

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOLD NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Mark Lockwood (The Chairman), Councillor Chris West, Councillor Angela Barnes, Councillor Nicola Walker and Councillor Iain Botterill. Parishioner Janice Robinson, Parishioner Derek Gray and Parishioner Ian Robinson were also present.

*It was noted that all Councillors/Parishioners had undertaken lateral flow tests before attending the meeting and were negative.*

**ITEM 1 – Apologies and Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Gil Robinson, Councillor Dr Marion Meeson

**ITEM 2 – Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

It was mentioned that Richard Shipley's sheep are still wandering around the village. Councillor Lockwood has spoken to ERYC and they have advised that the PC would have to make it a civil matter. Council Lockwood will contact John Wylie in the Legal Team at ERYC.

Councillor West has spoken to Craig White, the pest controller about the geese on the pond, he advises that they can be shot all year around and as soon as the geese return to the pond he will commence a cull of some of the geese.

**ITEM 3 – Correspondence Communications received since our previous meeting**

No correspondence due to no access to email account.

**ITEM 4 – Community Field Saplings / Tree Planting Fund Grant**

We discussed buying some new saplings, established trees and new tree stakes from the grant. Councillor Lockwood has been in touch with Wykeham Trees and obtained prices as follows:

8 Trees - £1450 plus VAT, delivered with rabbit guards and stakes included (Ornate Hawthorn, Norwegian Maples, Green Beech). It was agreed that Councillor Lockwood would order the trees from Wykeham

Councillor Lockwood also gained a price from Castle Howard for 200 Hawthorn hedging plants at 60p each.

We also discussed 'Nicolas Corner'. It was proposed that there will be a small area of the Community Field dedicated to Nicola Stephenson's memory. We will try to obtain her favourite tree to plant there along with others. It was noted that her favourite tree was a Mountain Ash (Rowan).

**ITEM 5 – Sylvia Gaul Fund**

Derek Gray attended the meeting to discuss the Doug Gaul Fund (Sylvia). Unfortunately there are now only two Trustees still living (originally 5 Trustees and established in 1992). Derek Gray and Eileen Shipley (Treasurer) are the current living Trustees. We then discussed the options available to be able to have access to the fund in the future.

- Change the Trustees
- Dissolve Trust and move money to a new account
- Move money to separate Parish Council Account and have two named Trustees

Councillor Lockwood was going to speak to John Wylie from the Legal Team at ERYC, it was agreed to roll this over to the next meeting and discuss again when more information was available. Hopefully Derek will be able to attend the next meeting.

**ITEM 6 – Community Speed Watch**

Councillor Barnes is the new Co-Ordinator for the scheme and this has been approved by Wayne Goodwin (Police Officer). We are asking for new volunteers and training will then be arranged for March.

**ITEM 7 – Discussion about Clerk**

There is a new Clerk for an interim period namely, Zoe Warters. Zoe has agreed to take on this role in the interim. Councillor Walker is going to speak to Nicolas husband regarding access to e-mail accounts and passwords etc. The postal address for the Parish Council has been diverted to Councillor Lockwoods for the time being but will need redirecting to Zoe Warters in due course.

**ITEM 8 – Precept**

Marion suggested it should remain at its current level of £5950. This will need to be signed off by Councillor West and Councillor Lockwood.

**ITEM 9 – Accounts to pay**

Councillor Dr Meeson, the Treasurer was absent. Councillor Walker is going to e-mail this direct to Councillor Dr Meeson. The trees are also to be paid for.

**ITEM 10 – Any other business**

Councillor Botterill mentioned that on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 there will be a joint meeting with the Community Centre and Church regarding the Jubilee Celebration and they have requested that a member of the Parish Council attend. Councillor Lockwood and Councillor Botterill volunteered to attend and will therefore relay back to the committee what was discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Botterill mentioned that the Community Field is looking good and suggested we thank the school for donating the wooden gate. An e-mail will be sent.

A big thank you to Councillor Robinson for fixing the sign and gate onto the Community Field.

Councillor Botterill also mentioned that he had looked on Amazon and found tree stakes at £36 for a pack of 80. It was agreed that he would order 3 packs.

Councillor West asked if the difibulator was being checked regularly and the answer is yes, Councillor Barnes and Walker are checking it fortnightly.

Councillor Barnes asked if the boundary hedge of the building plot on Laking Lane will be removed at some point as it is making the already narrow path even narrower, Councillor West advised that the builders will be removing it soon.

**ITEM 11 - Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.  
Zoe Warters Parish Clerk  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Chairman.....  
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