

Newsham Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 26th March 2025

Present Cllr.C Brown, Cllr. R De'Ath, Cllr. S Woroniuk

1.Apologies Cllr. L Taylor

Cllr. Bethaney Rush resigned on 22nd March, with immediate effect. Cllr. C.B requested that his thanks to Bethaney on behalf of the PC for her efforts whilst a Cllr be placed on record.

2.Declaration of interest

None

3. Minutes

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

4. Matters Arising from the previous minutes

Gales Quarry, Speed Signs, School Transport

All updates are deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr. L. Taylor.

Bulb Planting

Cllr C.B asked Cllr. SW and meeting secretary MPW to advertise bulb planting sessions for Saturdays 5th and 12th April.

5. Planning Applications

Cllr. BD advised that a planning application by Hall Farm, Dyson Lane had been granted, however the Parish Council had not received any formal notification – ALL to note

The Smallways Inn Newsham Richmond North Yorkshire DL11 7QW

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The PC has submitted a response, but the decision of the Secretary of State is still pending.

6. Financial Update

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

7. Holmedale Nature Network

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, (HNN) have agreed to discuss how HNN could support the PC in achieving biodiversity goals.

- 1) The planned meeting for Cllr's CB & SW to meet with AB/EB to develop a joint working plan was postponed due to illness and will be rearranged.
- 2) AB/EB have agreed to do work on the stumpery on the village green. This will entail planting insect friendly plants around and within the stumpery itself. The PC agreed to make £100 available to support this initiative.
- 3) The HNN have now been made aware of the conditions of use of the phone box which will be used as an HNN information hub.

- 4) Cllr. SW has now registered for a Biodiversity training session in June.

8. Emergency Plan Publication

Cllr. SW proposed that the plan be circulated to affected parties for comment prior to publication on the PC website. This was agreed and will be circulated as soon as possible.

9. Village Green/Track

We still await pre-planning advice to clarify permitted works to the village green and adjoining track. work which can be carried out to the Green and adjoining track. Cllr. LT is pressing hard for an urgent response from the NYCC planning dept and will distribute to Councillors immediately it is received

10. VH Update

The Newsham Village Hall annual financial report was presented by Clare Alsop. Cllr. CB thanked Clare for attending, he also added his thanks to the wider VH Committee for their ongoing efforts.

The VH kitchen roof and adjoining stone wall with "Mistlethwaite" have both been repaired.

A quote for repairs to the VH guttering have been obtained and will be completed in due course.

A date for the major internal roof repair is still outstanding, an alternative contractor may need to be sourced.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr. BD advised that a new Insurance quote has been sourced but the current quotation price of £84 remains the lowest for the level of cover required.

The subsidy application for urban grass cutting on behalf of NYC has been submitted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm

12. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting, including the AGM, will take place on Thursday 22nd May at 7pm

Signed J.T. Wain CB

Date 22/5/25 22.5.25