

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOLD NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Mark Lockwood (The Chairman), Councillor Chris West, Councillor Gil Robinson, Councillor Dr Marion Meeson and Councillor Iain Botterill. Councillor Angela Barnes and Councillor Nicola Walker. Parishioner Robinson.

Councillor Jane Evison and Councillor Charlie Dewhurst (Ward Councillors) present for discussions regarding Gypsy Race and Street Lighting.

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

None received.

**ITEM 2 – Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

No matters arising. Minutes signed and dated as a true and correct record of events.

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

- May Edition of Humberside Police Parish and Town News – Uploaded to website.
- May Neighbourhood Watch News – Uploaded to website.
- May NHS Newsletter – Uploaded to website.
- Emergency Planning Document regarding Jubilee Beacons – Forwarded to Jubilee Committee.
- Email from Ian Tweddell regarding possible purchase of 8/9 Church Row – Mark Lockwood spoken to and informed to speak to ERYC as not a Parish Council matter.
- Response from Steve Charlston regarding Gypsy Race – to be discussed in meeting.
- Notification of Planning Decision regarding William Grays property on Laking Lane (Forwarded to committee)
- E-mail regarding Hire of Hall.
- Jubilee Grant Confirmation and Remittance Advice – forwarded to Jubilee Committee

**ITEM 4 – Shipleys Sheep**

Councillor Lockwood has had a meeting with Richard Shipley regarding the invoice sent. He is reluctant to pay and therefore an agreement has had to be reached at midway point. He has agreed to pay £500 (half the original invoice) and a cheque should follow.

*Action: Councillor Meeson to look out for cheque coming, if it doesn't arrive within a week she will inform Councillor Lockwood.*

**ITEM 5 - Platinum Jubilee Update**

Clerk reported that the grant application had been successful and relevant parties informed. Remittance advice received from ERYC so funds should follow. Jubilee Committee to keep a record/receipts of spending and will be reimbursed.

The School has granted permission to use the field for the celebrations (not to use play equipment). The road closure is still not confirmed although now the school field can be used this is not to much of an issue. A wet weather back up plan is available which included the use of a marquee.

#### **ITEM 6 – Sylvia Gall Fund/Derek Foxon Account**

No further details available. Councillor Lockwood still waiting to speak to Derek Gray regarding changing signatories on account.

#### **ITEM 7 – Community Speedwatch**

There has been one session done since the last meeting in which 31 cars were noted in 1 hour. Fortunately or unfortunately no speeders were caught with only a top speed recorded of 34 mph.

Councillor Barnes will remain in charge of the Speedwatch and three new people have been trained to take part.

#### **ITEM 8 – Gypsy Race/Steve Charlston**

Councillor Lockwood and Councillor Botterill have now had a meeting with Steve Charlston. Both Councillor Lockwood and Councillor Botterill were disappointed with Mr Charlston's lack of interest in the Gypsy Race. They think he thought it was more of an Environmental issue and not within the perimeters of his responsibility. He felt that an action plan would be better put in place by the farmers who owned the land on which the Gypsy Race ran through however there was some concern that a letter from the Farmers/Parish Council would not have enough clout to encourage some of the farmers on this stretch to take part in the clearing of the Gypsy Race. Councillor Botterill commented that the Race had not been dug out since the 1970's and the benefit of doing this would reduce the possibility of flooding within Wold Newton and beyond.

Parishioner Robinson asked if there was any evidence of voles in the area as if there was it would need to be investigated and any restrictions with regard to dredging put in place.

Councillors Evison and Dewhirst were in residence for this agenda item and commented that the matter does need to be handled with some sensitivity as the department that deals with this is only small and limited funding is available. Unfortunately the Gypsy Race itself does not currently fall in the 'concern' category and this is why it will prove difficult for them to take the project on.

Councillor Evison suggested that perhaps we could go back to Steve Charlston and ask if they could help in any way with getting the Land Owners to put their own investment into maintaining the Gypsy Race for the benefit of the community. This would not be a short term project and should be looked at over a 5 or possibly 10 year period.

Street Lighting and the cost of this was also discussed with the Ward Councillors. The Parish Council were concerned about rising costs with regard to this. One suggestion was to turn the lights off completely as this had been done elsewhere. The Ward Councillors were going to try and see if a solution could be sought and it would be discussed at a later date.

#### **ITEM 9 – Accounts to Pay**

Councillor Lockwood to be reimbursed for Triton Inn Voucher.

#### **ITEM 10 – Audit**

Now complete – Councillor Lockwood signed.

#### **ITEM 11 – Village Green and Pond Update**

The duck shelter has now been removed and the area tidied in general. Thank you to Councillors Lockwood and Botterill for attending to this.

There is still a number of geese on the pond and it was decided that another cull should be arranged. Councillor West was to arrange this.

**ITEM 12 – Councillor Vacancy**

Councillor Barnes is stepping down and therefore there is a vacancy for a new councillor. This is to be advertised on the website and noticeboards. Application in writing to Clerk.

*Action: Clerk to advertise as above.*

**ITEM 13 – Sustainable Benches**

Some of the benches on the green are in need of replacement however to replace all of them at once was thought to be too costly especially in the current climate and with the uncertainty of rising energy prices. Councillor Botteril suggested that it might be an idea to plan to replace 2 per year. He also thought it might be useful to replace 2 at the Pit Field and if the ones from the Pit Field were in not to bad state of repair to use them down at The Green. Councillor West was going to get prices for sustainable benches and it was to be discussed again at the next meeting.

**ITEM 14 – Any other business**

Councillor Meeson enquired as to when the building works on Laking Lane may be complete, it was thought that it would be around August 2022.

Concerns were raised regarding the amount of debris at the entrance to the village on Laking Lane. -  
*Action: Clerk to Highways*

The path on front street to the right hand side is severely overhung by trees, Councillor West has agreed to attend to this.

Councillor West informed the committee that the bench on Thwing hill has now been erected.

Councillor Botteril informed the committee that he had been to the Pit Field and removed the rubbish that was noted at the February meeting. He said that there was still some glass that needed removing and Councillor West was going to attend to this. There was also some concern regarding the amount of dog poo at the field and it was decided that a sign asking people to collect their dogs poo should be erected. Councillor West was going to attend to this.

Clerks salary has not been discussed for many years. This is to be added to the next meetings Agenda.

Nicolas Plaque – Councillor Lockwood now has appropriate wording for the plaque. Various different options for mounting and type of plaque were discussed and Councillor West was going to try and arrange it.

The next meeting will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.  
Zoe Warters, Parish Clerk  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Chairman.....  
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