

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

AGM minutes for the PC meeting on 16th May 2013, 7.30PM @ Scorton School

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

1. Apologies:

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins (has a mayoral event) & Cllr Neil Anderton (holiday)

2. Dec of interest:

None

3. Minutes from last AGM:

Singed as correct on 14/06/2012

4. Arising:

No matters arising from last AGM

5. Election of officers:

Chairman – Cllr Colin Babbs proposed Cllr Atkinson, seconded Cllr Collinson

Vice chairman – Cllr Annie Collinson proposed Cllr Babbs, seconded Cllr Atkinson

6. Chairman's report:

The last 12 months as Chairman commenced with the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations. To commemorate this great occasion NWPC presented every child of 16 years of age or less, living in the parish, with the Official Commemorative Coin. Thanks to Cllr Sue Atkinson for organizing and distributing these.

We also took part in the nationwide lighting of beacons which, in Scorton, was situated on top of Nicky Nook. Our thanks go to the landowner James Whewell who arranged this and to Cllr Neil Anderton for liasing with him to make it happen. A beacon was also lit at Lower Dolphinholme, our thanks to Cllr John Gorst for organizing this. I attended the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire official celebration at Blackburn Cathedral representing the people of Nether Wyresdale.

We welcomed Annie Collinson who was co-opted on to the council in July 2012 and we wish Cllr. John Gorst a speedy recovery from his health problems which have prevented him from attending for some months.

The year has, by comparison to the previous, been quiet in terms of public attendance. Most of the problems were due to the changing weather patterns causing all kinds of difficulties with the roads. Potholes, erosion, flooding etc. Hopefully we will continue to stay on top of these problems.

In conjunction with Bikes & Barrows we have facilitated the installation of the new village 'Gateway' signs, two new park benches and a picnic table on the playground.

The NWPC website continues and is updated regularly. Our thanks to Joanne Golton and our clerk Melanie Harben for keeping the information current.

The community taxi continues to run every Thursday morning and we hold donated reserves for another 18 months at the current rate of subsidy. We do constantly look at alternative ways to subsidized and expand the service.

The closure of the waste recycling centre at Cloughton has not resulted in any significant increase in fly tipping in the parish – so far! We wish our newly elected Lancashire County Councillor Sandra Perkins every success with her fight to have the facility re-opened.

My thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their efforts and support over the last year and to Melanie Harben our clerk for all her work.

7. Finance:

Accounts 2012/13

Accounting statement & annual governance statement were unanimously agreed.

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The clerk confirmed that amount remaining at the end of the year is £2510.53.

8. Open forum:

None

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8PM to be followed by the ordinary meeting of the parish council