

Minutes for the PC meeting of 15th March 2012 (Nether Wyresdale)

Present: Cllrs Atkinson, Cottle, Babbs, Hesketh, Anderton and Gorst, the clerk and approx 30 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence:

Val Wilson sent the following email to the clerk:

“Due to circumstances beyond my control, I will now have to give my apologies. Could you brief me on the Wyreside Hall issue and any LCC matters you wish me to pursue.”

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Gorst regarding item 9 – plan for Wyreside Hall.

3. Minutes from last meeting:

These were signed as a correct record and the clerk provided a copy to Mr Steve Hinde (a member of the public) as requested.

4. Open forum:

The Wyreside Hall plan was discussed as follows:

(Please note GC is Mr Graham Chapman, GS is Mr Graham Salisbury and SH is Mr Steve Hinde).

GC – Queried the size of the development as there is conflicting information varying from 2000 sq metres to 3350 sq metres. He questioned the validity of how the figures had been arrived at and asked if these had been done by a certified architect.

GS – Responded by confirming that it is not necessary for a certified architect to work out these figures. He stated that Mr Holt’s report for LCC is the one that members of the public should be referring to.

The clerk stated that she had a conversation with the case officer (Andrea Stewart) who had confirmed that main changes of the amendment:

- ❖ 12 New Parking spaces.
- ❖ Extra signage for traffic (rerouting to cause less disturbance).
- ❖ Rd improvements including resurfacing, linage and passing bays (although these not essential).

She also passed round Patricia Chilton's email comments for perusal and said there were other public comments which she also passed round.

GC – Said that he was unaware of the location of the passing bays and asked if these had been approved by the TPO officer.

GS – Responded by saying that there has been liaison with the TPO officer.

Patricia Chilton – Queried the location of the passing bays.

Cllr Babbs – Confirmed that these were shown on the map (which he had available). He also stated that all verges will be strengthened.

GC – Said that safety was an issue as there are more accidents on rural roads and that though it may be possible to increase traffic to the degrees mentioned, there is a question as to whether it is safe or wise to do so.

SH – Stated that he was familiar with the roads in question and travels along them at different times of day on a regular basis. He feels that health and safety issues are not a problem. He felt it was more important to take notice of a paid official's report than take notice of someone who isn't paid to do this.

Patricia Chilton – Concerned about the scale of the development. She stated the old building is dwarfed by the new one. The scale is too large and traffic volume is too much.

GC – Stated that a lot of change will happen locally if this goes ahead. Do people behind the scheme have experience of running a hotel? Is it viable long term?

GS – (With reference to Mrs Chilton's query), he confirmed that there is no impact on the existing structure by adding the new building because of the way it will be attached.

Patricia Chilton – A lot of walls have been knocked down. Has an architect been involved with this?

GS – Had a letter from English Heritage who had been informed as part of the planning process. He did not read the whole letter but confirmed that they had no comments to make.

Cllr Hesketh – Stated that there was no mention in the traffic analysis about the traffic impact on Scorton.

Cllr Babbs – Stated that there were figures quoted for Saturday and Sunday.

Cllr Hesketh – Stated that this development will change the nature and character of the village and that there are pluses and minuses to the development.

In conclusion, the Parish Council feel that the Highways issues have been addressed and voted 4 to 1 in favour of the application and amendments. The clerk will inform planning of this and was asked to reiterate other points made in original email especially concerning light pollution.

5. Matters arising:

Queens diamond jubilee momentos

Cllr Atkinson stated that she has been informed by school that Calder Vale School has been given money by their parish council for the school to buy coins for all their school children. Scorton School wondered if the parish council would be willing to do the same thing. The clerk relayed what had happened at Winmarleigh and Pilling, who are giving their children mugs. The mugs cost around £2.60 each. She said the cut off age was 16. The PC agreed the following:

- ❖ They agreed with the idea in principle but felt that this should be open to all children in the community and not just children attending the school. Figures would need to be obtained to find out numbers.
- ❖ The cut off age should be 16. All preschool and primary school children should receive a momento (coins) with the possibility of something slightly different being offered to secondary school children. Cllr Atkinson will liaise with school.

With regard to the trees, Lilian Stewart confirmed via email that she had been too late in obtaining them due to high demand. She asked the clerk if she should try again next time and the clerk had responded that this was a good idea. The clerk also relayed that Lillian had told her about Royal Oak saplings available at £30 each.

