

# NAWTON



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

APRIL 2018

# Nawton Parish Council

## Annual Parish Meeting

19:30 Monday 21st May 2018 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

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Russ Dickinson

Chairman

1 April 2018

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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.

There are no planning applications pending for provision of further affordable housing in the Parish.

### **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**

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.

Plans to install a Mobile Telephone Mast within the village are still ongoing. A proposed suitable site is situated at the rear of Calvert's Carpets. This matter is still ongoing however on completion it will provide better mobile coverage within the village.

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### **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 has researched buying our own VAS. At the present time the cost is estimated to be £2650. We are currently in negotiation with NYCC Highways in relation to the permanent siting of the sign.

#### **3.2 Bus Stop**

The Council had planned to install an additional bus shelter near to the entrance to the cricket field. These plans have for the moment to be postponed. In the near future the Council will need to replace the street lights within the village with energy efficient ones. The cost of this will be considerable. For this reason monies allocated for this project may have, in part to be spent on the streetlight refurbishment.

#### **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.

#### **3.4 School Lane**

The road surface has been repaired by NYCC for the present; however the final aim is for NYCC to adopt the road.

## **4 Other activities**

### **4.1 Grass Cutting**

The Council is in receipt of £368 from NYCC for grass cutting. This is for the areas considered necessary for traffic visibility. Alec Thrower has been awarded the contract for grass cutting and ad hoc Caretaker services in the village for 2018/19

### **4.2 Bulb Planting**

A big thank you to Laura Coates from the Helmsley Rotary Club for planting 5000 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 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.

### **4.4 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.

In the near future the Council will need to replace the street lights within the village with energy efficient ones. The cost of this will be considerable.

### **4.5 Donations**

The sum of £388 has also been donated to the cricket club for the purchase of a bowling machine.

### **4.6 Defibrillator**

A defibrillator machine for the village has been sited on the front wall of the Rose and Crown public House.

## **4.7 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.

## **4.8 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.

## **4.9 Dog Fouling**

Dog waste bins have been provided at various locations, and we try to ensure that dog waste bags are provided at these locations.

There is however an ongoing problem with a small number of individuals failing to pick up after their dogs in certain locations within the village. Can we please appeal to these individuals to use the bags and bins available and collect their dog waste, either to take home or place in the bins provided.

These selfish actions are causing despair amongst some residents whose properties are located near to the areas affected, it also makes the job of the grass cutting contractor very unpleasant.

## **4.10 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](mailto:oilryedaleandscarborough@energypartnership.org.uk) .

#### **4.11 Volunteers needed for Snow Clearance and Litter picking**

Due to the cold and icy conditions this winter 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.

We are also looking for volunteers for **litter picking** around the village as there is an increasing amount of litter in the verges.

#### **4.12 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.

#### **4.13 Website**

Just type in [www.nawton.ryedaleconnect.org.uk](http://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.

#### **4.14 Internal Auditor**

The Council is looking for someone to conduct our internal audit. If you think you could offer this service please get in touch with The Clerk.

We would like to thank Stephen Carroll who has served The Council for many years and is now stepping down.



## 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 2017 to 31 March 2018. The status of the application is that as at 31 March 2018.

- [Erection of a 17.5m high slimline monopole mast with 3no. antennas on the headframe, 2no. 300mm diameter dishes below the antennas, 3no. ground level equipment cabinets and ancillary development](#)

Telecoms Mast At Station Road Nawton Helmsley

Ref. No: 17/01297/TELN56 | Received: Tue 24 Oct 2017 | Validated: Tue 24 Oct 2017 | Status: Approved

- [Erection of a four bedroom dwelling and detached double garage](#)

Land Off Highfield Lane Nawton Helmsley North Yorkshire

Ref. No: 17/00844/FUL | Received: Mon 17 Jul 2017 | Validated: Wed 18 Oct 2017 | Status: Refused

- [Erection of rear two storey and single storey extension to the existing dwelling following demolition of existing single storey lean to extension, change of use of existing annex to holiday cottage, erection of rear first floor extension to proposed attached holiday cottage, erection of detached double garage/store and formation of a shared vehicular access, driveway and parking/turning area](#)

