

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 18th July 2013, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

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

1. Apologies for absence:

Wyre Councillor Val Wilson due to a full council meeting

Cllr Gorst

Lancashire County Councillor Sandra Perkins as she has another meeting

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

AGM and ordinary minutes signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

Dog fouling (Millennium Way)

As Josh has raised this at the end of his lengthsman report, Cllr Cottle has agreed to discuss with school.

Proposed creation of a new parish council for Dolphinholme

Cllr Gorst not present.

Other interest forms

Cllr Gorst not present.

Blocked (private) drain off Snowhill Lane

Following a visit to the tenant by Nicola Medley (Wyre Council Environmental Health Officer), the problem is now resolved. She has checked the area and the washing machine waste pipe has been relocated to another drain and the drain at the front of the property has been cleared.

Community Payback work

The parish council requested the clerk to ask Community Payback to undertake the painting of the railings (Long Lane) and to invoice them for materials used.

Planters & tables (The Priory)

The clerk received a response from Karen Cassar (Highways). On 3rd June she issued a licence following receipt of a cheque from the Priory.

Flood bank erosion (Gubberford Lane)

The clerk reported on the response from the Environment Agency and showed the PC the map. She stated that she has also received a 38 pg document on riparian ownership (18th June). The response forwarded by Lancashire County Council (from the EA) to the clerk is as follows:

“The EA’s records show it is a fluvial defense, defined as Natural High ground modeled to a 75year design level. With regards to the erosion, the landowner is usually responsible for any works to reduce bank erosion. The Environment Agency would only get involved where natural erosion threatens a flood defense. Unfortunately, this section is high ground and is not a structure the EA would not be seen to be carrying out any works, although the local risk management authority will probably need to agree to any bank protection works.

In summary, as this is high ground with natural erosion and with no properties at flood risk, it would be the riparian owner who would be responsible for the works.”

The PC members will assess the current state of the bank and discuss further at the next meeting.

Lower Dolphinholme speed limit

The clerk reported the response from Highways (Karen Cassar) on 12th June:

“Lancashire County Council is committed to introducing 20mph speed limits in all main residential areas and outside schools by the end of 2013. In order to give a consistent message to drivers that travelling at 20mph in main residential areas and near schools is fast enough, 20mph speed limits are being rolled out on an area wide basis across the County. Permanent 20mph speed limits are suitable for roads that are not main commuter routes and whereby pedestrian activity takes precedence over the through movement of motor vehicles. Part time advisory 20mph speed limits are being implemented at schools located close to main roads. Part time advisory 20mph speed limits are being introduced at Schools that are situated outside main residential areas.

The current policy is to implement part time advisory 20mph speed limits for most schools outside main residential areas. This policy was approved by County Councillor Tim Ashton, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, on 12th March 2012. A copy of the report can be found at: <http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1583>. Dolphinholme Primary School was identified as being suitable for a Part Time Advisory 20mph Speed limit and was implemented earlier this year.”

The clerk was asked to contact Highways to request the introduction of 30MPH.

Condition of Gubberford Lane (outside parish border)

The clerk reported the response from Highways (Sim Lane Dixon) on 12th June:

“We are aware of the condition of Gubberford Lane and it will be monitored and localised patch repairs carried out as required.”

Unfortunately there are no proposals to undertake any substantial resurfacing works to this section of Gubberford Lane (Green Lane East to the River Bridge) in the current financial year. It will be considered for maintenance, either full re-surfacing or substantial inlay patching in next year's programme however I cannot guarantee that funding will be available or works carried out.

Reference has also been made to a section of Green Lane East (now no longer used as a through route for vehicles) Arrangements will be made for this road to be inspected and if required for localised repair to be carried out. It is however unlikely that any works of a more substantial nature will be carried out on this road in the foreseeable future.”

Ford (Brewers Lane)

The clerk to report the response from Highways (Sim Lane Dixon) on 12th June:

“The ford crossing has been inspected and it has been determined that there are a small number of broken concrete blocks beneath the road surface level that require repair. The base of the ford has been made up of concrete kerb-stones some of which are damaged. Inspection has indicated that the damaged areas are filled with silt material and do not at the present time pose a danger to those using the ford.

The undertaking of repair has not been possible for reason of excessive water flow at this location and we will not be able to do any works until a prolonged dry spell occurs. The situation is therefore to be monitored and works programmed at a time when access is more easily obtained and/or the structural condition further deteriorates.”

The PC requested the clerk to contact Highways again to request them to undertake the work now there has been an extended period of dry weather.

Drain (The Square, outside Kettlewell)

Resolved. Refer Highways (item 11) for other drainage issue raised.