Parking restrictions (Tythebarn Lane/Gubberford Lane)

The clerk stated she had made reference to this being discussed at the meeting, on the website, in case the public wanted to comment. Cllr Hesketh said this was not enough. It was decided that the clerk should write to Richard Anderton (because of his connections with the bowling club), @ Springfield Farm & Mr Jepson (due to the proximity of his house to the junction), @ Curwen House, Gubberford Lane. If no comments are received before the next meeting, the PC will liaise with Highways with a view to having yellow lines approximately 15 metres each side of the junction to create a passing place.

Rut (Long Lane)

The clerk stated that Highways had emailed Val Wilson that it would be sorted in 2 weeks (as at 16th Jan). She will send a reminder.

6. Playing field:

Progress report

Cllr Cottle stated that whilst he was away, the LEF cheque for £1513 had arrived so he has given this to Jim Fisher. The clerk should receive it within the next week.

NTRUST are coming to see Cllr Cottle on Monday to ensure the PC has followed procedure. Cllr Cottle has requested the clerk to provide him with a breakdown of all LEF monies received.

Youth shelter

Cllr Cottle confirmed that the remaining playing field funds at the end of the year are around £400. He suggested that this money be used for a youth shelter.

Playing field bin

There has been no meeting as yet with Mark Billington. Cllr Babbs stated that Josh (lengthsman) will liaise with John Bettle (to sort out the location of the bin etc).

Parking

Cllr Babbs reported that he has received another quote.

He confirmed that the church field was not viable as it would cost between 50-60 thousand. The last quote he had for the playing field was £44,000. He has since received a quote of £61,000. As there is no funding available at present for the creation of a car park, there is no way forward at this time.

Cllr Atkinson suggested the occasional use of the bottom of the church field at certain times of year, especially in the summer when it is drier. Cllr Hesketh stated that there was no mandate to use it for this purpose and believes it should not be encouraged.

7. Correspondence/circulated items:

WC – Overview & Scrutiny Committee agenda 23rd Jan link emailed

Best Kept village – Entry form and info emailed

LCC – Rationalisation of waste recycling centres decision link emailed

WC – Forward plan Feb to May 2012 link emailed

WC – Street Cleaning Task Group agenda 25th Jan link emailed

WC – Planning Committee minutes 4th Jan link

LCC – Lancs minerals and waste development framework links emailed

WC – Full council agenda 26th Jan link emailed

Lancs Fire & Rescue – Performance report and action plan 2011 consultation Outcomes emailed

WC – Overview & Scrutiny Committee minutes 16th Jan & cabinet minutes 18th Jan links emailed

WC – Portfolio holder reports 19th Jan links emailed

Community Futures – AGM Oct 24th emailed Cllr Cottle

WC – Standards Committee minutes 12th Jan link emailed

WC – Council meeting 26th Jan item 7 & 8 of agenda links emailed

CPRE – A guide to neighbourhood planning passed for circulation

LCC – Winter service bulletin 13th – 19th Jan emailed

Glasdon products see Win post

Urban Landscaping – Grounds maintenance services info emailed

WC – Decision notice and Overview & Scrutiny minutes 23rd Jan link emailed

WC – Resources Portfolio holder report 19th Jan link emailed

LALC – Queens Jubilee lunch flyer emailed

WC – Help with planning for the Olympic torch relay emailed

LCC – Winter service bulletin 20th – 27th Jan links emailed

WC – Audit Committee agenda link 7th Feb emailed

WC – Licensing 19th Jan minutes link emailed

LCC – Rd closures Gubberford/Station Lane 4th March info only

FOB – Bulletin winter 2011 emailed

WC – Leisure centre consultation meeting 29th Feb

Cllr Atkinson attended this and put forward the argument that it should stay open on the grounds that it is taking away rural facilities. Then biggest problems are the staffing costs. Cllr Atkinson had queried the cost of the review and was told this was £35,000. She got the impression that if Wyre Council did not have to spend money on the centre, they would consider funding other things in the community e.g. MUGA's.

Cllr Hesketh agreed to draft a letter for the Courier on behalf of the parish council to keep the leisure centre open.

WC – Forward plan Feb to May 2012 link emailed

WC – Leisure & Culture Portfolio decision notice 19th Jan link emailed

WC – Wyre together conference 21st March emailed

WC – Leisure & Culture portfolio holder 22nd Dec link emailed

Furniture @ Work catalogue

WC – Overview & Scrutiny Committee 13th Feb agenda link emailed

LCC – Winter Service bulletin 27th Jan – 2nd Feb links emailed

WC – Cabinet agenda 15th Feb link emailed

Historic Towns Forum – e-news emailed

Community Futures – Free training emailed

FOB – Planning and planting a small orchard training emailed

LALC – Informal electoral commission consultation emailed

Wyre Together – Half yearly conference 21st March emailed

WC – Cabinet 15th Feb item 4 agenda link emailed

Fields In Trust – Diamond Jubilee info emailed

LCC – Briefing session 26th March emailed

LCC – Winter service bulletin 3rd 9th Feb emailed

LALC – NALC briefings & chairmanship workshop 11th April emailed

WC – Wyre Together half yearly conference agenda and poster emailed

Lancaster City Council – Planning policy consultation report & annual monitoring report plus link emailed

