

# **Newsham Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 30th July 2025**

**1. Present** Cllr. C Brown, Cllr. L Taylor, Cllr. R De'Ath, Cllr. M Markwick, Cllr. M Hall

## **Apologies**

None

## **2. Declaration of interest**

None

## **3. Councillor Vacancies**

The Clerk informed the meeting that after completing the vacancy process the two existing vacancies had now been filled by Mark Hall and Mike Markwick. The Chairman welcomed MH and MM and thanked them for stepping forward to serve as Councillors. MH and MM were then duly co-opted as Parish Councillors and signed the necessary documents which were witnessed by Cllr. CB

## **4. Minutes**

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

## **5. Matters Arising from the previous minutes**

### **a) Speed signs**

Cllr LT reported that the village of Bellerby has recently had 20mph speed restrictions put in place. The Council agreed that Bellerby would be contacted to understand how this was achieved, and also the local PCSO.

**Action Cllrs LT / CB by August 31**

### **b) School Transport**

The Council has not had any issues or concerns raised by residents to date, but Cllr LT continues to monitor this issue and the Council communicate updates via noticeboard, website and social media

**Action Cllr LT on going**

### **c) Emergency Plan**

Cllr. LT will update the present document with the objective of adding it to the Parish Council website.

**Action Cllr. LT by August 31**



## **6. Planning Applications**

Full planning permission for change of use of land to recreational fishing lake, engineering works to create a lake, together with landscaping / planting, ancillary parking and weather shelters, and associated informal grass pathways at Grove House East Layton Richmond North Yorkshire DL11 7QR Ref. No: ZD25/00388/FULL | Validated: Mon 30 Jun 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision .Councillors discussed the application and there were no objections. The Clerk will inform NYCC

Hawsteads Farm Barningham Road Newsham Richmond North Yorkshire DL11 7DN

Ref. No: ZD25/00253/AGN | Validated: Wed 07 May 2025 | Status: Decided Cllr.RD informed the meeting that the application for Hawsteads Farm had not been approved.

Cllr. RCD advised that there have not been any further updates regarding the Smallways site which is still being considered by the Secretary of State.

## **7.Financial Statement**

The most recent statements for the Current and Reserve Accounts were shared with Councillors by the Clerk.

£2600 has been transferred from the current account to the reserve account to maximise interest. Councillors agreed and approved the accounts.

## **8.Village Hall**

a) Part of the internal structure of the roof has recently had some remedial work completed and an initial inspection has shown that the remainder of the internal section appears to be in a robust condition.

Cllr.CB informed Councillors of a further quotation received to carry out some remedial and cosmetic work to the outside of the roof as pro-active preventative maintenance measure. Two further quotations for this work for comparison will be obtained.

**Action Cllr M.H by Aug 31**

b) Cllr. CB thanked the VH treasurer for providing the information requested regarding the village hall accounts total reserves and average monthly expenses.



c) Members of the Village Hall Committee advised the Council of their intention to have a full structural survey of the hall carried out. They are at present obtaining quotations for this work. Cllr. CB suggested that Cllr M.H could assist with this initiative and requested asked that the village hall committee keep the Council informed.

Once the outcome of the structural survey is understood then potential capital investment opportunities to maintain and improve VH can be discussed in full.

d) It was agreed that moving forward Cllr CB will be the named Trustee representative of the PC for Charity Commission purposes.

### **9. Village Green Update**

Cllr. LT advised that it is still proving very difficult to obtain the necessary information regarding clarification on permitted works to the village green and track as they are in a conservation area.

Cllr LT has however been informed that the Newsham conservation area is on some form of at-risk register and that on occasion grant funding can be requested to facilitate remedial works. This is now an urgent issue, and the local enforcement officer will be contacted once again to request a site visit to enable the Council to make informed decisions.

**Action Cllr LT immediately**

It was agreed that an inspection of the current condition of the track itself should be carried out with a view to some minor remedial work being undertaken before the winter months.

**Action Cllr MH by August 31**

### **10. Any Other Business**

a) It was noted that agricultural vehicles have been driving through the village during the early morning and late at night. It was agreed that it was likely that it would be because of farmers taking advantage of the dry weather during harvest but that the situation would be monitored to ensure it did not become an on-going issue.

#### **b) Quoits Pitches**

Cllr. MM informed the meeting that the two quoits pitches are in poor repair. Replacing the clay, covering the pin and covering the pitches with wooden boxes was discussed. As the pitches are in the conservation area planning permission may be required. Quotes will be obtained to understand the cost of any remedial work in the first instance

**Action Cllr. M.M by September 24**



**c)Highways Diversions**

Councillors discussed signage diversions for present road works on the A66. Some HGVs have come into the village. It was agreed to contact Highways to request that the diversion routes are clearly marked and request additional signage


**Action Cllr M.H. immediately**

d)The Chairman asked residents attending if they wished to raise any matters. No matters were raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

**11.Date of the next meeting**

Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 7.00pm

Signed  Laurie Taglia

Date 24.9.25 24/9/25.