

## NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the PC meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

**Present: Cllrs Babbs, Anderton, Atkinson, Collinson, the clerk and a member of the public**

1. Apologies for absence:

**Cllr Cottle and Wyre Councillor & County Cllr Val Wilson**

2. Declarations of Interest:

**None**

3. Minutes from last meeting:

**Signed as a correct record.**

4. Matters arising:

#### **Email confidentiality and procedure**

The copy sent to the Parish Council via email by the clerk was formally adopted.

#### **School signs**

The clerk stated that she had contacted Highways after briefing Cllr Babbs about the contents of her email prior to sending it. Eddie Mills responded and confirmed he is no longer dealing with the request, which has been passed on to Karen Cassar on the newly formed Wyre/Fylde district team. She has emailed the clerk the following reply:

*“Further to Eddie Mills email below I am responsible for the Wyre / Fylde district team which is currently being formed. Your request is on our list and we will assess the site against the criteria and advise you of our findings. I will contact you again in February to advise you on our progress”*

#### **Dog fouling (Millennium Way)**

The clerk stated she had received a reply from John Bettle on 27<sup>th</sup> November as follows:

*“Currently, there are no immediate plans to erect any dog fouling signs as this may affect the role plan of dog control orders. The school imitative may be the best and hard hitting option.”*

The above will be deferred until the next meeting when arrangements can be made with Cllr Cottle to liaise with school.

## **Drainage and flooding issues**

The clerk stated that she received a reply on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec from Highways as follows:

*“Arrangements will be made for the drainage issues to be investigated and for remedial action to be taken as soon as possible. Unfortunately recent weather conditions and substantial rainfall has caused major problems across the area as a whole and whilst under normal conditions the highway drainage system can cope with average rainfall, run-off from fields and higher ground is causing prolonged and difficult problems.”*

Cllr Atkinson gave the clerk a copy of an email she has sent to Sim Lane-Dixon on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec (including a map with locations marked). She has not yet received a reply (some areas have been addressed). The clerk will send him a reminder.

## **Potholes**

The clerk reported an update from Highways received on 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December respectively:

*“In relation to the potholes at the ford near Sykes Farm, because of the substantial flow of water it is not possible to make a suitable repair, this work being more applicable to summer time working. I will refer the issue to our operations team with a suggestion that perhaps the matter can be dealt with by the use of temporary repair/make safe using large steel plate.”*

*“Further to my earlier response, in relation to the potholes at the ford near Sykes Farm, I am told that the area has been inspected and the holes, (either side of the ford), have now been repaired. I was aware of there being a number of holes beneath the water level however, I am told that these are self filling with stone/grit etc flowing within the water. These will, subject to less rainfall in future months be attended too in the coming summer.”*

The PC will assess the situation again in the summer.

## **Proposed creation of a new parish council for Dolphinholme**

The Parish Council agreed to defer this discussion until Cllr Gorst is present.

## **Other interest forms**

Cllrs Anderton and Collinson completed their copies and returned them to the clerk.

### **5. Open forum:**

It was raised that there have been complaints that a private drain located on Snowhill Lane (on the front of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cottage near the entrance of Wyresdale Park), is blocked and leaking onto the highway, causing an unpleasant odour. Due to the health and safety implications, the clerk was requested to contact Wyresdale Hall. She stated she will liaise with Mr Whewell's secretary. In the event that the situation is not resolved, the PC will consider contacting Environmental Health in the future.

6. Playing field:

**Progress report**

None

**MUGA**

The clerk reminder the PC that Cllr Cottle had stated at the last meeting that he was due to see the suppliers during November. There is currently no update regarding this item.

7. Correspondence/circulated items:

**Refer appendix 1 (public to refer to clerk for further information and post received following publication of agenda)**

**Items to discuss as follows:**

**WC – PSCO consultation – No comments**

**LCC – Public rights of way meeting**

The clerk reminded Cllr Babbs as to the date and time of the meeting and confirmed that there would be a summary provided for those who could not attend.

**LALC (Council tax base)**

Cllr Babbs explained the meaning of the figures and stated that Wyre Council would absorb the loss. Parishes are unaffected.