WC – Overview & Scrutiny Committee minutes 13th Feb link emailed

WC – Licensing Committee 23rd Feb agenda link emailed

Wyre Area Rd Safety Committee – last minutes, next agenda for 7th March emailed

WC – Audit Committee – Minutes 7th Feb link emailed

WC – Forward plan March – June 2012 link emailed

LCC – Winter service bulletin 9th – 16th Feb & links emailed

WC – Cabinet 15th Feb minutes link emailed

HAGS – Funding info

LCC – Tree grafting workshop info emailed

BDO – Audit briefing

WC – Full council agenda 1st March link emailed

WC – Leisure review consultation agenda 29th Feb emailed

Charity Commission – Winter news edition emailed Cllr Cottle

LCC – Winter service bulletin 16th – 22nd Feb links emailed

WC – Full council agenda items 5 & 6 links emailed

WC – Employment & Appeals Committee agenda 5th March link emailed

J A Jones & Sons – Queens diamond jubilee (English oak trees) see item 4

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

WC – Planning Committee 7th March agenda link emailed

WC – Standards Committee agenda 8th March link emailed

WC – Portfolio holder reports 1st March links emailed

LCC – Winter service bulletin Feb 23rd – March 1st emailed

WC – Resources portfolio 2nd March link emailed

WC – Overview & Scrutiny Committee 12th March agenda link emailed

Furniture @ Work catalogue

WC – Cabinet 14th March agenda link emailed

WC – Employment & Appeals Committee 5th March minutes link emailed

WC – Notification of cancellation of Standards Committee meeting and new meeting date of 29th March emailed

WC – Sheraton trophy nominations (young Wyre stars) emailed

WC – Bulky waste disposal leaflet emailed

LCC – Notification of cathedral service 13th May re queen's diamond jubilee

Play inspection – inspection brochure & services emailed to Cllr Cottle

LCR magazine

WC – Portfolio holder decision notices 1st March emailed

LCC – Proposed changes to Lancs minerals & waste development framework Consultation emailed

Journal of Local Planning – A guide emailed

LALC – Newsletter & quality parish scheme workshop 23rd May

WC – Affordable housing task group papers 6th March link emailed

WC – Portfolio holder decision notices 1st & 2nd March links emailed

WC – Affordable housing scoping document & links emailed

WC – Full Council 1st March minutes link emailed

WC – Wyre together half yearly conference 21st March (deadline for informing WC of attendance by 14th March)

LALC – Minutes & agenda also attachments including crime figures emailed

WC – Overview & Scrutiny Committee 12th March minutes link emailed

WC – Planning Committee minutes link emailed

Licensing Committee 22nd March agenda link emailed

WC – Street Scene portfolio holder report and leisure & culture portfolio holder report links emailed

WC – Cabinet minutes 14th March link emailed

DCM surfaces info emailed to Cllr Cottle

8. Borough Council matters:

None

9. Planning:

Wyreside Hall plan, amendments & listed building applications

See item 4.

Clifton Farm plan (footpath query)

As there was concern that the corner of the proposed development may be overlapping a footpath, the clerk made enquires with Wyre Council who confirmed that from their point of view it is not a designated path. They stated that it is up to the applicant to check the status of the path with LCC. The clerk checked with LCC and received the following reply:

“The proposed development does not affect a right of way that is recorded on the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way. The Definitive Map only records those rights that are known to exist. The path that is affected by the proposed development is not recorded on the Definitive Map and as such I am only able to confirm that the County Council does not have record of a right of way along this path.”

Cllr Cottle stated he had received an email from a member of the public, who had asked the clerk for information yesterday but had not received a reply yet. This email was shown to the clerk but she had no recollection of receiving it. Cllr Atkinson asked the clerk to copy her the email from LCC (shown above) and she would ensure that the lady received a reply.

12/00056FUL – Erection of replacement stables & new greenhouse @ Spout House Farm, Tythebarn Lane **Comments sent 22/02/12 see decision**

10. Decision notices:

11/00881/FUL – Oaklands, Long Lane (G)

12/00056/FUL – Spout House Farm, Tithbarn Lane (G)

11. Highways:

Potholes (railway bridge, Gubberford Lane)

Further to Cllr Babb's email, the clerk confirmed that she had emailed Highways on the 9th February and had received a response the same day, stating that it would be forwarded to the works team for attention. Highways do have a surfacing scheme programmed for later in the year but it was agreed they would patch it in the meantime. The clerk will send a reminder.