Gully (Opposite Ashcroft, Gubberford Lane)

The clerk reported that Highways (Sim Lane Dixon) had responded on 12th June to say that the gully has been inspected and cleared and is now working correctly.

Hedge (Mill Lane, Baxter's development)

The clerk reported that Highways had conducted a land search to establish ownership. They have confirmed that the hedge is the responsibility of the property owners and they have agreed to write to inform them of their responsibility for the hedge and request them to arrange for it to be trimmed.

Bench (footpath from Snowhill Lane to Tithebarn Lane)

The PC agreed that the bench could be repaired without the need for a new base seat, which would cost £250. Suggestions were made regarding materials used to affect a repair, including intact parts from another bench that requires replacement. Cllr Babbs will liaise with the lengthsman to determine the best course of action.

There are also a further 2 benches that require attention, one of which is outside the shop in the Square. Cllr Babbs stated that a replacement would be approx £400. The PC agreed to fund this.

Cllr Babbs will also check the bench opposite Throstle's Nest to see what is required.

5. Open forum:

Hedges

A member of the public circulated photos of overgrown hedges on Gubberford Lane. Cllr Babbs stated that he has liaised with the lengthsman and he has agreed to trim the locations (although this is not his responsibility).

The clerk was requested to contact Highways for them to trim the hedge on Station Lane (near the bridge, south east side).

6. Playing field:

Progress report

Cllr Cottle suggested writing a letter of thanks to Andrew Brewer for providing the picnic tables and benches. He will provide contact details for the clerk.

MUGA

Bikes and Barrows have suggested that there should be an area of hard standing for children on the playing field (big enough for a tennis court) as an alternative to a MUGA, the cost of which would be prohibitive. Cllr Cottle suggested contacting Richard Kirkby for advice and contacting Penny Bennett (architect) to see if she would be willing to project manage the proposal. The PC agreed to stand reasonable costs if she were willing to undertake this.

The clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Helen Hesketh for all her hard work for the community and to wish her well in her future role as headmistress of Scorton Primary School.

Community Orchard

Cllr Cottle stated that ideas will need to be explored as to the proposed location, type of trees (fruit trees have been suggested) and who will be responsible for maintaining the proposed orchard.

Other Bikes and Barrows matters

Cllr Cottle requested the clerk to put this as a separate item on future agendas rather than under the village hall heading. Also, he requested that the funding allocation be included as an annex to the minutes.

7. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Wyre consultation

No comment

House of Commons – cancellation of traffic management for galas in Wyre

No comment

Woodland Trust - Free trees

Following receipt of an email from LALC (refer appendix), Cllr Collinson thought that the trees were a good idea. The PC requested the clerk to order the smallest pack of 30 (valued at £1.00 per tree).

LALC meeting (broadband)

Following discussion, Cllr Collinson agreed to collate comments from residents and forward these to Garry Payne (Wyre Council).

8. Borough Council matters:

None

9. Planning:

None

10. Decision notices:

13/00303/LAWP (Lawful development certificate of proposed conservatory @ Snowhill Cottages) **REFUSED**

13/00263/FUL (Erection of one 2 bed residential chalets on Land adj to Creg Ny Baa, Six Arches Lane) **GRANTED**

11. Highways:

SPID Request

The PC requested the clerk to contact Highways with a view to being included on the list to receive a SPID due to traffic speeding through the village.

Rd safety meeting

Cllr Cottle stated that Sim Lane Dixon (Highways) informed them that he has no idea about the new administration's priorities when it comes to highway repairs.

Yellow lines (Gubberford Lane/Tythebarn Lane junction)

The clerk was asked to contact Highways to find out when these lines would be done.

Drainage (Tythebarn Lane, Nr Spout House Farm)

The clerk was asked to contact Highways for them to inspect the ditches at the edge of the field on the left, in order to stop water flooding onto and across the highway. In winter, this water becomes a sheet of ice across the road.

12. Lengthsman:

Hours review

PC agreed that current hours (10 per week) will continue for 2014/15.

Jobs undertaken

"Week commencing 13 May

Strim all sight railings, @ Lea Green, Bracken Lea, Street & end of Tinkers Lane. Wash road signs at Street road junction & chevron at Lea Green. Collect plants and fill in gaps in hedge up to church (Please note some of these were pulled out as soon as they were planted). Collect new sign for Snow Hill and assess site for fixing.

Week commencing 20 May

Collecting all materials including going to Carwags for gate and stoops. Replace gate at church field and replace hand rail on Millennium way entrance. (Tarja would provide materials only). Return to mow tennis court & up to church.

