

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 19th Sept 2013, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Babbs, Cottle, Gorst, Atkinson, Anderton and Collinson, Wyre Cllr Val Wilson, Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins, the clerk and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence:

PC Simon Jones

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

Dog fouling (Millennium Way)

Cllr Cottle has approached school regarding the provision of signs and they think it is a good idea. They will look into it. Cllr Babbs stated that Josh is still having a problem with fouling on the grass when he strims.

Proposed creation of a new parish council for Dolphinholme

Cllr Gorst stated that there is no update at present. The parish council agree that there is no conflict of interest and are supportive of the idea.

Other interest forms

Cllr Gorst signed his copy for the clerk's retention.

Community Payback work

The clerk stated that she has had discussions with Roger Scanlon (Community Payback) re painting the railings (Long Lane). Roger agreed to contact Josh (lengthsman), but Josh reports that he has not been in contact yet. The clerk has emailed Roger and prior to the meeting, tried to ring him three times but his phone is switched off. She has emailed Josh with Roger's number. A member of the public with appropriate contacts, will chase this up also.

Flood bank erosion (Gubberford Lane)

The PC has assessed the current state of the floodbank and it was felt that it is not a problem at this time .

Lower Dolphinholme speed limit

The clerk stated that she has received a map from Highways showing the areas covered by the 30 MPH limit. If the PC wants areas outside this to be covered, Highways will need to investigate. Cllr Babbs marked the appropriate area on the map and instructed the clerk to send this to Highways. The clerk was also asked to inform Ellel Parish Council.

Ford (Brewers Lane)

The clerk reported the response from Highways (Karen Cassar) on 9th August stating that the work was due to be carried out on the 12th August. The PC confirmed that this has been done but a member of the public voiced concerns on certain aspects of the work. As it may be dangerous to cyclists, the clerk was requested to contact Highways. The member of the public will email photos to the clerk.

Drainage (Nr Spout House Farm, Tythebarn Lane)

The clerk reported that she has received a response from Highways (Graham Wilcox) on 17th Sept, showing a map of the location. He is hoping to carry out investigation work next week and let the clerk know the outcome. The PC stated that the map shows the wrong location and that the drain is nearer Ghyll Wood. Cllr Babbs asked the clerk to contact him in order to arrange a site meeting with the PC.

Hedge (Station Lane, Nr Bridge, South east side)

The clerk reported the response from Highways (Karen Cassar) re trimming on 15th August. The property owner has done as much as he can and the rest will be trimmed back by a contractor. An order has been placed for this work.

Benches

Cllr Babbs updated the PC as follows: The one on the footpath from Snowhill Lane to Tithebarn Lane and the one outside the shop have been repaired. The one opposite Throstle Nest is beyond repair. Cllr Anderton has the contact details of the person responsible for the bench and the clerk was asked to contact him as a courtesy to see if he wishes to replace it before the old one is removed.

SPID request

The clerk updated the PC regarding the response from Highways (Nick Hughes) on 17th Sept. The deployment of the SPID sign to Scorton has been added to the rota. It is expected to first appear mid to late October.

Introduction of yellow lines (Gubberford Land, Nr Tythebarn Lane junction)

The clerk updated the PC regarding the response from Highways (Karen Cassar). The new traffic team were not aware of the request and they have inherited several outstanding requests going back several years which they are in the process of reviewing. Regarding the consultation, Karen will add a caveat to the 3 – 6 months timescale, as this may extend to 10 months depending on workload and availability of resources. The PC is very disappointed by this response as this work was approved in 2011 and 2012 by safety officers. The clerk was asked to reply to Highways expressing this and requesting action.

5. Open forum:

Police report

There has been three crimes in the Scorton area in the last month. In summary;

1. Theft of Fuel from a storage tank from a premises on Gubberford lane 03/09/13
2. Theft of a trailer from a premises on Station Lane. 29/08/13
3. Burglary other than in a dwelling - Workshop entered in a property on Long Lane and a chainsaw stolen.

Enquiries are ongoing with all these crimes.

Station Lane speed limit discrepancy

A member of the public stated that along the same stretch of road, there is one speed one way and a different speed coming from the other direction. The PC agreed to him providing details to the clerk for her to pass on to Highways.

Email from a member of the public

The clerk reminded the PC of the email circulated prior to the meeting.

6. Playing field:

Progress report & MUGA

Cllr Cottle stated that Penny Bennett (architect) is coming to discuss ideas for a small MUGA tomorrow at 1PM.

Maintenance

Peter Gelderd is no longer doing the work. In the first instance, Cllr Babbs will ask Josh. Another option is John Slinger.

Youth problem

The clerk has told PC Jones and he will keep an eye on it.

Broken Swing

Cllr Cottle stated that a complaint had been made to Mark Billington (Wyre Council). Cllr Babbs stated that Josh will sort this out.

7. Bikes & Barrows

Community Orchard

Cllr Collinson stated that there had been no progress as the church had been concerned about maintenance and size.

Festival donation

Cllr Cottle made the suggestion that perhaps the PC could consider making a one off donation to support the festival.

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

LALC – NALC book £49.99

The PC decided not to buy the book.

