

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

*The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Newton upon Rawcliffe on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00 p.m.*

**Present:** Chairman Ian Parkin  
Deputy Chairman Steven Jackson  
Councillor Philip Jackson  
Councillor Jane Hemingway  
Councillor Grant Nersessian  
Also in attendance: Mrs Pells, Parish Clerk

**49/2017 To Receive & Approve Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Josephine Hall  
Councillor Ian Clough  
Councillor David Hall

**50/2017 To Approve & Sign as a Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

*(These minutes included the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)*

*It was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.*

**51/2017 Declarations of Members' Interests in Respect of Items on this Agenda**

*No declarations made.*

**52/2017 Open Forum**

*No members of the public present.*

**53/2017 Public Toilet in Playing Field**

This was deferred until the next meeting owing to Councillor Hall's not being able to attend.

**54/2017 Contribution towards the cost of the Newton and Stape Carnival.**

The Playing Field Committee had requested a donation from the parish council towards the live entertainment at the carnival. All present were in favour and it was **RESOLVED** to donate £100.

**55/2017 North Yorkshire Permit Scheme Consultation**

The scheme's primary objectives are:

- Increase the efficient running of the highway network through proactive management of activities on the highway
- Improve the quality and timeliness of information received from all activity promoters
- Encourage a proactive approach to planning and undertaking of works on the highway
- Protect the structure of the street and the integrity of apparatus in it
- Ensure the safety of those using the street and those working on activities that fall under the scheme, with particular emphasis on people with disabilities
- Ensure parity of treatment for all activity promoters

Members of the parish council had been sent copies of the scheme prior to the meeting. All members present approved of the scheme and therefore **RESOLVED** that it

was not necessary (as suggested by NYCC) to reply with comments.

- 56/2017 Correspondence & Matters to report from the Clerk**
- Cemetery:** The parish clerk asked the chairman if he would consent to her finding out from other parish councils in the area what their restrictions were regarding headstone height as there had been comments made by stone masons and relatives of the deceased that 19 inches was very restrictive. The chairman had no objections.
- Ryedale District Council:** RDC had transferred, by mistake, £100 into the Parish Council's bank account in payment for the hire of the village hall as the polling station for the recent general election. The clerk had informed Professor Wilcock, treasurer on the village hall committee. RDC had contacted Mrs Pells and apologised.
- Working Parties:** The terms of reference for the Cemetery and Planning Working Parties had now been written and forwarded to the relevant people.

**57/2017 Finance**

**Cheques approval and signing:**

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Reason for payment	Amount
20/07/2017	552	RDC	Return of payment made to parish council in error. (56/2017)	£100

**Balance:** As of 30 June 2017, £8966.29

**58/2017 Outstanding Matters**

**Update on Stape Village Hall**

Councillors Phil Jackson and Jane Hemingway called a public meeting of Stape Residents in which they, the residents, were given the opportunity to vote on the question 'Do Stape Residents still want a Village Hall?' 89% of them voted 'No'. (See appendix 1)

The newly appointed Stape Village Hall Committee will now investigate the following including:

- Covenants on the land
- Getting a valuation of the land with or without covenants and with or without the building
- Obtaining costs for the removal of the building
- Obtaining costs for the removal of the asbestos in the building

Stape Village Hall Committee: Colin Barker, Ian Clough, Jane Hemingway and Phil Jackson.

**Telephone Boxes**

BT had delayed the selling of the red telephone boxes until a strong mobile signal was available throughout the area. However, Councillor Phil Jackson pointed out that Stape telephone box no longer housed a public telephone. The parish clerk will make further enquires.

**Newton Village Notice Board**

Councillor Jane Hemingway reported that several residents of Newton were concerned about the state of the notice board which still had not been repaired.

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*59/2017 Reports on Other Meetings Attended by Councillors  
None*

*60/2017 Matters to report from the Chairman  
None*

*61/2017 Requests for Agenda Items for the Next Meeting and Any  
Other Business  
Councillor Phil Jackson offered his apologies in advance for  
the next meeting in September as he will be on holiday.*

*62/2017 Date of Next Meeting  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September*

*The meeting ended 8.26 p.m.*

*Signed:*

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

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

## Appendix 1

### NOTICE to the Residents of Stape

You are invited to an extra ordinary meeting of the Stape Village Hall Committee that will be held at Stape Village Hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm, to consider and vote on the proposed resolution set out below.

#### **Do Stape Residents still want a Village Hall?**

If three quarters of the residents of Stape\* who are attending the meeting vote **No** on the above question there are then a number of proposals to be considered:

1. The Committee to make arrangements for enquiries to be made of the Local Planning Authority (North Yorkshire National Park Authority) about what other uses of the Village Hall site would be compliant with current planning policies.
2. The Committee to make arrangements for enquiries to be made about how much it would cost to demolish the existing Village Hall taking into account that the structure of the building includes asbestos.
3. The Committee to make arrangements for enquiries to be made about the potential cost of removing the restrictive covenant on the title that limits the use to only being used for the purposes of a village hall.

These proposals will be investigated by the committee with a decision on the best course of action reported at a further meeting or in writing to all households in Stape.

As at 9 June 2017 there was only one remaining member of the Stape Village Hall Committee. There cannot be a Committee of one person. Under the terms of the Trust Deed for the Stape Village Hall the surviving trustee, Valerie Warriner, has appointed:

- Colin Barker
- Jane Hemingway (Representing Stape & Newton Parish Council.)
- Philip Jackson (Representing Stape & Newton Parish Council.)

as the members of the Stape Village Hall Committee with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This has been recorded in the Minute Book for the Stape Village Hall Committee.

**\*Under the terms of the Stape Village Hall Trust only residents aged 18 and over are eligible to vote on this issue.**

16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

# **Village Hall Meeting**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 7.00pm

## **AGENDA**

1. Background and Information about the Meeting
  
2. Vote on the question ***'Does Stape still want a village Hall?'***  
The vote only concerns this Village Hall and is to be carried out according to the rules laid out in the Trust Deed relating to Stape Village Hall. (11<sup>th</sup> May 1980)
  
3. Co-opting of new members onto the Committee of Stape Village Hall
  
4. General discussion about alternative uses for the Village Hall and the Land
  
5. Date for next meeting to discuss the Committee's findings on the future of the Village Hall and the site.
  
6. Close Meeting

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The outcome of the meeting was as follows:

Number attending meeting	34
Number of Stape residents attending	29
Number of Residents voting No to the Resolution	26
Number of Residents Voting YES to the Resolution	2
Number of Residents abstaining	1

Under the terms of the trust more than 75% of Residents attending the meeting needed to vote No to the Resolution in order to close the Village Hall and consider what action is to be taken. The actual percentage that voted No is 89%

The Village Hall Committee will now explore all options which will include looking at the covenants on the land, getting a valuation of the land with or without covenants and with or without the building, looking at prices for the removal of the building and looking at prices for the removal of the Asbestos in the building.

Only when we have the answers to all these questions can we decide on the final outcome but as soon as we have the information we will call another meeting to discuss it with all those interested.

***Thank you to all those who made the effort to attend the meeting. It has definitely moved things forward.***

If anybody has any thoughts on what should happen next or any general queries please email us at

[picifrc@gmail.com](mailto:picifrc@gmail.com)

Village Hall Committee – Colin Barker, Ian Clough, Jane Hemingway (PC) Philip Jackson (PC)