Rough Rd Surface

Cllr Atkinson stated that the road surface is missing and stony on Higher Lane from Throstle Nest through to Keepers Lane. She will check the map and let the clerk know the exact location.

12. Village Hall:

Update

The clerk received the following email from Joanne Golton:

"The floor has recently been re-polished - all users have been requested not to stick anything on the floors

We have a small increase in the number of enquiries since advertising the hall for free on hallshire.com

Current user groups are: Scorton School, Circuit Training, Line Dancing, Scorton Toddlers, Youth Club, Scorton WI, Jujitsu, Paula Boscott School of Dance and the Antiques Fair.

We would like to get the back garden sorted via the lengthsman

The curtains are due to be renewed imminently and we are getting quotes for some building works (serving hatch)

We have a health and safety visit from Wyre Council next Wed so we'll see what crops up from that

The hall is fully involved in the Bikes and Barrows Festival and has cancelled bookings to accommodate it at no charge -hoping for another successful event this year!"

Maintenance

The clerk received the following from Joanne Golton:

"Please can you chase this at next parish meeting- this has never happened as yet and we hope the lengthsman can help us out this year. the back garden needs a good sort out/ cut back."

Cllr Babbs will liaise with the lengthsman to sort this out.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations

The clerk received the following email from Joanne Golton:

“The village hall committee has discussed using the hall for the big jubilee lunch celebrations on Sun 3 June, but during discussions it became apparent that what is really needed is a big village get together outside on the street and have a Jacob’s join type event.

We would like to see the village square used for tables and chairs and a big village lunch. The hall can supply the chairs and tables and funds from the Bikes and Barrows could be used to cover a bouncy castle, extra bunting, maypole, big jubilee cake etc. This would require Snow Hill to be closed for 3-4 hours but access would remain as normal along Gubberford, Station Lane and Factory Brow. We could use authentic hay bales to partly block the road perhaps? In order to access houses and Wyreside Park traffic would need to use other alternative routes during say 12-4pm.

I am happy to apply for a road closure notice and help organize the Lunch and if it rains then everyone can move to the village hall. Businesses in the village would not be affected as people can still park in the village and access them. Also it generates extra custom as people go in to buy drinks and ice creams.

Please can you mention this at the Parish Council and we hope to have your support. Alternatively if a street party is being arranged on the square then let us know how we can help.”

Cllr Cottle agreed to speak to Joanne. The clerk was requested to inform her that the PC support her idea but to liaise with Wyresdale Hall as the celebrations may have an impact on them.

13. Lengthsman:

The clerk stated that Winmarleigh PC had requested her to ask Mark Billington for clarification of Wyre Council’s street cleaning tasks so as not to overlap with the lengthsman duties. She provided details of his email for information as follows:

“The council will be providing a 7 day service prioritised to areas of greatest need. All residential streets and main routes should receive a mechanical sweep of the road channels at least once every 3 weeks unless the road doesn't require this frequency. In addition town centres and high use areas will receive daily visits. Litter and dog waste bins will be emptied regularly dependant on need. we intend to operate two floatain teams of litter pickers as well as provide a reactive service to remove fly tipping. We will have dedicated area officers to coordinate services across the borough.”

14. Finance:

Account update (incl Playing field)

P/F = Nil (as LEF £1513 not rec'd yet)

P/C= £6476.39 (Grdnr bill not off statement. £823.04 of P/F bills taken from P/C until until LEF money rec'd)

The parish council agreed to pay the following:

Clerk expenses - £33.77

LALC SUB - £148.96 (to be paid April)

Lengthsman payment - £5774 incl materials (to be paid in April)

Cllr Cottle playing field expenses - £260

Community Future sub - £30

Rawcliffe & Co PAYE scheme - £120

Village hall donation (Scorton) - £600

Village hall donation (Dolphinholme) - £200

Hire of School - £80

The clerk queried the £300 received into the account in January. Cllr Cottle stated it would be from the parish champion fund for the website.

15. Health & Safety:

None

16. Points of interest:

Contamination of river Wyre

Cllr Babbs stated that there had been 2 incidents. The first was a diesel spillage and the second substance is believed to be white spirit.

Closure of Garstang leisure centre

The clerk stated that she had received an email from Mr and Mrs Sandiford and was unsure if it related to Scorton or Winmarleigh. The PC confirmed that it related to Scorton. Refer item 7.

17. Date of next meeting: **3rd May 2012 including AGM**

As there was no further business the meeting concluded at 9.40PM