Lancs Fire and Rescue – consultation (deadline 20th Oct)

No comments.

Wyre Area Committee – rural broadband

The clerk stated that Garry Payne has received little feedback from parishes. The clerk asked Cllr Collinson if she has received any confirmation of receipt of the comments sent to Garry Payne, as she has not received a response from him. Cllr Collinson said she had not heard anything either and she will email him tomorrow. The clerk will ask her other parishes to provide an input. Nateby Parish Council has confirmed it is slow and she has reported this to Garry Payne in support of the comments already made.

WC – Cuckoo Wood Wind Farm event

The clerk stated that RWE are offering presentations to parishes.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Borough Councillor Val Wilson reported:

- ❖ There was a presentation regarding the budget. By 2016/17, there will be two and a quarter million short.
- ❖ There is a new initiative “Make 5 minutes matter” encouraging the public to: report dog fouling and fly tipping, pick up litter, volunteer to join a local group, be neighbourly etc.

- ❖ Empowerment is the new name for the organisation formed by the merger of Blackpool advocacy and Lancaster and District Women's Aid (a charity working to support vulnerable people).

Re item 8 (rural broadband), Cllr Cottle requested Val Wilson to chase up a response from Garry Payne.

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins reported the following:

- ❖ She has changed her telephone number to (01995) 471236.
- ❖ Garry Payne is visiting the LCC council offices for a tour on Monday at 10AM.
- ❖ A task and finish group is being set up to reopen the tip.
- ❖ Cabus PC has requested a reduction in speed limit on Gubberford Lane but they have heard nothing as yet. She is following this up. There is concern regarding school children using this walking route to catch public transport. The PC are supportive of their request.

10. Planning:

13/00591/FUL – 2 storey rear ext and widening of access to Factory Brow @ Pear Tree Cottage, Station Lane and amendments

13/00683/FUL - COU of agricultural building to form a detached dwelling @ Johela Heights, Snowhill Lane

No objections to either of the above

Oak Tree Cottage

A member of the public stated that he has been doing alterations and has been informed that planning permission was not required. This has been complicated by the fact that Wyre Council has received a complaint from the parish council. He expressed dissatisfaction at the way this had been handled, as he could have been contacted to discuss and clarify the nature of the alterations. Cllr Babbs and Cottle stated that it was only an enquiry (a member of the public had also queried it) as to the nature of the works, not a complaint and they had believed he had been away at the time, so could not ask him. They apologised for not speaking with him directly. The clerk stated that this matter had not been put before the parish council as a whole and therefore, WC could not class this as a parish council complaint. She will speak to the case officer involved (Graham Avis) to remove any reference of a complaint from their records.

11. Decision notices:

None

12. Highways:

None (see open forum)

13. Lengthsman:

PROW job (Tree)

The clerk stated that funds have been received. See finance.

Lengthsman meeting 2014/15

The clerk stated that option 2 (which has been circulated by email) had been agreed, which impacts upon the lengthsman/Tarja's hours less than option 1 (lengthsman hours will be 27hours 35 mins per week instead of 28 as previous). The reduction in hours is due to 50% reduction in FOB contribution, therefore parishes will pay the materials again. The contract was signed by Cllr Babbs.

Cockerham bin hire

The clerk confirmed that Nether Wyresdale will no longer contribute towards the bin but the other parishes will continue to pay.

Jobs undertaken

- 13th June. Strimming all sight railings around parish & litter picking, L.P. Over Harrisend. Pruning low hanging branches on Mil- Way.
- 20th June. Strimming full length of Mil- Way. 4hrs. Litter pick on Gibberford Lane, in play area, & other places all round parish. Report Fly tipping to John Bettle, left by travelers on Tithebarn Lane.
- 27th June. Strim & mow tennis court and up to church, cut privet hedge at tennis court (end of Tithebarn), Litter picking & strimming on play area as instructed.
- 4th July. Strimming all sight railings around parish. L.P. from Wyresdale Crescent & on play area then strimming to complete. Strim round signs on Cleveley Bank Lane & round the "Scorton" sign & railway bridge on Gubberford and short path at end of Mil- Way.
- W.C. 8TH July week off in Scorton.
- 18th July. Strim full length of Mil-Way 4hrs. Strim & mow up to Church. Cut back low hanging branches on Mil-Way. Litter picking all round, to skip.
- 25th July. Cut hedges up to church, front of playing field, at railway bridge on Gubberford. Start pruning willows & move all away and blow to tidy . Straighten sign post on Gubberford leaning into road. Trim hedge at entrance to Mil-Way. Strim at cleveley bridge and L.P. all round.
- 30th July. Strim & mow up to church & tennis court. Strim all sight railings. L.P. over Harrisend and all round. inspect rear of Village Hall and seats to be repaired.
- 8th August. Collecting materials from Garstang Timber & C.&C. Supplies. Making repairs to benches around the parish as instructed by Colin . Remove fly tipped branches tipped under M.Way bridge on Tithebarn Lane.
- 16th August. Strim full length of Mil-Way, strim & mow up to church & tennis court. Picking up rubbish all round & to skip. No further update as no time.