8. Borough Council matters:

**Val Wilson was not in attendance.**

9. Planning:

**12/00800/FUL – Replacement holiday chalet & footbridge @ Park Brook, Long Lane, Scorton**

**Comments sent to planning on 19/12/12 re above**

10. Decision notices:

**12/00672/FUL – (Six Arches Caravan Park) GRANTED**

The Chairman (Cllr Babbs), requested the clerk to ascertain if the Environment Agency were satisfied with the arrangement at the site.

## 11. Highways:

### **Flooding issues**

Cllr Babbs confirmed that the email sent by a member of the public containing photographs about flooded areas (22<sup>nd</sup> Nov), has been passed to Sim Lane Dixon for his attention.

### **Potholes**

On the Harris End Fell Road and also on the footpath outside Deepdale Lodge. The clerk will report these.

### **Higher Lane**

The clerk read the email response sent to Cllr Cottle by Highways on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan:

*"We are aware of the deteriorating condition of this road, the condition of which has been made much worse by the recent and prolonged periods of heavy rain and run-off from adjoining land.*

*We do have within the Commissioning Programme for the coming financial year, a budget provision which will allow us to carry out resurfacing to the worst sections of this road, the actual works however have yet to be programmed and I cannot at the present give you a specific date. In relation to the drainage issue, the matter will be investigated and where problems are found that relate directly to the highway, then these will be dealt with.*

*In relation to your email and your concerns relating to highway safety, we do plan to carry out some localized repairs at the worse locations and these will be carried out within the next 14 days. Following your enquiry the road was inspected and works programmed, however, because of other weather related commitments the Operations Team have not yet been able to undertake the works on-site. Please be assured however that the matter will be attended to."*

Cllr Babbs stated that £17,000 has been earmarked for repairs in 2013/14 and it is programmed for a full resurface in 2014/15.

### **Gritting**

Cllr Babbs asked the clerk to contact Highways to request them to grit Station Lane.

## 12. Lengthsman:

### **Jobs undertaken**

The clerk read the email report from Josh:

*“Starting with first week in November:*

*Checking posts and replacing missing staples in fence on Milenium Way then litter picking and gulleys all round.*

*Checking all round parish, very wet so to Carwags to collect posts to replace rotten ones on Milenium Way. (Please note that i negotiated with Tarja Wilson over the supply of posts).*

*Replacing posts on mil-way, 20 in all. Blowing leaves etc off path up to church then gully tops all round parish again.*

*Clearing gully tops all round again, very wet. Also cleared ford near Throstle Nest.*

*Contacted Colin about missing sign from play area.*

### December

*To Carwags again to collect posts then replacing rotten ones, job now complete. Also pruning on Mil-Way. Gully tops all round.*

*Litter and gulleys all round.*

*Heavy rain over night so gulleys tops all round ( floods everywhere) week off.(Christmas).”*

### **Jobs to do**

Cllr Babbs will inform Josh to make keeping the gullies clear a priority.

### **Road side litter**

The clerk is to report reply from John Bettle regarding collection of the litter.

*“The best solution would be to leave the sacks behind the public toilets in Scorton – If Josh could ring the contact centre on 01253 891000 when sacks are to be collected – the contact centre - will ensure the message is passed to the street cleansing team to collect.”*

The clerk and Cllr Babbs stated that Josh was unhappy about dealing with litter separately, especially as he would have to spend time ringing up Wyre Council and face being held in a queue. Cllr Collinson stated that two litter bins near the Priory and up Church Drive are rarely used so he could deposit litter in these. Cllr Babbs will inform Josh accordingly.

## 13. Village Hall:

### **Bikes & Barrows**

None

### **VH parking**

The clerk has received no reply from the householder. She has given Cllr Babbs two copies of the letter so he can approach him to sign them.

### **Update**

The clerk reported the village hall news from Joanne Golton:

*“The village hall as got the new floor fitted in kitchen, together with new serving hatch. We are looking for a secretary/ liaison type person going forward to chase things, get funding etc.”*

### **Gateway signs**

Cllr Babbs requires confirmation of Bikes and Barrows funds before giving the go ahead. This item will be deferred till the next meeting to discuss with Cllr Cottle.

The design has been finalised and signs will cost £255 each (3 required).

### 14. Finance:

#### **Account update - £6845.69 funds remaining**

#### **Dog fouling sign (playing field)**

Cllr Babbs has not yet purchased a new sign. This will be included on the next agenda as the PC has agreed to buy a replacement after the previous one was stolen. Extra security measures will be used on the next one.

