

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 17th July 2014, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Collinson, Babbs, Cottle, Atkinson, Anderton, Wyre Councillor Val Wilson, the lengthsman, the clerk and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence:

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins

Cllr John Gorst

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

None received

5. Matters arising:

Notice board

The clerk reported that the parish champion Cynthia Dereli has agreed to pay half. She will not pay for all of it because if the Parish Council pays some, this shows commitment that the village wants it. The Parish council asked the clerk to contact her to express their thanks and to request the payment. Cllr Collinson will obtain the quote for the repair of the board outside the shop.

Verge clearance (end of crescent Trough Rd to Garthwood Barn)

The clerk read the reply from Highways (Karen Cassar) on 12th June:

"We only carry out verge maintenance on A, B and C verges. We do have an agreement with Wyre Council which is historical for amenity grass cutting for unclassified roads, however, due to austerity measures as well as budget cuts, we have reduced funding to Wyre for this work. Unfortunately, the only option is for the lengthsman to carry out the work or local residents to maintain the highway land for betterment of the area."

Cllr Atkinson asked the clerk to contact Highways again as this road is the main route for wagons through the village. The clerk was also requested to contact Tarja Wilson (LCC) to see if this can be addressed as part of the Wyre Way route. Then clerk was also asked to contact Mr Whewell to cut the overhanging branches to ensure wagons can get through.

War memorial handrail (funding)

Cllr Babbs stated that Alan Cornthwaite has confirmed that funding is available but more information is required and they need to know the history of the memorial and who erected it. More research is needed. Permission is also required from the Blackburn Diocese.

Planning query (wall)

Also refer item 11. The clerk reported the email response from Graham Avis (WC Planning) on 17th June:

"I have now obtained planning and highway opinion from Kieran Birch (Senior Planning Officer - Wyre Council) and Glenn Robinson (Highways Engineer – Lancashire County Council) with regard to this site. It is the opinion of the council, who act as the Local Planning Authority and LCC Highways, that if a retrospective application were to be submitted for the wall and proposed gates, it would be favourably received by the Council.

Enforcement powers given to Councils under planning legislation are discretionary, i.e. the council is not obliged to enforce all identified breaches of planning control. The Government's own advice in deciding whether to enforce, in each case, local planning authorities should usually avoid taking formal enforcement action where:

- *There is a trivial or technical breach of control which causes no material harm or adverse impact on the amenity of the site or the surrounding area;*
- *Development is acceptable on its planning merits and formal enforcement action would solely be to regularize the development.*

Because of this, it would not be considered as expedient to take any enforcement action in this case and therefore the case has been closed with no further action."

Defibrillator (village hall)

The PC agreed that it should go outside the village hall. (Cllr Collinson has it at present.) The clerk was asked to contact Joanne Golton to inform her. It was also decided that an outside box should be bought. Cllr Collinson stated that this would be approx. £500. The clerk was requested to contact NWS to find out how much one would be from them. Cllr Cottle will contact an electrician for provision of a supply for the box (which is required to keep it dry).

Appleby horse fair

The clerk stated that John Bettle (WC) had emailed her on 17th June to say that St Cleaning will remove rubbish from Tithebarn Lane.

BT repair (Springfield Gardens to Tithebarn Lane)

The clerk stated that Frank Jamieson (Highways) had suggested a meeting with the PC to assess the work on 21st July. It was mentioned that the work seems satisfactory. The PC will check the location and notify the clerk if a meeting is needed.

6. Open forum:

Hedge (Springfield House, Gubberford Lane)

A member of the public stated that the hedge was in need of cutting. Then clerk was asked to contact Wyresdale Anglers.

Street sweeping

A member of the public stated that the road sweeper spends insufficient time going through the village, pavements are never done and the cleaning is substandard. He said that this made the overall appearance of the village look tatty. Val Wilson will check what they are responsible for. The clerk read out John Bettles (WC) email response on 12th June about street cleaning:

“Scorton had a sweeper for the bikes and barrows and has had a two sweeper visit for the forthcoming “knights of the damned” show. Scorton is on a regular scheduled sweep which will include all kerbed areas within the village.”

