

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 21st March 2013, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Babbs, Atkinson, Anderton, Collinson and Cottle (for part of the meeting), the clerk, the lengthsman, Lancashire County & Wyre Borough Councillor Val Wilson and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Gorst

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Atkinson item 11 (footpath)

Cllr Collinson item 11 (planters @ The Priory)

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

School signs

The clerk confirmed that LCC have agreed to provide 2 “children” warning signs (as per map) near the playing field and the village hall. The work should be carried out early in the new financial year. Refer the response from Highways 5th March:

“The one sign can go on the St light near the church as identified. It will also be well seen. There is a second St light further south of along the road near the public footpath as an alternative.

The second sign in the opposite direction may be best suited to go on the St light on the corner of Scorton Hall Park. It will need to be slightly angled so that it will be readily seen from the give way at Station Lane and along Factory Brow.”

Dog fouling (Millennium Way)

Cllr Cottle will liaise with school to design posters.

Drainage and flooding issues

The clerk reported the following response from Highways (20th March) to Cllr Atkinson's email (with map):

“Locations C and D gullies on Long Lane at Sykes Farm - We have investigated and cleared gully at C. Our records only show one gully in this location and investigations at site have failed to detect any other.

Location B Trough Road- Our Officer has looked at site B today and all gullies appear to be working, it is however much dryer now than of past months. I have agreed that the gullies be checked by one of our gully wagons and the connections be jetted. This will be done as soon as possible and most likely next week.

Location A Wagon Road - The problem was further up the road outside Dolphinholme House and that it has now been resolved.”

It was stated that the latter is still blocked. The clerk will report this again.

Potholes

The clerk reported that Harris End Fell Rd and the footpath outside Deepdale Lodge have been done.

It was raised that there is a substantial chunk of tarmac out of the road surface on Tythebarn Lane (east of motorway bridge). The clerk was asked to report this.

Proposed creation of a new parish council for Dolphinholme

Cllr Gorst absent.

Other interest forms

Cllr Cottle signed his form. Cllr Atkinson asked the clerk to bring her form next time to add some information on.

Gritting

The clerk read the response from Highways (following a request for the gritting wagon to include Station Lane):

“The wagon does go as far as the square but does not do Station Lane. The reason is that it cannot get under the rail bridge and there is no suitable location where it can turn around. Most gritting is carried out with only the driver on the wagon, and at such times for safety reasons reversing and turning around movements are not permitted. Such movements are only permitted where there is a suitable location and a second person is on the vehicle.”

The PC had noticed that the wagon had been seen to go up Station Lane.

Blocked (private) drain off Snowhill Lane

The clerk reported an update from Wyresdale Park (Mr Whewell's secretary):

"He has been sorting out the nuisance drain but has run into difficulties because it wasn't quite as straight forward as he hoped. He is presently having to liaise with the Highways Dept in order to get the job done."

The clerk has been told she will be kept informed.

5. Open forum:

Lengthsman bin

The PC felt that other bins within the parish could be used for waste generated by the lengthsman however, it was acknowledged that the other parishes may be adversely affected financially if Nether Wyresdale pulled out. Following a discussion with the lengthsman, it was agreed that the clerk should request a monthly collection to be reviewed in 6 months. She was asked to put this topic on the September agenda.

Planning applications (Graham Anthony Associates) newspaper article.

The chairman confirmed that he had received a response from Wyre Council and a member of the public requested a copy. The Parish Council response to the member of the public who raised the issue is as follows:

"Thank you for bringing this article to our attention and it does make for interesting reading. However, we are advised that it would not be appropriate or necessary to comment on this article. The way in which this gentleman goes about his business, advises his clients or potential investors is not a matter for this council to consider and as the article clearly states, what is claimed he said, is not illegal.

We are assured by WBC that all applications regardless of who submits them are checked to make sure they are accurate and conform to current planning legislation.

The parish council is sure that due process was followed according to the relevant information available at that time."

