

## BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes Council Meeting held on 17th July 2023 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Harrison, Wright, Gallagher, Brown and Jessop. Also in attendance - Monica Anderton, Clerk

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr Richardson and Cnty Cllr Waddell
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes from meeting of 15th May 2023:** These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:** ~ Water on road: Little to report since the last meeting: Cllr Brown is keeping track of progress;  
~ Cllr Brown has also spoken to the County's Footpath Officer and is liaising with the Officer to walk the footpaths and see where work is necessary;  
~ Memorial Bench: No progress on this to date;  
~ Replacement of the broken seat at Bywell Bridge which was brought to the Council's attention is also being followed up. The Clerk passed over one of the catalogues of a major supplier for some ideas. Cllr Jessop will continue to follow up.
5. **LTP 2024/25:** There was discussion about what could be put on the list to the County. Ongoing problems of speeding through the village need emphasising given the increasing numbers of children and walkers and the development at Shaw House Farm; A one way road system through the village was suggested but it was accepted that local residents and businesses had not agreed with that when suggested by Highways Authority some time ago; Also suggested that a 50mph speed limit be put from Styford roundabout until past the Ovington junction to reduce the problems with traffic crossing the roundabout (particularly turning right to Corbridge) although it is recognised this may have to be forwarded to Highways England. The Clerk will summarise and circulate to Councillors for approval before sending to NCC.
6. **Reports: County Councillor report:** None  
**Chair's Report:** Nothing other than covered in matters arising above.
7. **Planning:** 22/04242/LBC and 22/04254/FUL – barn conversion at Newton Fell House Farm – Permission Granted;  
23/00673/FUL – Retrospective extension at Newton Post Office – Permission Refused;  
23/00666/FUL and 23/00667/LBC – Heat Source pump at Styford hall – Permission Granted;  
The following applications had no objections from Bywell Parish Council when commenting to the County Planners:  
23/0245/AGTRES – changes at East Barn, Beech Close;  
23/02033/VARYCO – changes at Brocksbushes tea rooms;  
23/01508/FUL – extension at West Side, Newton Hall; and amendment;

23/01735/FUL – Dwelling plus remediation at Thornbrough Quarry.

A query had been sent to Planning regarding Stelling South Cottage asking for clarification from the Planners. No reply had been received as yet.

Also there was a query about how planning officers interpret planning law and how it is applied. The Clerk pointed out that Head of Planning was coming to the next East Tynedale Forum meeting to answer planning queries and it was agreed that Cllr Harrison would attend from Bywell to ask re the above.

8. **Correspondence:** E-mails from NCC, NALC and CAN on various topics; The Council has also received an anonymous letter on behalf of Farms for Farming regarding the proposed Highfield Energy Park at Whittonstall. It was agreed that anyone with comments to make should make them individually for the time being.

9. **Finance:**

a) The Balance on the account at 30th June 2023 was £10055.44

b) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, July 2023	£304.98
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NBCT, room	£16.00
Clerk, expenses to date	£58.62

10. **Information received:** Clerks & Councils Direct

11. **AOB:**~ The Solar Panel report to the Trustees would be circulated to Councillors for their information;

~ A Christmas show had been secured for performance in the Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that Cllr Wright would organise and manage a Facebook account, purely to disseminate information such as Parish events to residents; it would not be interactive;

12. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm

Chair:

Date: