

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

*The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Newton upon Rawcliffe on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at 7.00 p.m.*

**Present:** Deputy Chairman Steven Jackson  
Councillor Ian Clough  
Councillor Josephine Hall  
Councillor David Hall  
Councillor Jane Hemingway  
Councillor Grant Nersessian

- 63/2017 To Receive & Approve Apologies for Absence**  
*Apologies received from the Chairman Ian Parkin and Councillor Phil Jackson. Deputy Chairman Steven Jackson took the Chair.*
- 64/2017 To Approve & Sign as a Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
*It was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.*
- 65/2017 Declarations of Members' Interests in Respect of Items on this Agenda**  
*No declarations made.*
- 66/2017 Open Forum**  
*1 member of the public was present who had requested that the state of the footpaths in Newton be discussed at the meeting. They were in a poor state of repair and in*

places their poor condition presented a risk to those using them.

**67/2017 Roadside Sign for the Playing Field**

A request had been made by members of the Newton upon Rawcliffe Playing Field Association for a roadside sign for the playing field. In principal, the parish council was in favour. The parish clerk was asked to find out from Highways the procedure for the erection of such a sign. A general discussion followed about safety in the village and the feasibility of having a warning sign at the south end of the village which informed drivers of their speed. (Commonly known as a 'Smiley SID'.)

Action: Parish Clerk

**68/2017 Verges through Stape**

A request to have overgrown verges cut back was made by parishioners from Stape. Where the verges are not cut the edges are encroaching onto the highway itself. NYCC Highways only cut verges where visibility is a problem such as corners. NYCC Highways are happy for a private contractor to undertake the task provided certain safety conditions are met. It was agreed that a quote should be obtained for the November meeting and also advice from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust would be sought as to the best time to cut the verges to allow wild flowers to seed etc.

Action: Councillors Steve Jackson and Ian Clough.

**69/2017 Footpaths**

The parish council agreed that the state of the footpaths in Newton upon Rawcliffe were in a poor state and in

need of repair. A request would be made to NYCC Highways for an inspection.

Action: Parish Clerk

**70/2017 Correspondence & Matters to report from the Clerk**

- a) Telephone Kiosks – Ryedale District Council had refused permission for the kiosk in Newton to be sold to the parish council. It was **RESOLVED** that at present the one in Stape, which is now owned by the parish council, should remain as a landmark.
- b) Caravan Site at The Trough, Stape Road, Newton upon Rawcliffe – The Caravan and Motorhome Club have, following a consultation with the NYMNP, turned down an application regarding a proposed Certified Five Van Caravan Site at the above address.

**71/2017 Finance**

- a) Feedback from Littlejohn's (External Auditor) – The Parish Clerk had received the 2016-2017 Annual Return's paperwork today back from Littlejohn's and had not had time to study it yet. However, the auditor had contacted her prior to today with concerns about the amount of capital in the account.
- b) Balance as of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017: £8866.29
- c) Cheque for signing:  
Mr B. Hall £50 for Notice Board Repair.

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- 72/2017     *Reports on Other Meetings Attended by Councillors*  
*None*
- 73/2017     *Outstanding Matters*  
*Village Green and Stape Village Hall: Nothing new to report.*  
*Newton Notice Board: Repair complete.*
- 74/2017     *Matters to report from the Chairman*  
*Nothing to report*
- 75/2017     *Requests for Agenda Items for the Next Meeting and Any Other Business*  
*None as yet.*
- 76/2017     *Date of Next Meeting*  
*16 November 2017*

*The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.*

Signed:

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