

NAWTON



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Nawton Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

19:30 Monday 8th May 2017 at the Pavilion, Beckett Recreation Ground

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting

2. Chairman's report
 - road safety
 - affordable housing
 - planning and conservation
 - miscellaneous other issues

3. Items raised by electors



Russ Dickinson

Chairman

1 April 2017

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Chairman's statement

1. Affordable housing

Please inform The Council if you have any housing needs as both Sanctuary Housing and Yorkshire Housing contact Nawton Parish Council when a house becomes vacant.

1.1 Housing

There has been no change during the last year. At this date there are no plans to develop the village beyond its current size.

2. Planning and conservation

There has been no change within the last year. Planning has been granted for a number of small scale infill developments. At the time of writing there have been no applications received that would substantially increase the size of the village by construction of any new housing developments.

The position of the parish council towards any further planned development remains unchanged, in that we would oppose any large scale development.

2.1 Local Plan Strategy

The Council will strive to ensure that there must not be any further approval of development in Nawton for the whole of the 15 years planning period with the exception of:

- homes, whether affordable or otherwise, that would be restricted in perpetuity to occupancy by households with a proven local need that meets the definition agreed between the Council and Ryedale District Council
- individual conversions
- small scale in-fill

and that any development fulfilling these criteria be in keeping with the rest of the village.

3 Road safety improvements

3.1 Temporary vehicle activated speed signs

The council is currently in negotiation with North Yorkshire County Council relating to the purchase of a vehicle activated sign to be located on the A170, when approaching the village from Kirkbymoorside.

Presently there are certain conditions relating to the siting of such a sign that precludes it being installed on a permanent basis. We are currently negotiating with NYCC to have this condition amended.

3.2 Bus Stop

There is a proposal to re site the bus stop from the A170 near to the garage to a position nearer to Kirkbymoorside at Colley Pond. This would allow the bus stop to have a covered shelter, without obstructing the footpath. At this time the project is in the early stages and further negotiations are ongoing.

3.3 Future road safety improvements

For some years now, the Council has been aware of the potential threat to the safety of all pedestrians using Gale Lane. Of particular concern is the stretch of footpath leading to Ryedale School.

Although it would be desirable to move the access to the school to relieve traffic and pedestrian problems on Gale Lane, at this time funding for such a project is not available. Unfortunately this problem may not be resolved for the foreseeable future.

The Council will continue to mark Gale Lane (together with School Lane) as priorities in its winter snow clearing and gritting programme.

4 Other activities

4.1 Grass Cutting

The Council is in receipt of £316 from NYCC for grass cutting. This is for the areas considered necessary for traffic visibility. Due to the excellent job that Phil Gospel has done in the last year he has again been awarded the contract for grass cutting and ad hoc Caretaker services in the village for 2017/18.

4.2 Bulb Planting

A big thank you to Laura Coates from the Helmsley Rotary Club for planting 85 crocus bulbs on the verge in front of The Sidings. We intend to carry out more bulb planting this autumn to enhance the daffodils and crocus flowers seen this year.

4.3 Highfield Lane

The area of Highfield Lane prone to flooding, at the head of the bridleway leading down to The Howl, has had work carried out by NYCC. It appears at this time that the works carried out haven't really alleviated the problem as the road still floods. We are aware of the situation. It may be that future works will be needed.

A planning application has been approved for a change of use from agricultural land to allow the construction of a number of lodges at the rear of Longwood. The consent granted is conditional on the provision of a passing place situated at Marr Pond. This land currently forms part of the highway.

4.4 Neighbourhood Watch

The Council continues to be updated weekly, by Terry Wallis (area NHW Coordinator for Kirkbymoorside and the surrounding villages), with all current alerts in relation to village safety.

Anyone interested in receiving these alerts or in volunteering to act as a local NHW coordinator should contact the Clerk.

4.5 Street Lighting

The Council subscribes to North Yorkshire County Council's formal Maintenance Plan. All streetlights owned by the Council are now routinely inspected, cleaned and have replacement bulbs fitted on a 2 yearly basis. This is next due in 2017. Repairs carried out in the interim period are charged individually at a rate set out in the Maintenance Plan.

Last year the street lights were switched off between midnight and 5am throughout the village with the exception of the A170.

We are pleased to report that we have reduced energy costs from the amount we previously paid by £245

4.6 Donations

We have donated £90 for the purchase of a new microwave oven to the Memorial Hall. The sum of £380 has also been donated to the cricket club for the purchase of a bowling machine.

