MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WOLD NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 2022

PRESENT:

Councillor Mark Lockwood (The Chairman), Councillor Gil Robinson, Councillor Dr Marion Meeson, Councillor Iain Botterill. Parishioner Robinson, Parishioner Goodman, Parishioner Gray and Parishioner Sutton.

ITEM 1 – Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Chris West and Councillor Nicola Walker

ITEM 2 – Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022.

Matters arising. Correction of name of Steve Charlston to Steve Charlston. Reference to Pit Field incorrect, should be Pit Fold.

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

ITEM 3 – Correspondence Communications received since our previous meeting.

- Council Cluster Meetings Emailed to all Councillors
- Planning Decision on Fordon property Emailed to all Councillors
- Jane Evison Street Lighting Proposal E-mailed to all Councillors
- Jane Evison Gypsy Race Update E-mailed to all Councillors
- Our News NHS Uploaded to Website
- Safeguarding our Adults Information Uploaded to Website
- Have your Say Outstanding Beauty Uploaded to Website
- Village Walkabout E-mailed to Councillors
- Chris West Resignation E-mail
- Chris West Quotes regarding sustainable benches

ITEM 4 – Statement from the Chairman

After careful consideration and recent events with regard to damage at his home address it is with regret that Councillor Lockwood has decided to step down from his position as Chairman with immediate effect. Councillor Lockwood thanked his Committee for the support they had given throughout his time as Chairman. He still wishes to have some involvement with the Parish Council as and when he is available.

Parishioner Robinson expressed his disappointment that the recent events had led to Councillor Lockwood's decision to step down and him and the whole committee expressed their thanks to him for all the work he has put in with the Parish Council.

ITEM 5 – Street Lighting

An e-mail has been received from Jane Evison asking if the village would like to be part of a scheme to change the bulbs in the street lights to LED's free of charge, The current street lighting bill is in the region of £3500 per annum and with the cost of energy rising this could potentially increase to £5500 for the forthcoming year. Having the LED's in place would reduce this cost to £2200. The committee decided they would like to go ahead and Jane Evison was given instructions to do so although the work has yet to start.

Action - Clerk to chase for a start date on the changeover.

ITEM 6 – PLATINUM JUBILEE RUNDOWN

Councillor Robinson reported that the event was well attended and ran smoothly. Unfortunately plans to hold it on the School Field had to be altered due to adverse weather but an enjoyable evening was still had.

ITEM 7 - Sylvia Gall Fund/Derek Foxon Account

Parishioner Gray reported that the monies had now been drawn from the account and £6197 should be going into the account of Wold Newton Parish Council. The Trusts charitable status has now expired so they should be able to dissolve the account.

Action - Councillor Meesom to watch for money coming in

ITEM 8 – Community Speed watch

There has been one session done since the last meeting, the signs are proving very visible to motorists and no great amount of speeding traffic was caught.

ITEM 9 - Gypsy Race/Steve Charlton

Councillor Botterill reported that very little headway had been made with regard to this. The Council have accepted that there is a build up of debris and silt but show no interest in initiating a dredging which would be the first in over 50 years as it is not marked as an area of concern.

Councillor Botterill suggested e-mailing Burton Fleming and Rudston Parish Councils to ask if they would consider speaking to the Landowners of the parts with the Gypsy Race running through to set up an independent dredging. There could possibly be a grant available for this and it may offer a more coordinated approach as apposed to an individual taking it on.

Action – Clerk to e-mail Burton Fleming and Rudston Parish Councils.

ITEM 10 – Sustainable Benches

Councillor West has e-mailed over several prices for sustainable benches at cost from West Building Supplies. From the quote provided the Committee have decided to order 5 brown benches to be delivered to Councillor Robinsons who will install them.

Action – Clerk to confirm order from Wests of 5 brown sustainable benches.

ITEM 11 - Councillor Vacancy

Unfortunately there have been no applications to date and no interest shown. As another Councillor has decided to resign and there is potential for more resignations the advert is to be changed to Vacancies. The Committee have asked that the date of the next election be found out.

Action – Clerk to amend advertising to Vacancies and find out date of Elections.

ITEM 12 - Clerks Salary

The Clerks salary had not been reviewed for some time. The salary was increased after discussion to £1800 per annum with a review on it yearly thereafter.

ITEM 13 – Accounts to Pay

None.

ITEM 14 – Any other Business

The hedge along the front of The Firs requires cutting back as it is obstructing the footpath. Councillor Lockwood to find out names of property owners to contact.

Will Gray is doing an excellent job of keeping the grass on the green well cut however there is an area which not get cut as regularly as the main area. Councillor Lockwood to contact Mr Gray to ask him to cut all at the same time to keep neat and tidy.

Due to recent traffic congestion in the village particularly around the area of the new development it was questioned as to whether or not double yellow lines may help along the area of road from Old Pear Tree Farm to Pear Tree Farm on one side – Clerk to contact Council regarding this.

Parishioner Gray stated that he would like to drop the hedge in front of the bungalow to improve visibility and it was questioned whether the path in this area could then be attended to – Clerk to contact Council regarding this.

Parishioner Gray expressed his disappointment at recent events and posts on Social Media which had led to Councillors decisions to resign. He thanked all for their commitment and help with the village in recent years.

Parishioner Goodman raised the issue of a recent power disruption in the village due to trees/tree branches overhanging on power lines. Concern was expressed that this event could reoccur and cause further disruption – Clerk to e-mail National PowerGrid regarding this and highlight recent events of the 17th June 2022.

Concern had been expressed about rubbish being left on the Village Green. Councillor Robinson is aware of this and been cleaning it up on a regular basis.

Shipley's Sheep – Councillor Meeson informed the Committee that the cheque from Richard Shipley has now been received and banked.

ITEM 15 – Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 3 rd October at 7.30pm.	
The meeting closed at 8.35p.m.	Chairman
Zoe Warters, Parish Clerk	
28th June 2022	Date