

# **Newsham Parish Council Meeting 22.11.23**

**Present:** Cllr. C. Brown, Cllr. R. De'Ath, Cllr. L. Taylor, Cllr. B. Rush

**Apologies:** County Cllr. Angus Thompson

**Declaration of Interest:** None

The Chairman invited those present to raise any matters they wished to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Matters raised were regarding repair to village green bench (already on agenda) and any update on NYCC policy re 20mph speed limits.

The minutes of last meeting were agreed and signed by Cllr. L. T, Cllr. C. B

## **Matters Arising**

### **1. Bank Signatories**

RD updated councillors regarding the ongoing difficulties in confirming signatories with the bank.

### **2. 80th anniversary of D Day**

Information about the names of those who died in WW1 and WW2 on the War Memorial has been researched. Further research of those from WW1 who returned is ongoing. An invitation to residents who would like to help in researching or have information to share, will be placed in the Flyer

Cllr. RD has registered the village beacon with the Pageant Master. No reply has been received to date.

### **3. Salt Bins**

The salt bins are all full. There is no need to purchase any salt at present and situation will be reviewed as we progress through Winter.

### **4. Casual Vacancy**

A casual vacancy for a member of the Parish Council arose as a result of Cllr Alsop's resignation on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Only one person expressed a desire to be co-opted onto the Council so accordingly Mr Steve Woroniuk was appointed and welcomed as a new Parish Councillor.

### **Action**

R.D to send relevant signed documentation to NYCC for ratification **by November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

### **5. Planning Applications**

No new planning applications have been sent to the Clerk or have appeared on the planning portal. An invitation to attend a zoom meeting to hear about the NYCC local plan will take place on 5th December. A maximum of two Cllrs can attend.

### **Action**

R.D will circulate information to councillors by **November 28<sup>th</sup>** and those Cllrs interested should respond to him directly.

## **6. Community Emergency Plan**

Cllrs C.B and R.D previously met informally with resident Neil Jellings to discuss the potential formulation of a Community Emergency Plan.

Cllr. CB proposed that a joint committee should be formed with members of the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and residents of the village.

Support was offered by resident Nicola Oates who has experience in this area.

It was agreed that informal conversations would take place now with a view to holding the first meeting in January 2024.

### **Actions**

C.B to set meeting date.

R.D will contact a couple of local Parish Council`s who already have plans in place for any learnings prior to the above meeting.

## **7. The Financial Statement**

Cllr. RD shared the balances of the Current Account and Reserve Account  
Councillors reviewed and approved the financial statement.

## **8. Parish Precept 24 /25**

Councillors discussed proposals for projections of costs for the coming year and any reserves which the Council are obliged to maintain.

It was agreed to increase the precept to £2800, a modest increase of 1.22% versus the previous year, equating to an additional 21p per annum for a band D property.

## **9. High Lane Signage**

CB gave a summary of recent incidents involving heavy goods vehicles and the general condition of the lane. Following a recent site meeting involving C.B, County Councillor Angus Thompson, local residents and N.Y Highways with it was agreed new and improved signage will be installed by Highways before the end of November to better deter inappropriate vehicular use.

LT also reported that considerable damage has been done to the verges adjacent to the pump station due to North Yorkshire Water vehicle movements during recent works.

### **Action**

C.B will contact Highways regarding the verge damage by **November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## **10.Village Green Track Update**

Due to bad weather interim remedial action has not been taken as yet, this will be completed as soon as practicable.

Councillors also discussed long term solutions and the potential costs involved. A meeting with residents living adjacent to the track will be arranged once full costs are understood.

## **11. Self - Build Housing Consultation**

CB gave a summary of the report and Cllrs agreed to support the two proposals.

### **Action**

C.B to complete survey which is returned electronically to NYCC **no later than November 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## **12. Parish Council Website**

It was agreed that a Parish Council website be set up so that the PC can give better visibility of, and quicker access to, information. The timing objective for this is no later than end January 2024.

In the interim we must ensure that NYCC post more of our information on their portal urgently as this has not been actioned by them despite the fact that we have requested this be actioned on numerous occasions.

### **Actions**

LT to ensure NYCC post our information urgently, **no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

CB to organise a meeting to kick -off the website development **by December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## **13. Residents Information Sheet**

LT will complete an information sheet for Newsham residents which will be placed in the January Flyer.

### **Action**

LT to complete by **December 20<sup>th</sup> latest**.

## **14. War Memorial**

Remedial painting work required on some railings.

### **Action**

LT to obtain correct paint from Yorblast **by December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

## **15. Overview of Data Protection Handout**

B.R gave a data protection handout to councillors which will also go into the P.C file.

C.B thanked B.R for the quality of the information provided.

## **16. Environmental Health**

BR has been approached by a concerned resident regarding vermin in the Flaxmill Close area. She has reported the matter to Environmental Health but despite chasing is yet to receive a response.

### **Action**

CB to escalate this matter to County Councillor Thompson **by November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## **17.Village Green Bench**

R.D gave an update on progress to repair the bench on the green which has stalled due to the ill health of the person who volunteered to do the necessary work.

Resident Amanda Rush kindly volunteered to liaise with some contacts to both clear the vegetation and repair the bench itself. She will advise of any costs via B.R prior to any repair work being sanctioned.

## **18.Code of Conduct**

The Parish Council have been advised by YLCA to formally adopt the most recent Local Government Association Code of Conduct. This was agreed and adopted and will be placed in the PC file.

## **A.O.B**

A resident enquired about the proposed 20mph limit in NYCC residential areas.

CB explained that NYCC do not intend to adopt a blanket approach currently and further investigation and consultation is taking place.

Councillors discussed resident concerns and possible solutions regarding vehicles speeding in the village.

## **Actions**

LT will contact the organisers of local shoots in the area and ask that they remind participants to respect speed limits in village areas. **By December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

CB will contact Highways to ask whether rumble strips could be put in place at each end of the Village **by November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

CB will speak to C. Cllr A.Thompson regarding how community speed checks can be organised **by November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## **19.Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday **31st January 2024** at the V.H

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed

Date