

Minutes for the PC meeting of 8th May 2014, 7.40PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Babbs, Cottle, Collinson, Atkinson, Gorst, Wyre Councillor Val Wilson, PC Simon Jones, the clerk and two members of the public

1. Apologies for absence:

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

Notice board

Cllr Collinson stated there was no update and requested the clerk to put this on the next agenda.

Overgrown hedge

(Re the hedge at the end of the crescent on Trough Rd to Garthwood Barn).The clerk stated that Highways (David Hudson) had replied on 29th April to say that Mr Whewell has been in contact and he will arrange for this to be cut back soon allowing for nesting birds. The clerk was requested to put this on the July agenda.

Vegetation clearance (Station Lane near railway line)

The clerk report the response from Highways (Karen Cassar) on 3rd April. Network rail intended to trim back within the next month.

Rd Surface (Station Lane)

The clerk said that there had been no response yet from MP Eric Ollerenshaw, who has been provided with Highways response. Highways have stated that there are no actionable defects.

BT repair (Springfield Gardens to Tithebarn Lane)

The clerk confirmed that Highways has referred the defect to BT. Cllr Collinson requested the clerk to keep this on the agenda until the remedial work is done.

War memorial handrail (funding)

Cllr Babbs stated that he has not heard from Alan Cornthwaite (regarding a grant/funding available). He will contact him to arrange a meeting.

Wyresdale Park

The clerk reported the response from WC licensing regarding the requirements. Wyre Council has confirmed that as they are not specifying licensable services (e.g. alcohol) or entertainment, there is no breach. If alcohol is being supplied (e.g. for a wedding), they require a temporary events license but if guests bring their own they don't. Any noise nuisance should be reported to the Noise Pollution Dept at Wyre. So far, one complaint has been received.

5. Open forum:

Caravan site application

A member of the public expressed his appreciation to the PC for their support regarding this application.

Police report

PC Jones stated that there has been no crime or ASB in Scorton just a theft from a vehicle at the service station. A member of the public stated that 20MPH limits are being ignored. PC Jones stated that this is monitored by Community Roadwatch.

Cllr Collinson requested the clerk to put this item nearer the start of the meeting.

Planning query (wall)

Cllr Atkinson stated that a member of the public has raised concern regarding a 6ft wall (approx. 2 metres in length) that has been built at 1 Priory Gardens. Cllr Collinson will provide the homeowner with the details of the requirements. The clerk was asked to contact Wyre Council to report this.

Leaning wall (Tithebarn Lane, Ghyll Wood)

Cllr Babbs reported that there is a danger of this collapsing onto the highway. The clerk was asked to contact Wyre Council to report this. Val Wilson will also report it.

6. Playing field:

Progress report (MUGA)

Cllr Cottle suggested a get together to determine how to progress the project. Where possible, local contractors will be used. Penny Bennett quoted £64,000 (with floodlights) or £43,000 (without floodlights). Val Wilson stated she would look into the funding. Cllr Cottle stated a decision needs to be made regarding the maintenance of the playing field and what cutting back etc is required, so quotes can be obtained to do the gardening work.

Dog signs

Cllr Babbs is awaiting a quote.

Maintenance of play equipment

The clerk confirmed that the insurer's stipulation is that the equipment is checked weekly and recorded, with a recommendation to arrange an annual inspection by a designated body (insurer has supplied details). The clerk has sent the lengthsman a form to complete weekly checks. He is concerned that he may be liable if anything happens once he has checked it. The PC agreed he would not be liable. The clerk has told him that the lengthsman at Catterall undertakes this for their playing field and it is recorded in a book. The PC requested the clerk to arrange for an annual inspection.

Josh (lengthsman) also stated that the hammock needs a new part as the wire rope is starting to fray. He has confirmed he can fit this.

7. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle stated that the balance is currently £19,600 (the auction raised £6,500). It was stated that there was an enormous amount of community involvement and the PC thanked Cllr Collinson for all her hard work.

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

LCC – Consultation on permit scheme no comments

LALC – WC parish charter no comments

WC – Funding for community projects

Re potential funding for the playing field project, Val Wilson will contact Dulcie Atkins and Cllr Cottle will email the relevant details to Val.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Val Wilson stated that she is chairing a task group about volunteering which is looking at how volunteers can be used most effectively. She stressed that they do not replace paid workers.

The clerk reported the following from Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins:

“I am sorry but I have to give my apologies for the meeting on Thursday as I have been invited to meet with Edwina Curry!!

Update for the meeting.

I have been to a Cabinet Working Group meeting regarding the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Cloughton and although I cannot give you any details, which are confidential until contracts are signed and licenses issued, I can confirm that work is now in progress to establish what will be put in place together with opening times, when it opens early next year.

On behalf of local cyclists I have been in contact with the Cabinet member John Fillis who assures me that early next year there will be a public consultation on what is needed in the area to encourage more cyclists to take to the road both for access to the workplace and for pleasure. I know some cyclists feel that Wyre are at the back of the queue with other areas taking precedence but at least we will be able have a voice. Lancaster will be consulted at the same time.”

10. Planning:

13/00875/FULMAJ - COU to create a caravan site with 28 pitches @ Land at Lea Green Farm, Long Lane, Scorton & amendment (visibility splays).

Notification sent to WC on 25/04/14 with comments reiterating original objections.

11. Decision notices:

14/00067/FUL – (COU of agri land to form sand paddock @ Cross Hill Smithy, Oakencrough Rd.) **Granted**

14/00101/FUL – (FF rear ext and balcony @ Follifoot, Long Lane) **Granted**

13/00875/FULMAJ - COU to create a caravan site with 28 pitches @ Land at Lea Green Farm, Long Lane, Scorton & amendment (visibility splays). **Refused**

12. Highways:

Advertisement signs (end of Station Lane near A6)

Cllr Cottle stated there are numerous signs and there is a danger of these looking unsightly. The clerk was asked to contact John Bettle (WC).

13. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk reported the following from Josh (lengthsman):

6th March - Tidy in front of village hall, weed killing all round cutting up fallen branches.

14th " - Litter picking and more spraying and clearing shrubs from rear of village hall as requested by P.C.

21st " - Check notice board as requested no key so cannot action (the clerk confirmed that he now has the key), L.P. ALL areas, replacing missing staples on Millennium Way and checking for broken posts.

27th " - More L.P. and spraying.

3rd April - First inspection of Play Area as requested, inspect SCORTON sign at Cross Hill (No longer got the equipment to fix) Inspect & make repairs to Wyre Way sign at Garthwood . Road side clearance as requested (Garthwood).

8th & 11th - Mow tennis court, up to Church and at Wyresdale Crescent. L.P. and checking play area & road side clearance.

17th - More spraying, check play area, road side clearance, spray full length Mill- Way.

WEEK OFF

1st & 2nd May - Mowing and strimming all round.

Please request a road sweeper so as to keep road sides and gulleys clear (the clerk confirmed she has done this).

Regarding Cross Hill Crossroads finger post (Scorton), Josh will contact Tarja as it comes under PROW. He also does not have equipment to fix it. The clerk has also contacted Karen Cassar (Highways) to investigate if the post has to be moved as Josh has been told that the finger post is being moved deliberately as it is causing a visual obstruction. She stated that Karen will liaise with Josh. Cllr Atkinson stated that she would contact Karen to let her know where this is.

Jobs to do

Cllr Gorst requested the clerk to ask the lengthsman to spray the kerb edges in Lower Dolphinholme.

Wyre Council street cleaning responsibilities

The clerk circulated a list from John Bettle regarding the list of tasks Wyre Council are responsible for.

Forton procedure re lengthsman

The clerk stated that she has liaised with Gillian Benson and established that he does not fill out any paperwork that Forton Parish Council see. The PC discussed the Excel sheet emailed by Cllr Collinson prior to the meeting. The clerk stated that when the scheme was set up, the idea was to keep things simple so he could get on with the work without the need to spend too much time on paperwork. Cllr Babbs stated that Josh does the reports in his own time and also may not have access to a spreadsheet. Cllr Collinson circulated a copy of the sheet and stated that she believes this will be helpful in finding out what hours are spent on what jobs. She also said this would take him no longer to do than the reports he is currently providing. The PC agreed that the clerk should email this for him to peruse and she stated that she would send it in more than one format in case he can't access Excel.

14. Village Hall:

Update

The clerk has received no village hall news yet.

It was stated that the hall requires a new floor.

15. Finance:

Account update

The clerk confirm remaining funds as £13,969.23 as at 16th April.

Insurance renewal (Came & Co) 3 year agreement - £362.53 agreed

16. Health & Safety:

Defibrillator

Cllr Atkinson stated that she had been approached by a member of the public who thought that one should be available in the village. The clerk stated it was possible to get a free one from the North West Ambulance Service as this had been looked into by Cockerham PC. She will look up the details.

17. Points of interest:

“Bag it Bin it” campaign

Cllr Collinson stated that many plastic dog poo bags are being left behind at Nicky Nook. Cllr Babbs stated that John Bettle (WC) had previously removed a bin as it couldn't be emptied regularly. The PC agreed that the clerk should ask John Bettle whether a bin could be reinstated at the base of Nicky Nook.

18. Date of next meeting: **5th June 2014**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.10PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Commissioning plan April

Wicksteed Play info

WC - Overview & Scrutiny minutes 24th March link

WC – Licensing committee minutes 27th March link

WC – Cabinet 9th April agenda link

FOB – April events notice

WC – Full council agenda 10th April and item 6 questions

WC – Resources portfolio decision 27th March link

Best Kept Village – entry form and details

Police – Garstang & Over Wyre crime figures March 2013 & March 2014 comparison

Came & Co – Parish Matters spring edition

WC – Local initiative fund 2014/15 grant info

Preesall underground gas storage – Statement and request for comments

Carne Associates – Dog fouling stickers

WC – Wyre Voice E-Newsletter April

National Forum for Health & Wellbeing – Health mela 2014 info

WC – Planning Committee 2nd April and Cabinet 9th April minutes links

WC – Planning ambassador notes

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 11th & 23rd April links plus 1st, 2nd, and 7th May

LCC – Consultation on proposal to operate a permit scheme for road and street activities see item 8

LCC – Parish champion newsletter

LCC – FOB grants emailed to Cllrs Babbs & Cottle

WC – Elections emails

LALC – WC parish charter see item 8

LCC – May bus service changes

WC - Superfast broadband for businesses meeting 22nd May

WC – Full council minutes 10th April link

WC – Portfolio holder report (treasury consultancy services contract) 24th April

FOB – Bowland bulletin April 2014

LALC – New Cllr & clerk’s workshop & employment workshop

Chalks fundraising – War centenary bookmark

WC – Planning committee agenda 7th May link

WC – Annual council meeting 8th May link

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

WC – Portfolio decision (renewal of consultancy services contract) 24th April

FOB – Festival Bowland May events

WC – Wyre Voice Community E-newsletter May

Police – Garstang & Over Wyre crime summary

WC – Licensing minutes 24th April link

Community Futures - CATS training emailed to Cllrs Babbs & Cottle

WC – Funding for community projects see item 8

Community Futures – May bulletin

Online Playgrounds – Brochure

WC – Overview & scrutiny minutes 28th April link