

Newsham Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 29th January 2025

Present Cllr.C Brown, Cllr. L Taylor, Cllr. R De'Ath, Cllr. B Rush, Cllr. S Woroniuk

Apologies None

Declaration of interest -None

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman invited members of the public to raise any matters for the attention of the Parish Council. One resident said they would like to speak on a matter relating to local road conditions

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by Cllr. CB and Cllr. LT

1. Matters Arising from the previous minutes

Gales Quarry

Cllr. LT gave an update regarding the Gales Quarry.

Bulb Planting

A bulb planting session was arranged for Thursday 30th January at 1pm weather permitting.

2. Financial Update

The most recent statements for the Current and Reserve Accounts were shared. Councillors agreed and approved the accounts.

3. Planning Applications

Works The Smallways Inn Newsham Richmond North Yorkshire DL11 7QW

Ref. No: ZD24/00354/FULL | Validated: Wed 19 Jun 2024 | Status: Decided

The Clerk informed Councillors of a letter received from the planning department informing the council that the developer has appealed to the Secretary of State regarding the decision to refuse the above application.

Councillors agreed that P.C will write a letter of objection to the planning application. **Cllr's LT/CB to draft letter urgently, no later than Feb 20th**

Cllr. LT will also urgently check whether individuals are able to comment.

4. Biodiversity

The Parish Council has an obligation to preserve and enhance biodiversity whenever possible. Anne and Edmund Baker, residents of Newsham and two trustees of the Holmedale Nature Network, attended the meeting in order to discuss how the PC could support them in achieving local biodiversity goals.

The following was agreed

- 1)An HNN webpage will be created on the NPC website
- 2)HNN will have exclusive use of the former telephone box adopted by the PC as an HNN information hub.
- 3)Cllr CB will explore if the PC has any access to grant funding which could support HNN
- 4)Cllr SW will invite AB & EB to future VH meeting to meet the Cttee and foster relationships. Cllr CB suggested that the VH could be offered as a venue for HNN meetings free of charge as they are now formally working alongside the PC.
- 5)The PC will try to provide HNN with a guide as to which parish land is owned by whom if access permission is required

6) Cllr's CB&SW will meet with AB/EB to develop a joint working plan

CB thanked the Trustees for their input and support.

5. Emergency Plan

Cllr. SW and Cllr. LT presented the Emergency Plan document. They outlined the next steps to complete the organisation and intend to publish it to the community and listen to feedback, amending where needed.

Cllr. CB thanked Cllrs. LT and SW for all the work that they have done on this complex and challenging topic.

6. Village Green

Cllr. LT is waiting for replies after seeking clarification on permitted work to the village green. She will press for urgent responses and circulate information to Councillors once it is received.

Speeding / Road Condition

7. Cllr. LT is investigating the cost of a speed matrix sign

Councillors discussed a number of reported incidents of farm vehicles leaving debris on local roads. When an agricultural vehicle leaves a field, the farmer has a legal obligation to clear the road. Enforcing cleaning the roads is difficult when ownership of different areas of land is not known. **Cllr's CB/BD will discuss with a local farmer ASAP**

8. Any Other Business

Cllr. SW updated Councillors on matters relating to the village hall.

Treatment for the areas affected by woodworm was completed in December.

The Chairman of the village hall has a verbal quotation to repair the roof and is seeking to confirm a start date for the work.

The radiators have been checked by an electrician and are all working.

Councillors discussed how the current heating is used, alternative heating methods and the difficulty in heating the hall due to the nature of its construction.

Cllr. SW to request that the village hall committee investigate further at the next VH meeting

A water leak has been reported in the kitchen area of the hall.

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 12th February

Future Development Sites

Cllr. LT informed Cllrs of NYC published sites for future development. Two sites have been identified in Newsham, and we await an update as to whether these will be approved.

Hill Top

Cllr. LT reported that she had been notified by several residents of work carried out in a field at Hill Top and it is now being reviewed by NYCC

School Transport

Cllr. LT informed Cllr's of the School Transport Action Group (STAG) and the proposal by NYC to bus children to their nearest school.

Cllr. LT will investigate whether parents are aware of the proposal.

The Parish Council will then consider whether to write to NYCC to express concern.

Cllr. LT to update by 26th March

Yorkshire Water

Cllr. RD informed Councillors of Moor Lane closure by work being carried out on 5th to 7th March.

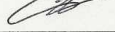
Martyn's Law

Cllr. RD gave information about Martyn's Law to Cllr. SW who will address the matter with the village hall committee. **Cllr SW to action by Mar 26th**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 26th March at 7pm**

Signed  J.T. Worrell

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