Week commencing 27 May

Visit site of fly tipping and report to Street Scene. Return to Strim full length of Mil-way. Sort out screws & fixings for new Snow Hill sign and fix. Litter pick play area and over Harrisend to skip with rubbish. Roughly L.P.3hrs. Strim 4Hrs . Fly tipping 1 Hr. Sign fixing 2 Hrs.

Week commencing 3 June

Spraying kerb sides from pic-nic site to Wyresdale Crescent , Up Tithebarn Lane, round tennis court and on Mil-way. Mow & strim tennis court and up to church. 6Hrs spraying, 4Hrs strim & mow."

Jobs to be done

Cllr Babbs has been requested by Joanne Golton to ask the lengthsman to tidy the rear of the village hall. Also refer items 4 (bench) and 5 (hedges).

13. Village Hall:

Update

The clerk reported that there had been a Bikes & Barrows cheese and wine evening on 2nd July.

14. Finance:

Account update

The clerk confirmed that funds remaining now are **£10464.83**. There is still £166.80 left from website set up grant from LCC.

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue – donation request no donation to be made.

Dolphinholme village show committee – request for donation

Cllr Babbs will discuss with the committee.

Clerks expenses - £51.00 agreed for payment

15. Health & Safety:

Church Drive potholes

These are to be done in August.

16. Points of interest:

Meeting dates for 2014

These were agreed. The clerk suggested that when she asks Cllr Babbs for items to include on the agenda that she copies everyone in, so that they have the opportunity to notify her if they can't attend in plenty of time so that if necessary, the meeting can be rearranged. The PC agreed to this.

17. Date of next meeting: **19th Sept 2013**

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

Charity Commission news

WC – Full Council minutes 9th May link

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 17th, 21st, 22nd May, 3rd, 11th & 18th June & 10th and 12th July links

Police and crime commissioner – weekly roundups x 7

WC – Resources portfolio holder report 23rd May link

WC – minutes for overview & scrutiny 20th May and cabinet 22nd May links

WC – Audit committee minutes 21st May

LALC – Environment Agency flood risk maintenance programme

FOB – Consultation of management plan (village hall 12th June)

WC – Planning committee agenda 5th June link

LALC – AGM 9th Nov booking form

WC – Full council agenda 6th June and items 6 & 7 links

WC – Stakeholder consultation workshop 18th June

Wyre Area Rd Safety Committee – last minutes and next agenda emailed to Cllrs
Babbs & Cottle

WC – Portfolio holder decision (emergency equip repairs @ Poulton and Fleetwood leisure centres)

Community Futures – E-bulletin emailed to Cllrs Babbs & Cottle

LALC – Wyre area meeting 9th July

WC – Resources portfolio holder 6th June link

WC – Wyre voice newsletter for June

Hags & SMP playgrounds – Parish & community news

LALC – June newsletter, LCTP employment workshop & LCTP community

engagement workshop
Parish Online – update

WC – Planning committee minutes 5th June

WC – Cabinet agenda 19th June link

LCC – Fylde together info event 26th June

WC – Resources portfolio holder decision & full council minutes 6th June links

WC - Overview & Scrutiny committee agenda 24th June link

LCR magazine

WC – Network rail direct service rejection

WC – Audit committee agenda 25th June link

LALC – 3 tier forum rep

Community Futures – E-bulletin

Cyan catalogue

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Wyre consultation
See item 7

WC – Leisure & culture and Neighbourhood services 20th June portfolio holder reports link

WC – Cabinet minutes 19th June link

LCC – July bus service changes

WC – Employment & appeals committee 1st July agenda link

WC – Great outdoors survey

WC – Planning committee agenda 3rd July link

WC – Neighbourhood services portfolio holder decision (update on Chapel St, Poulton)

WC – Leisure & culture portfolio holder (Preesall playing field improvement scheme)

LALC – Woodland trust free trees See item 7

WC – Audit committee minutes 25th June link

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

LALC – Broadband delivery rural Wyre

LCC – Wyre Environment bulletin

WC – Employment & appeals committee minutes link 1st July

House of commons – Cancellation of traffic management for galas in Wyre See item 7

WC – Standards committee agenda 10th July link

WC – Wyre green infrastructure study workshop report

WC – Wyre Voice newsletter July

Play & Leisure - Product info emailed to Cllr Cottle

LALC – NALC ebulletin

WC – Planning committee minutes 3rd July link

WC – Overview & scrutiny committee 24th June minutes link

LALC – NALC consultation (deadline 30th August)

WC – Full council agenda 18th July and items 6 & 7 links

LALC – Rewiring public services documents hyperlink

Community Futures – Community Focus newsletter and e-bulletin

LCC – August bus service changes

Came & Co – insurance info

WC – Leisure & culture portfolio holder report (improvement of memorial park) 18th July link

Inskip with Sowersby – Removal of rural parishes grant info