6. Playing field:

Progress report

See below.

MUGA

Cllr Cottle stated that he is in the process of obtaining quotes.

7. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1

Items to discuss as follows:

Local Government Boundary for the Commission for England – Electoral review of Wyre (comments by 8th April)

LCC – Lancs minerals & waste modification consultation

No comments to either of the above

8. Borough Council matters (and LCC matters):

Val Wilson reported the following:

- ❖ The budget has been passed. Council tax frozen (WC).
- ❖ Leisure centres to be refurbished (WC).
- ❖ Bowgreave Rise Nursing Home is to be rebuilt (WC).
- ❖ Council tax reduced by 2% (LCC).
- ❖ A quarter of a million has been allocated to training (LCC).
- ❖ 200 million has been spent on Highways (LCC).

9. Planning:

None

10. Decision notices/query:

12/00800/FUL (Park Brook) - GRANTED

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

Wyre Council has replied regarding the query relating to the environment Agency. The clerk confirmed that the email was circulated to cllrs on 18/01/13.

11. Highways:

Grizedale (C354 Fell Rd)

The clerk stated that she had received an email from Val Wilson. This was given to the chairman for perusal. She stated that the scheme had been delayed due to urgent safety work on Crook "O" Lune bridge.

LCC – extinguishment of part of footpath no 40

Cllr Atkinson explained the proposal. The remainder of the PC members agreed to the proposal and instructed the clerk to advise LCC accordingly.

Planters (The Priory)

The clerk stated that LCC had received a complaint from a Scorton resident regarding the planters. LCC confirmed that they have no issues with the planters, as they provide a safe passage for pedestrians, however, it has been brought to their attention that tables are being placed outside (on Highway's land) during the summer and this requires a licence, which The Priory would need to apply for. Presently, discussions are ongoing with Wyre Council. The PC support the need for a licence and the clerk will ascertain what LCC intend to do next.

12. Lengthsman:

Lengthsman bin (hire)

Refer open forum item 5.

Jobs undertaken

The clerk provided a list to each parish councillor of jobs the lengthsman has undertaken since the last meeting. Cllr Collinson stated that it would be helpful if he stated the locations where he had done litter picking and also estimate the time jobs have taken. The clerk will let him know accordingly.

Jobs

The lengthsman discussed the work undertaken by the community payback team. It was agreed that they should be approached to carry out the following tasks:

- ❖ Painting railings white (Long Lane) opposite the property, Lea Green.
- ❖ Clearing road edge of debris (Long Lane) or request sweeping by Street Scene.

13. Village Hall:

Bikes & Barrows

None

VH parking

A signed letter has been received from the resident of Ormsdale, agreeing not to claim ownership or title of the publicly owned land, outside the property (following alterations made to frontage).

Update

None

Gateway signs

Now in place.

14. Finance:

Account update - £6227.84 funds remaining

Replacement dog fouling sign (playing field) - £30.84 (paid to Cllr Babbs)

The PC agreed to pay the following:

LALC sub (payable April)- £133.98

Lengthsman cheque (payable April) - £5980

Rawcliffe & Co PAYE - £120

Hire of school - £80

Community Futures sub - £30

15. Health & Safety:

Church Driveway

Cllr Babbs confirmed that this will be redone during the summer. It will cost approx £15,000.

16. Points of interest:

Funding

The clerk reminded the PC about Cllr Cottle's email of 14th December, regarding the possibility of applying for grants for war memorials (for the village war memorial) & the Co-operative Community Fund (to support the Scorton taxi).

Val Wilson suggested contacting Garstang Town Council if required, as they are currently looking into the upkeep of war memorials.