4.7 Defibrillator

We have purchased and sited a defibrillator machine for the village. This has been sited on the front wall of the Rose and Crown public House.

A training day has been planned for those who wish to attend on Saturday 24th June at the Pavilion between 10 and 11am. This will be centred on CPR training and information on how to use the defibrillator.

4.8 School Crossing Patrol

A post exists funded by Ryedale District Council for the provision of a school crossing patrol. Suitable applicants are invited. Details can be found on the RDC website.

4.9 Mobile Phone Mast

At the present time there are two proposals to erect a mobile phone mast within the village.

There are a number of locations under consideration. One such location is on land owned by the parish council on the former Nawton Tip on Highfield lane.

One company has offered the sum of £32k to site the mast at this location. There are other sites within the parish boundary owned by private individuals that are also currently under consideration.

At this time no decisions have been made where the mast will be sited, obviously if the PC owned site is selected this will benefit the village. We are currently waiting the decision of the phone companies involved and any decision by them will be subject to RDC planning approval.

4.10 Footpaths

The Council has applied for a definitive footpath modification order in respect of:

- the path from Pinfold Hill to the Memorial Hall
- the path from School Lane to Beckett Recreation Ground.

At the last enquiry, the Council was informed that the Recreation Ground ranked 41 of 95 and Pinfold Hill, 40 of 95. These matters are ongoing.

4.11 Dog Fouling

The Council continues to notice a significant improvement to the state of the pavements in the village following the installation of a bag dispenser on the dog waste bin on the main road. The Council replenishes bags regularly and villagers are encouraged to use them responsibly.

Nevertheless, the Council would still be grateful if you could report any incident of dog fouling that you witness to the Dog Warden at Ryedale District Council, giving the time, date, place and description of the dog and its owner, and if possible the name and address of the dog owner. All information given by complainants will be treated in the strictest confidence. The council would wish to ask dog owners to refrain from depositing dog waste in ordinary litter bins and to either take the waste home or to please deposit it in the dog bins provided around the village.

We have received complaints from members of the public who enjoy sitting on the seats provided around the village that have litter bins sited nearby. An additional dog bag holder has been placed to the entrance to the Howl at the top of Valley View.

4.12 Oil Cooperative

Yorkshire Energy Partnership has teamed up with Scarborough and Ryedale District Council to form oil clubs which will bulk buy fuel in order to keep prices down and help to reduce fuel bills.

Anyone interested in joining an oil club can call 01904 545 020 or email oilryedaleandscarborough@energypartnership.org.uk .

4.13 Snow Clearance

Another mild winter has enabled the Council to retain more than adequate stores of grit and equipment for Winter 2016/17.

Due to the mild weather there has been very little snow to clear, however we are keen to maintain a list of volunteers to ensure that paths are kept clear and that those most in need can get in and out of their homes safely. If you would like to join the list of volunteers, please contact the Clerk.

4.14 Parish Notice Board

The left hand side of the notice board remains unlocked, so that parishioners can display appropriate posters/notices. Please respect other users and only remove items when the event has expired. The board is very cluttered most of the time so A5 or smaller signs and posters in the future please.

A copy of the signed minutes of the previous Council meeting is displayed each month on this part of the board.

4.15 Website

Just type in www.nawton.ryedaleconnect.org.uk, into your computer or search for Nawton ryedale. The site covers Parish Council member's details, news, meetings and minutes, as well as village events including sports fixtures, Neighbourhood Watch updates, school events, and village news with useful links to local organizations. We have also listed local business.

If you have anything you would like posting we would be pleased to hear from you. It's your website, completely free to use and a great way of getting your message out to the community as more people use computers. Contact links are on the site for the Clerk and the editors.

5 Planning applications

The following applications for planning permission within the parish of Nawton have been made to Ryedale District Council during the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. The status of the application is that as at 31 March 2017.