East House School Lane Nawton Helmsley North Yorkshire YO62 7SF

Ref. No: 17/00773/FUL | Received: Thu 29 Jun 2017 | Validated: Thu 29 Jun 2017 | Status: Approved

- [Erection of a 25m high lattice telecommunications mast to include 3no. antennas and 2no. 300mm transmission dishes, associated equipment cabinets at ground level and ancillary development all within a 1.2m high timber stock proof fenced compound](#)

Land North Of Snape Hill Nawton Helmsley

Ref. No: 17/00508/TELN56 | Received: Fri 28 Apr 2017 | Validated: Fri 28 Apr 2017 | Status: Refused

- [Erection of a three bedroom dwelling](#)

Land At 1 Station Cottages Station Road Nawton Helmsley North Yorkshire

Ref. No: 17/00419/FUL | Received: Wed 12 Apr 2017 | Validated: Fri 21 Apr 2017 | Status: Approved

## 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 2017 to March 2018, with the exception of August 2017. Attendance by Councillors was as follows:

	Number of Council meetings held	Number of Council meetings attended
Russ Dickinson	11	9
Joe Gregory	11	4
Andrew Edwards	11	7
Debbie Swift	11	8
John Windress	11	11
Mike Jackson	11	9
Sam Jones	11	9

### 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. She was paid monthly in arrears by the Council, and received a total of £ 1,292 up to 31 March 2018. In addition, she received £35 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 2017

Joe Gregory resigned from the Council in March 2018. After advertising the vacancy, The Council were pleased to accept Lorraine Hugill 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 21st May 2018 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.



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Russ Dickinson

Chairman 1 April 2018

# Financial statements

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## Bank balances

### Year end

The bank balances at 31 March 2018 in aggregate were £12,552. Of this amount, £12,451 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 2016/17

The bank balances at 31 March 2018 in aggregate were £872 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 2017/18 the precept was £5,393.

The bank balances at 31 March 2018 in aggregate were £7,158 greater than the target. The Council anticipates that it may need to spend the following on special projects in 2018/19 and subsequent years:

- £8,000 or more for improvements to Colley Pond including a bus shelter.
- £2500 on a Vehicle Activated Sign
- On-going cost of replacing existing streetlights to led lights.

After taking account of these anticipated projects, the bank balances in aggregate are greater than the target.

## Adequacy of funds

The Council believes that the bank balances at 31 March 2018 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 2017/18

Gross receipts for the year were £5,988. 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 £368
- £177 VAT rebate

### **Receipts in 2017/2018 compared to 2016/17**

Gross receipts for the year were £721 less than in 2016/17. The main reason for the net decrease is as follows (figures rounded to the nearest pound):

- £53 more for grass cutting subsidy
- A significant decrease in VAT

### **Payments**

#### **Payments in 2017/18**

Total payments for the year were £5116

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

- Stationery, printing, postage and sundry expenditure £390 +£22vat
- street lighting maintenance and energy used in 2016/17 £684 +£137 vat
- insurance £338
- rent of the Pavilion at the Beckett Recreation Club for Council meetings and the Annual General Meeting £165
- Clerk's salary £1,292
- Grass cutting £990
- Donation to the cricket club £388
- Computer supplies £29
- Caretaker activities £360 +£72 vat
- Other expenditure £60
- Fencing and benches £154 +£31 vat

#### **Payments in 2017/18 compared with those in 2016/17**

Gross payments in the year were £890 less than in 2016/17. The main reason for this net decrease was as follows (figures rounded to the nearest pound):

- £1169 less spent on defibrillator and cabinet and fitting

## **VAT**

At 31 March 2018 there was a debit balance on the VAT account of £151. This will be recovered during the course of 2018