Jobs

Cut back bushes in playground. Also see next.

Maintenance of village hall (back garden)

The clerk reported receiving an email from Joanne Golton. She has contacted Josh who has said (on 3rd Sept) that he has a look a couple of weeks ago and someone has been using it as a dumping ground and he is not able to strim unless this is sorted. Cllr Cottle said the area had now been cleared and the PC requested the clerk to contact him and ask him to strim, spray(to kill the grass) and flag it.

14. Village Hall:

Update

The clerk reported the following from Joanne Golton:

- ❖ The urn is being replaced at a cost of £560 inc vat. The village hall thanked the Parish Council for the donation.
- ❖ The Village hall has concerns about the extension next door in terms of ventilation to the supper room but it is understood the parish council is aware and responding any concerns to WBC as it would any other planning application (see item 10).
- ❖ The village hall back garden hasn't been visited by the parish lengthsman. Confirmation is required as to whether he is maintaining it (see item 13).
- ❖ The village hall is still looking for an extra pair of hands to help the committee.

15. Finance:

Account update

The clerk confirmed the funds remaining as at 30th August as £10,045.83

Audit

No matters raised.

Dolphinholme village show committee. A letter has been sent refusing donation.

BDO Stoy Hayward (audit) bill - £120 agreed for payment.

Lengthsman (tree removal) £100

Money for this has been received from LCC into PC account on 01/08/13. Agreed for payment.

Lengthsman (sprays and strimmer Line) - £73.30

The clerk stated that this can be paid out of the lengthsman fund. Over £400 is in the fund for materials (approx £120 of this will be used for petrol). **OR** can be used from £400 prow money (£200 recd 13/09/12 and £200 recd 29/04/13). The PC asked the clerk to pay this bill from the lengthsman fund materials.

16. Health & Safety:

None

17. Points of interest:

Separation of Lloyds from TSB

The clerk stated that she has received a letter explaining changes which will separate TSB from Lloyds. As the parish will be a TSB customer, the clerk contacted Lloyds to establish which branches were going to remain with Lloyds, and which were going to be TSB (as Lloyds branches can only be used for transactions for a period of time) . She has found out that the Garstang branch (the closest) will be Lloyds. To remain with Lloyds, two signatories have to go into the branch and fill in a form. Cllrs Babbs and Cottle will do this.

18. Date of next meeting: **17th October 2013**

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

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Overview & scrutiny committee agenda and supplementary agenda 29th July

FOB - Bulletin

WC – Cabinet agenda 31st July link

Regenda – Rural housing newsletter & property advert

WC – Standards committee minutes 10th July link

WC – Portfolio holder decision

LALC – NALC book local councils explained £49.99 see item 8

Lancs Fire & Rescue – Consultation deadline 20th Oct see item 8

Police & crime commissioner weekly roundup x 3

Charity Commission – Newsletter emailed to Cllrs Babbs and Cottle

WC – Full Council minutes 18th July

WC – Audit committee agenda 6th August

WC – Planning committee agenda 7th August link

WC – Overview & scrutiny committee 29th July minutes link

WC – Cabinet 31st July minutes link

WC – St scene portfolio holder 1st August link

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 2nd Aug, 5th Aug links + 2 more, 15th Aug & version 2 and 16th Aug

WC – Wyre Voice newsletter x 2

WC – Patient participation awareness week info

Environment Agency Leyland depot move (from Garstang)

WC – St scene portfolio holder report 1st August

LALC – Managing flood risk in the North West

WC – Electoral canvassers required

LCC – Parish & town conference 9th Nov

WC – Planning committee minutes 7th August link

WC – Audit committee minutes 6th August link

Regenda – property advert

WC – Tractor pulling event 24th August invite

WC – Open funding opportunities

WC – portfolio holder reports resources x 2 & leisure and culture

LCC – Bus service changes September

WC – Post office grants available

WC – Audit committee 28th August agenda link

WC – Environment Agency water environment request for comments

Community Futures - Training

LCC – New Interim Executive Director for Environment

WC – Resources portfolio holder decision x 2 & leisure and culture portfolio decision (Carleton)

WC – Planning committee agenda 4th Sept link

Eric Ollerenshaw – Constituency newsletter

WC – Full council agenda 5th Sept link and items 6 & 7 links

WC – Older people's fun day Tuesday 10th September

WC – Portfolio holder reports 29th August (neighbourhood and leisure & culture)

Eibe – Developing play spaces emailed to Cllr Cottle

WC – Mayor's charity festival of remembrance 8th Nov

Wyre Area Committee – agenda and minutes (rural broadband) see item 8

LALC – Employment workshop 18th September

WC – Cabinet agenda 11th Sept link

WC – Audit committee minutes 28th Aug link

Letter for Cllr Cottle

Clerk's & councils direct magazine

WC – Leisure & culture portfolio holder report 29th Aug (Cleveleys)

LCC – Parish conference invite 9th Nov

WC – Planning committee minutes 4th Sept link

WC – Portfolio decisions 29th Aug link (Resources and Neighbourhood)

WC – Cuckoo Wood Wind Farm event See item 8