

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWTON-UPON-RAWCLIFFE & STAPE

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Newton upon Rawcliffe on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

- Present:** Chairman Ian Parkin
Councillor Ian Clough
Councillor Josephine Hall
Councillor David Hall
Clerk to the Council Mrs Helen Pells
- 14/2016 TO RECEIVE & APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Councillor Steve Jackson
- 15/2016 TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2016**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 16/2016 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**
No declarations made.
- 17/2016 OPEN FORUM**
No members of the public present.
- 18/2016 PLANNING NYM/2016/0064/FL**
Application in respect of construction of domestic garage/workshop/store together with alterations to existing access at Rawcliffe Cottage, Stape. Grid Reference 479401 493091 Applicant: Mr Alan Wright
Councillors Ian Clough and Steve Jackson visited the site and were satisfied with the planning application.
It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council made no

comments to the NYMNPA with regards to the said planning application.

19/2016 CHANGES TO THE EXTERNAL AUDIT REGIME

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 has given smaller councils (those with an income or expenditure less than £6.5 million per annum) the opportunity to either choose their own external auditor or remain automatically opted in to the new Sector Led Body audit regime.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should continue as before and maintain the status quo.

20/2016 WATER BANK

The Chairman of the Council had received complaints from a member of the public with regards to the general mess at the top of Water Bank. At the Chairman's request the parish clerk had written to Mr David Smith, the Senior Ranger from the NYMNPA (South) for his opinion on the matter. Mr Smith, in his reply had proposed to consult with his colleagues about the problem but doubted whether any action would be taken.

21/2016 WEB-SITE.

A fund to allow Parish Councils to set up their own web sites had been introduced by the government to 'help ease the new burdens that implementation of the (Transparency) Code has caused'. The Transparency Code required Parish Councils to publish on the web certain information including minutes and accounts. The parish clerk had already sent out details to council members of several companies specializing in appropriate website design and all had preferred Parish Council Website. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that Mrs Pells proceeded with the application for both the website and the funding.

22/2016 CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

The Parish clerk reported on an initiative to tidy up the Country before the official date of the HM Queen Elizabeth's birthday in June.

23/2016 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE CLERK.

None

24/2016 FINANCE

£ Cheque for approval and signing:

£ The parish clerk requested that she should purchase the licence for the cemetery (for the collection of green waste) and later be reimbursed by the parish council as had been the practice in previous years. The council RESOLVED to give its consent for this.

£ Balance as of 5th February 2016: £7539.91

25/2016 REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Josephine Hall presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2015 for the Newton-upon-Rawcliffe Playing Field Association.

26/2016 OUTSTANDING MATTERS – for information only except if otherwise stated.

Village Green The parish clerk had not yet received any reply from RDC concerning parking on and the state of the village green.

27/2016 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

None

28/2016 REQUESTS for AGENDA ITEMS

None

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29/2016 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12 May 2016

The meeting ended at 7.53 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman: _____ Date:

Parish Clerk: _____ Date: