (Agenda item 17/2015) He was also concerned about the long term implications of the Parish Council adopting the monuments. Jo Collins, in her reply to Mrs Pells' letter, reassured the Parish Council that there would be no need for any spraying around the monuments and it would only involve 'manually cutting or pulling up any saplings/seedlings/gorse/brambles and crushing bracken'. The 'adopt a monument' project is now part of the Monument Management Scheme and is no longer named 'adopt a monument' but in principal was still going ahead.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should ask for volunteers to care for the monuments. Councillors Steve Jackson and Josie Hall and Mrs Pells all volunteered. Mrs Pells would arrange with Jo Collins for the three of them to meet her

on August 5<sup>th</sup> on Stony Moor itself.

**34/2015 THE SCHOOL BUS**

Councillor Caroline Jackson reported that the small school bus which picks up children from Middlehead road has been replaced by a 52 seater. This bus reverses along Middlehead Road damaging the grass verges under which the telephone line runs. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Josie Hall would have a word with the bus driver when she puts her children on the school bus in Newton to find out why the 52-seater had been substituted for the smaller bus. It had been previously agreed that owing to the road being so narrow with no passing places that only the smaller bus should be used.

**35/2015 KEN ATHER OUTDOOR CENTRE – BINS AND EXTRA RUBBISH BAGS**

Councillor Caroline Jackson was concerned that there was no proper management of waste at the centre. On one occasion one wheelie bin (overflow) and several plastic sacks had been put out for collection. The plastic sacks had been torn (presumably by animals) and their contents were spread over the area.

Councillor Jackson had contacted the caretaker who said the disposal of waste from the centre was not her responsibility and that it should be taken up with NYCC.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Caroline Jackson should write to the owners/trustees and suggest they replace their present system with a trade waste bin.

**36/2015 CORRESPONDENCE & MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE PARISH CLERK**

- ① **Japanese Knot Weed:** A member of the public had reported the presence of Japanese Knot weed in the back lane and asked whether or not the Parish Council were aware. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council and

the North York Moors National Park Authority were aware.

- ① **Fire Brigade:** A presentation given by Simon Wall of the Fire Brigades Union North Yorkshire at the Parish Liaison Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 had been forwarded to members of the Parish Council.
- ① **Transparency Code:** Small councils with a turnover of under £25,000 are to be required to publish certain information on the internet. Newton upon Rawcliffe & Stape Parish Council does not have its own website but Ryedale District Council is making provision for such councils to publish the required information on RDC's website.
- ① **Cemetery:** Mrs Pells made the Parish Council aware that at some point in the future a pile of earth would have to be removed from the northwest corner.

### 37/2015 FINANCE

- £ **Balance** as of the 26 May 2015: £5,986.81
- £ **Update on Audit:** All the papers are now with the external auditor

### 38/2015 REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS.

**Police & Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire:** Councillor Hall attended a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at the Milton Rooms in Malton. It was titled 'Policing in North Yorkshire'; a public relations exercise.

### 39/2015 OUTSTANDING MATTERS –FOR INFORMATION ONLY EXCEPT IF OTHERWISE STATED

- ① **Litter Bin for the Green:** (Agenda item 15/2015) The Parish Clerk is yet to get the measurements of one of these bins so a suitable position for it can be found.

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**40/2015      MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

*None*

**41/2015      AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING & ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Requests from Councillors:*

*Councillor Ian Clough reported the high numbers of adders present on the moors. He was concerned that the nearest anti-venom was kept at Scarborough Hospital and not at Pickering Medical Practice.*

*Councillor Steve Jackson reported that visibility on Stape road between Middlehead Road junction and Brown Howe Road was very poor due to overhanging trees.*

*Requests from Members of the Public: None*

**22/2015      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015*

*The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.*

Signed:

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

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