## **Fixed assets**

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

**Nawton Parish Council**  
**Financial Summary**  
**31/03/2018**

	<u>31/03/2015</u>	<u>31/03/2016</u>	<u>31/03/2017</u>	<b>31/03/2018</b>	<i>Change</i>
Net financial assets:					
Bank accounts	13,641	10,976	11,680	<b>12,552</b>	872
Other net financial assets					
<b>Net financial assets</b>	<u>13,641</u>	<u>10,976</u>	<u>11,680</u>	<u><b>12,552</b></u>	<u>872</u>
<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<i>Change</i>
Income	6,103	6,231	5,759	<b>5,811</b>	52
Expenditure	<u>-5,452</u>	<u>-8,289</u>	<u>-5,605</u>	<u><b>-4,846</b></u>	<u>759</u>
<b>Net income and expenditure</b>	651	-2,058	154	<b>966</b>	812
Movement on the VAT account	<u>49</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>227</u>	<u><b>151</b></u>	<u>76</u>
<b>Net receipts and payments</b>	<u>699</u>	<u>-1,641</u>	<u>381</u>	<u><b>1,117</b></u>	<u>736</u>

**Nawton Parish Council**

**Net financial asset**

**31 –March- 18**

	<u>Mar-15</u>	<u>Mar-16</u>	<u>Mar-17</u>	<u>Mar-18</u>	<i>Change</i>
<b>Net financial assets</b>	<u>13,641</u>	<u>10,976</u>	<u>11,680</u>	<u>12,552</u>	872
<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>	<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-15</u>	<u>Mar-16</u>	Mar-17	<u>Mar-18</u>	<i>Change</i>
Current account: HSBC Community Account	13,540	10,875	11,579	12,451	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>13,641</u>	<u>10,976</u>	<u>11,680</u>	<u>12,552</u>	<u>704</u>
VAT account	6	602	227	151	
<b>Total</b>	<u>13,647</u>	<u>11,578</u>	<u>11,907</u>	<u>12,702</u>	<u>795</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	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	



**Nawton Parish Council**  
**Income and expenditure**  
**31 March 17**

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	Change
<b>Income:</b>					
Precept from Ryedale District Council	5,522	5,393	5,393	<b>5,393</b>	0
Interest (gross)					0
LEADER funding and Countryside Agency	0	0			0
Grass cutting subsidy from NYCC	531	0	316	<b>368</b>	52
Income from Nawton Shoot	50	50	50	<b>50</b>	
Other receipts	-	788	0	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Total income</b>	<u>6,103</u>	<u>6,231</u>	<u>5,759</u>	<u><b>5,811</b></u>	<u>52</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Grass cutting and tree surgery	-2,105	1,064	900	<b>-990</b>	90
Stationery, printing, postage	-171	-243	322	<b>-386</b>	64
Street lighting: maintenance and power	-1,358	1,005	1,253	<b>-684</b>	-569
Insurance	-376	-310	324	<b>-338</b>	14
Audit	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Rent of pavilion at the Beckett Recreation Ground	-135	-105	165	<b>165</b>	165
Donation to recreation ground and to the Parish of Kirkdale	0	0	0	<b>-388</b>	-388
Donation to memorial hall		0	90	<b>0</b>	0
Dog bins	-35	-29	131	<b>0</b>	131
Subscriptions (SLCC, etc)		-19	0	<b>0</b>	0
Fencing at the tip / Benches		2,385	0	<b>-154</b>	-154
Poppy appeal					
Repairs		1,040	0	<b>0</b>	0
Clerk's salary	-1,272	1,443	1,239	<b>-1,292</b>	53
Computer charges		-606	57	<b>-29</b>	18
Caretaker activities	0	0	130	<b>-360</b>	-230
Other payments	0	-41	995	<b>-60</b>	935
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>-5,452</u>	<u>-8,290</u>	<u>-5,606</u>	<u><b>-4,846</b></u>	<u>-759</u>

## Information from village organisations

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### **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 see the website <http://nawton.ryedaleconnect.org.uk> for updates.

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 - 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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As at 31 March 2018

<b>Russ Dickinson ( Chairman)</b> 2 High Lane	01439 770910
<b>Andrew Edwards</b> Brighter Sandy, Gale Lane	01439 771230
<b>Debbie Swift</b> Lovat Cottage, Chapel Street	01439 771048
<b>John Windress</b> 33 Beckett Close	01439 771605
<b>Mike Jackson</b> 11 Station Road	01439 770664
<b>Sam Jones</b> 1 Kirk View Howldale Lane	01439 771824
<b>Lorraine Hugill</b> Ewe Cote Farm Skiplam	01439 771901

## Clerk

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