[Erection of a single storey extension, extending 6.708m beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse with an eaves height of 2.4m and a maximum height of 3.9m.](#)

Orchard House High Street Nawton Helmsley YO62 7TT
Ref. No: 16/00772/GPDE | Received: Fri 15 Apr 2016 | Validated: Fri 15 Apr 2016 |
Status: Unknown

[Erection of a three bedroom dwelling \(outline approval 13/00536/OUT dated 30.07.2013 refers\)](#)

Land At 1 Station Cottages Station Road Nawton Helmsley
Ref. No: 16/01061/REM | Received: Mon 20 Jun 2016 | Validated: Fri 05 Aug 2016 |
Status: Refused

[Erection of single storey extension to front elevation to form entrance lobby and additional garage space](#)

1 Station Road Nawton Helmsley YO62 7RG
Ref. No: 16/01135/HOUSE | Received: Mon 11 Jul 2016 | Validated: Mon 11 Jul 2016 |
Status: Approved

[Change of use of agricultural buildings and land to form camping site to include reception, office, farm shop, bike storage and the siting of 14no. timber holiday cabins together with formation of 16no. car parking spaces](#)

Land East Of Longwood Farm Highfield Lane Nawton Helmsley
Ref. No: 16/01775/FUL | Received: Mon 24 Oct 2016 | Validated: Tue 17 Jan 2017 |
Status: Approved

[Change of use of agricultural land to allow siting of 28no. holiday lodges in association with Canadian Fields campsite together with formation of site roads, car parking and turning areas and associated landscaping](#)

Canadian Fields Gale Lane Nawton Helmsley YO62 7SD
Ref. No: 16/01839/MFUL | Received: Wed 09 Nov 2016 | Validated: Tue 15 Nov 2016 |
Status: Approved

[External and internal alterations to include replacement of existing doors and windows, formation of 1no. additional windows to ground floor south elevation and 1no. window to ground floor north elevation](#)

Manor Farm Main Road Nawton Helmsley YO62 7RD
Ref. No: 16/01879/LBC | Received: Mon 21 Nov 2016 | Validated: Tue 22 Nov 2016 |
Status: Approved

[To reduce a single lime tree within Area TPO NO. 257/2001 to a point just below the large cavity at the base of the existing crown](#) 

Kirkdale House Highfield Lane Nawton Helmsley YO62 7TT
Ref. No: 17/00214/TPO | Received: Tue 21 Feb 2017 | Validated: Wed 22 Feb 2017 |

6 Governance

6.1 Code of Conduct

Transitional arrangements (confirmed in the Localism Act 2011 (Commencement Order No.6 and Transitional, Savings and Transitional Provisions Order 2012) SI 2012/1463 brought into force on 7 June 2012 confirmed that a parish council must adopt a new code of conduct to take effect on or after 1 July 2012.

Consequently, pursuant to section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council has adopted the National Association of Local Councils' final template Code of Conduct to promote and maintain high standards of behavior by its members whenever they conduct the business of the Council.

6.2 Attendance at Council meetings

A Council meeting was held every month from April 2016 to March 2017, with the exception of August 2016. Attendance by Councillors was as follows:

	Number of Council meetings held	Number of Council meetings attended
Russ Dickinson	11	10
Joe Gregory	11	6
Andrew Edwards	11	8
Anne Marshall	11	2
Debbie Swift	11	9
John Windress	11	11
Mike Jackson	11	11
Sam Jones	11	5

6.3 Transactions with Councillors

No Councillor received any remuneration directly or indirectly in respect of fulfilling their role as Councillor.

6.4 Transactions with the Clerk

The Clerk was remunerated according to salary scales recommended by the National Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks, salary point 22. In November, The Council agreed a pay rise to salary point 22. She was paid monthly in arrears by the Council, and received a total of £ 1,239 up to 31 March 2016. In addition,

she received £111 as reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Council. This related to postage, stationery, use of private vehicle for Council business, calls to mobile phones and computer inks.

7 Changes in officials

I was elected Chair in May 2016 and Joe Gregory elected Vice Chair.

Anne Marshall resigned from the Council in October 2016. After advertising the vacancy, The Council were pleased to accept Sam Jones as a replacement Councillor.

As always, thank you to all the Councillors for their continued efforts and commitment to the community.

8 Finance

8.1 Precept

The Council has decided to maintain the precept at £5,393.

The Council will continue to identify areas in which it is able to make savings in order to ensure that, where possible, it will not increase the burden to local council tax payers.

8.2 Accounts

The Council's financial position is set out in the financial statements on the following pages.

9 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 8th May 2017 in the Pavilion at the Beckett Recreation Ground. The agenda is inside the front cover of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there and to answering any questions you may have about the Council's stewardship of the Parish in the past year and its plans for the future.