PC agreed the format of the following:

Audit review

Risk assessment

Financial regs

Standing orders

17. Date of next meeting: **16th May 2013 including AGM**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.25PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Cabinet 16th Jan minutes link

LALC – Buckingham Palace garden party invite (to chairman)

**LCC – Winter service bulletin 10th -16th Jan links 4th – 7th Feb links 25th – 28th link
17th – 20th Jan links 7th – 11th Feb links 28th F – 4th M
21st – 23rd Jan links 11th – 14th Feb links 7th – 11th M
24th – 27th Jan links 14th – 18th Feb links 11th – 14th M
28th – 31st Jan links 18th – 21st Feb links 14th – 21st M
31st – 3rd Feb links 21- 25th Feb link**

WC – Full Council agenda 24th Jan link & items 6 + 7

WC – Schedule of executive decisions x 7

WC – Overview & Scrutiny Committee agenda 28th Jan link

Police & Crime Commissioner – weekly roundup x 7 plus special edition x 2

Police & Crime Commissioner – PCC unveils first budget

LALC – NALC policy briefing (adapting to climate change)

LCC – Feb & March bus service changes leaflets

Best Kept Village – Entry form

Glasdon brochure

WC – Leisure & culture portfolio holder report 17th Jan link

WC – Affordable housing task group 4th Feb agenda link

WC – Mayoral charity dinner 15th March reminder

WC – Planning committee agenda 6th Feb link

Community Futures – E bulletin Emailed Cllrs Cottle & Babbs

Bowland bulletin

**Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Wyre letter
(comments before 8th April) see item 7**

WC – Overview & scrutiny committee minutes 28th Jan link

WC – Licensing committee minutes 23rd Jan link

Wormerod shelters – Bus, pram and teen shelter info Emailed Cllr Cottle

WC – Full council minutes 24th Jan link

WC – Mayoral charity sponsored tandem bike ride

LCC – Jan newsletter (parish champion)

WC – Cabinet agenda 20th Feb link

WC – Planning committee 6th Feb minutes link

Wyre Area Rd Safety Committee – Meeting minutes and agenda

Parish online – Newsletter

WC – Leisure & culture portolio holder report 14th Feb (Fleetwood Tourist info centre)

WC – Overview & scrutiny committee agenda 25th Feb link

Age UK – Warm homes, healthy people (events)

Community Futures – E bulletin Emailed Cllrs Cottle & Babbs

LCC – Shared lives carers poster noticeboard

WC – Leisure & culture portfolio decision notice 14th Feb link (Fleetwood)

WC – Cabinet minutes 20th Feb link

WC – Wyre together info event 24th April

WC – Planning Committee agenda 6th March link

LALC – Quality parish scheme workshop, CILCA & LCTP training workshop (new cllrs and clerks)

WC – Council agenda 7th March link and items 5 & 6 links

WC – Overview & scrutiny committee 25th Feb minutes link

WC – Employment and appeals committee agenda 11th March link

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

LCC – Rd closure Gubberford Lane (25th March – 22nd April)

WC – Audit committee and overview & scrutiny committee 12th March agenda links

LALC – Rural crime conference invite (11th March)

WC – Cabinet agenda 13th March link

WC – “Wyre Voice” community newsletter

WC – Standards Committee agenda 14th March link

WC – Collective energy switching scheme poster for noticeboard

BDO – Audit briefing

LCR magazine

LCC – Lancs minerals & waste modification consultation see item 7

NALC – Putting communities first (Eric Pickles conference)

WC – Full council 7th March link

LALC – April agenda and last minutes & crime report

Sovereign play equip – Brochure

LCC – Prow info

Parish Online – Newsletter

Community Futures – Ebulletin emailed to Cllrs Babbs & Cottle

WC – Employment & appeals committee 11th March link

LALC – Fuel poverty & carbon monoxide awareness

WC – People power collective energy switching

LCC – April bus service changes

WC – Portfolio holder report 15th March link

WC – Overview & scrutiny committee agenda 25th March link

WC – Cabinet 13th March minutes link

WC – Portfolio holder reports 14th March link

WC – LCC election notices for noticeboard

WC – Audit committee minutes 12th March link

WC – Standards committee 14th March minutes link

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 14th March links