The clerk has looked into including the sign on the insurance but it is not cost effective to do this as the excess is £100 (more than the sign is worth).

**Northwest Air Ambulance (request for donation) - £50** agreed for payment

**Hosting fee for village website - £72** agreed for payment

### 15. Health & Safety:

**None**

### 16. Points of interest:

#### **Schools capital investment**

Cllr Collinson requested details of the response to her query by LCC. The clerk stated that she would email her the reply she has received.

### 17. Date of next meeting: **21<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.45PM**

## **APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**WC – Overview & Scrutiny Committee minutes 19<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**Glasdon products**

**WC – Full Council agenda 29<sup>th</sup> Nov link & items 7 & 8 links**

**WC – Tourism Task Group 4<sup>th</sup> Dec agenda link**

**WC – Schedule of executive decisions x 4**

**WC – Planning Committee 5<sup>th</sup> Dec agenda link**

**WC – Cabinet agenda 5<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**Queensbury shelters – info** emailed to Cllr Cottle

**LALC – Newsletter Dec 2012**

**LCC – Parish council newsletter Nov 2012**

**LCC - Police & crime commissioner newsletter**

**Inskip with Sowerby PC – cessation of rural parishes grant letter**

**WC – PSCO consultation** see item 7

**WC – Licensing Committee minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov link**

**Blackburn Cathedral carol service 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb letter**

**Parish Online – Newsletter Dec edition**

**Community Futures – Community agent training scheme** emailed Cllrs Babbs & Cottle

**WC – Licensing Committee agenda 13<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**WC – Parish grant cessation model letter**

**WC – Neighbourhood service portfolio holder report 6<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**WC – Cabinet minutes 5<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**LCC – Winter service bulletin 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**Lancashire Health – Consultation re dementia services**

**LALC - agenda Jan 2013 & minutes**

**LCR magazine**

**Police & crime commissioner – weekly roundup x 5**

**WC – Full Council minutes 29<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**WC – Overview & scrutiny Committee agenda link 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**WC – Portfolio holder reports 10<sup>th</sup> Dec links**

**WC – Tourism Task Group 4<sup>th</sup> Dec minutes link**

**WC – Planning Committee minutes 5<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**LCC – Bus service changes Jan 2013**

**LALC – NALC policy consultation & questions and answers**

**LCC – Network rail bridgework (Tithebarn St, Poulton)**

**LCC – Notes from the parish conference workshop sessions**

**Community Futures – e-bulletin** emailed Cllrs Babbs & Cottle

**LALC – Defra flood resilience community pathfinder**

**WC – Neighbourhood services portfolio holder decision notice 6<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**LCC – Winter service bulletin 6<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**WC – Standards Committee minutes 6<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**WC – Licensing committee 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan agenda link**

**LALC – NALC localisation of council tax support**

**LCC – Parish council newsletter Dec 2012**

**WC – Planning committee agenda 9<sup>th</sup> Jan link**

**WC – Helpline for older people**

**WC – Portfolio holder decision notice (review of fees & charges)**

**LCC – Winter service bulletin 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Dec links**

**WC – Overview & scrutiny committee 17<sup>th</sup> Dec minutes link**

**LCC – Winter service bulletin 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Dec links**

**WC – Mayor charity dinner 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**LCC – Winter service bulletin 27<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan links**

**WC – Licensing committee minutes 13<sup>th</sup> Dec link**

**LALC – Training programme, booking form & conference report**

**Parish online – Newsletter**

**WC – Cabinet 16<sup>th</sup> Jan agenda & items 4 links**

**LALC – Council tax base information see item 7**

**LCC – Winter service bulletin 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Jan links**

**LCC – Public rights of way update meeting (emailed to Cllr Babbs) see item 7**

**Clerks & Councils Direct magazine**

**WC – Planning committee 9<sup>th</sup> Jan minutes link**

**WC – Licensing committee 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan minutes link**

**WC Licensing committee agenda 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan link**

**LCC – Environment bulletin Jan 2013**

**WC – Full council 24<sup>th</sup> Jan agenda link**

**WC – Leisure & culture portfolio holder 17<sup>th</sup> Jan link**