Russ Dickinson

Chairman 1 April 2017

Financial statements

Bank balances

Year end

The bank balances at 31 March 2017 in aggregate were £11,679. Of this amount, £11,578 was held in the Council's current account and £101 was held in the Council's Business Money Manager Account. Both of these accounts are with HSBC. All figures have been rounded to the nearest pound.

Year end bank balances compared to 2015/16

The bank balances at 31 March 2017 in aggregate were £703 more than a year earlier. The reasons for the increase are explained in the receipts and payments sections.

Year end bank balances compared to target

The Council's objective is that the year end bank balances in aggregate should, in the absence of any known special projects for the following year, approximate to the annual precept from Ryedale District Council. In 2016/17 the precept was £5,393.

The bank balances at 31 March 2017 in aggregate were £6,286 greater than the target. The Council anticipates that it may need to spend the following on special projects in 2017/18 and subsequent years:

- £8,000 or more for improvements to Colley Pond including a bus shelter.
- up to £500 on additional bulbs

After taking account of these anticipated projects, the bank balances in aggregate are greater than the target. This will provide the Council with an added contingency to account for the small loss in precept subsidy, the loss of the grass cutting subsidy and in anticipation of reduced income from grants and subsidies.

Adequacy of funds

The Council believes that the bank balances at 31 March 2017 together with the expected precept receipts from Ryedale District Council will be adequate to meet the Council's planned expenditure for 2017/18 and that the insurance policies in the name of the Council will be sufficient to cover any other unavoidable expenditure.

Receipts

Receipts in 2016/17

Gross receipts for the year were £6,710. The receipts came from the following sources (figures rounded to the nearest pound):

- the precept from Ryedale District Council £5,393

- payment from Nawton Shoot in consideration for shooting in Howl Wood and Nawton Quarry £50
- payment from Ryedale District Council for grass cutting areas for traffic visibility £316
- VAT refund (£951)

Receipts in 2016/2017 compared to 2015/16

Gross receipts for the year were £62 more than in 2015/16. The main reason for this net increase is as follows (figures rounded to the nearest pound):

- £316 grass subsidy
- VAT refund

Payments

Payments in 2016/17

Total payments for the year were £6006

All figures are inclusive of VAT and rounded to the nearest pound.

- Stationery, printing, postage and sundry expenditure £196
- printing the April 2016 newsletter £140
- streetlighting energy used in 2015/16 £943
- maintenance of streetlights in 2015/16 £561
- insurance £324
- rent of the Pavilion at the Beckett Recreation Club for Council meetings and the Annual General Meeting £165
- Clerk's salary £1,239
- Grass cutting and caretaker activities £900
- £130 for trees
- Dog bin and post £147
- Donation to village hall £90
- Purchase of defibrillator cabinet £714 and £400 towards defibrillator
- Computer supplies £57

Payments in 2016/17 compared with those in 2015/16

Gross payments in the year were £3,309 less than in 2015/16. The main reasons for this net decrease were as follows (figures rounded to the nearest pound):

- No money was spent on the bus shelter as the work had finished (£4110 spent last year)
- £214 less spent on the Clerk's salary
- £1169 more spent on defibrillator and cabinet and fitting

VAT

- VAT refund (£951)

At 31 March 2016 there was a debit balance on the VAT account of £227. This will be recovered during the course of 2017/18.

Fixed assets

In 2016/17 the full depreciation of the accounting value of fixed assets other than land has been applied.

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Financial Summary
31/03/2017

	<u>31/03/2013</u>	<u>31/03/2014</u>	<u>31/03/2015</u>	<u>31/03/2016</u>	31/03/2017	<u>Change</u>
Net financial assets:						
Bank accounts	12,201	12,942	13,641	10,976	11,680	704
Other net financial assets	34					
Net financial assets	<u>12,235</u>	<u>12,942</u>	<u>13,641</u>	<u>10,976</u>	<u>11,680</u>	704
Tangible fixed assets	<u>9,604</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	8,400	<u>0</u>
	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	2016/2017	<u>Change</u>
Income	6,618	6,171	6,103	6,231	5,759	-472
Expenditure	-5,209	-5,414	-5,452	-8,289	-5,605	-2,684
Net income and expenditure	1,409	757	651	-2,058	154	-2,212
Movement on the VAT account	-9	-16	49	417	227	190
Net receipts and payments	<u>1,400</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>-1,641</u>	<u>381</u>	-1,260

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Net financial asset

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	<u>Mar-14</u>	<u>Mar-15</u>	<u>Mar-16</u>	<u>Mar-17</u>	<u>Change</u>
Net financial assets	<u>12,942</u>	<u>13,641</u>	<u>10,976</u>	<u>11,680</u>	704
Tangible fixed assets	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>0</u>

Analysis of net financial assets

	<u>Mar-14</u>	<u>Mar-15</u>	<u>Mar-16</u>	Mar-17	<u>Change</u>
Current account: HSBC Community Account	12,841	13,540	10,875	11,579	704
Savings account: HSBC Business Money Manager Account	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>0</u>
Sub-total bank accounts	<u>12,942</u>	<u>13,641</u>	<u>10,976</u>	<u>11,680</u>	<u>704</u>
VAT account	49	6	602	227	
Total	<u>12,991</u>	<u>13,647</u>	<u>11,578</u>	<u>11,907</u>	<u>329</u>

Analysis of tangible fixed assets

Land					
Nawton Quarry	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Marr Pond	250	250	250	250	
Howl Wood	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	
The Green	500	500	500	500	
Colley Pond	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Pinfold Hill	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	
	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	
Filing cabinet	50	50	50	<u>50</u>	
Total	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	

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Income and expenditure

31 March 17

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	<i>Change</i>
Income:					
Precept from Ryedale District Council	5,257	5,522	5,393	5,393	0
Interest (gross)					0
LEADER funding and Countryside Agency	118	0	0		0
Grass cutting subsidy from NYCC	496	531	0	316	316
Income from Nawton Shoot	50	50	50	50	
Other receipts	250	-	788	0	-788
Total income	<u>6,171</u>	<u>6,103</u>	<u>6,231</u>	<u>5,759</u>	<u>-472</u>
Expenditure:					
Grass cutting and tree surgery	-960	-2,105	-1,064	900	-164
Stationery, printing, postage	-178	-171	-243	322	190
Street lighting: maintenance and power	-669	-1,358	-1,005	1,253	248
Insurance	-384	-376	-310	324	14
Audit	0	0	0	0	
Rent of pavilion at the Beckett Recreation Ground	-120	-135	-105	165	60
Donation to recreation ground and to the Parish of Kirkdale	-332	0	0	0	
Donation to memorial hall			0	90	90
Dog bins		-35	-29	131	101
Subscriptions (SLCC, etc)			-19	0	-19
Fencing at the tip / Benches			-2,385	0	-2,385
Poppy appeal					
Repairs			-1,040	0	-1,040
Clerk's salary	-1,350	-1,272	-1,443	1,239	-204
Computer charges			-606	57	-549
Caretaker activities	-852	0	0	130	0
Other payments	-569	0	-41	995	954
Total expenditure	<u>-5,414</u>	<u>-5,452</u>	<u>-8,290</u>	<u>5,606</u>	<u>-2,684</u>

Information from village organisations

The Nawton and Beadlam Millennium Wildlife Garden

The Nawton & Beadlam Millennium Wildlife Garden can be found at the north side of the Recreation Field. The Garden is managed as a charity and all fund raising and maintenance is undertaken by a committee of local volunteers. We are always eager to welcome new helpers, whatever your level of experience or expertise.

Please contact Amanda Carroll on 01439 771838 for further details.

HELP! Your Village Hall needs you

Volunteers are urgently needed to join the Village Hall Management Committee. If you are interested, please call Mr Bernard Simpson on 01439 771668 for more information. If you would like to hire the hall for an event, please call Donna Foster on 01439 771235.

Beckett Recreation Ground

The children's play area continues to be well used.

Junior cricket coaching is on Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30 pm for children aged 6 and over. Boys and girls are welcome.

Also All Star Cricket- An 8 week programme for 5-8 year olds on Saturdays May20 - 8th July 9.30am-10.30am

For further information about activities at the Beckett Recreation Ground, or to hire the meeting room at the pavilion, contact Chris Rymer (Chair) on 01439 771660, or Gordon Harrison (Treasurer) on 01439 771498.

Councillors

As at 31 March 2017

Russ Dickinson (Chairman) 2 High Lane	01439 770910
Joe Gregory (Vice Chairman) Southlands Farm	01439 771326
Andrew Edwards Brighter Sandy, Gale Lane	01439 771230
Debbie Swift Lovat Cottage, Chapel Street	01439 771048
John Windress 33 Beckett Close	01439 771605
Mike Jackson 11 Station Road	01439 770664
Sam Jones 1 Kirk View Howldale Lane	01439 771824

Clerk

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