The clerk was asked to contact him to find out which areas specifically are covered including pavements and how often they come.

Gullies

A member of the public said that gullies are not cleaned enough. Cllr Atkinson said that Highways have done this at the parishes request in the past.

School flashing lights query

A member of the public stated that these were required near school. The PC stated that the reason these signs are not there is because the school is not on a main road.

Dog fouling (Millennium Way)

Josh (lengthsman) said this is a problem. There is one person who is known about. Cllr Collinson will speak with them on behalf of the Parish Council.

Overgrowth on Millennium Way

A member of the public emailed the clerk prior to the meeting (which was forwarded to PC members) to say that there are lots of brambles, in particular from the railway bridge to the river wall. The PC agreed that Greg Robinson (countryside ranger) should be contacted to clear this. Cllr Babbs will do. Josh was requested to deal with the overgrowth under the railway bridge.

Plaque to commemorate birthplace of local architect

Cllr Babbs circulated a book about a famous local architect John Parkinson who was born in the village in 1861 at Grey Eaves. He was instrumental in designing many of the buildings in Los Angeles. He suggested to the PC that a plaque could be put up on the property commemorating his birth. The owners have given permission. The PC agreed. Val will check requirements with Wyre Council and inform the clerk. Cllr Babbs will look into this further.

7. Playing field:

Playing field grass maintenance

The clerk stated that she had spoken with school who stated that there were different contractors on the day it was done. The contractors are aware of what is required but parts were missed on that occasion. She has provided Cllr Cottle will information including a map. Cllr Cottle stated that he had received the map and the contract but not details of how often this is done. The grass has now been cut and the appearance of the field has improved.

Progress report

Cllr Cottle reported the following:

- ❖ Several village groups are willing to provide letters of support for the funding bid.
- ❖ A bid is to be resubmitted to the Lancashire Environment fund (LEF) in August. A letter needs to be drafted by the PC agreeing to pay 10%. This can be addressed at the next meeting.
- ❖ Re planning, it is not necessary to re-apply, a letter needs to be sent stating material changes (no floodlights nor the parking element). The clerk has signed this letter and given it to Cllr Cottle.
- ❖ Cllr Cottle stated that he had met with Finlay Hodge (Community Futures) about advice for obtaining grants.
- ❖ Cllr Cottle will apply for £5000 from the non-masonic fund. He will also apply for a Sports of England Grant and believes he can obtain £10,000 from the Awards For All fund.

Playground equipment

The lengthsman confirmed he has been checking the equipment and feels that some of it is poorly installed (nuts and washers are an issue). The clerk confirmed that the inspection will take place on 31st July. In the meantime, Cllr Collinson will look into getting repairs done prior to the inspection so that these can be approved.

Dog signs

The lengthsman confirmed he has the signs but these are not installed yet. Cllr Babbs agreed to buy posts.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle reported that £10,000 is earmarked for the MUGA from Bikes and Barrows.

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

WC – Amendment to dog control orders 2014 CONSULTATION

LCC – Briefing note on support services criteria CONSULTATION

LCC – Onshore oil & gas supplementary planning doc CONSULTATION

Adactus Housing – Lune Valley Allocations policy CONSULTATION

NO COMMENTS TO ANY OF THE ABOVE

LALC – AGM, training workshops & newsletter The clerk read.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Councillor Val Wilson reported the following:

- ❖ She was involved in the task group for volunteering and there is a bus that goes round with information about volunteering. GP's are also being asked to promote this due to its beneficial effect on health.
- ❖ Wyre has the oldest population on Lancashire and housing need are going to be addressed.
- ❖ Val will investigate employment in Wyre and visit businesses to see if there are any barriers to setting up employment.
- ❖ There will be changes to the electoral registering system. This Individual Electoral Registration will be explained at a meeting she is attending.

11. Planning:

Proposed caravan site plan application query

Cllr Collinson stated that Graham Avis (WC planning) had been in contact to say that they have had a look and there is nothing that concerns them.

14/00460/FUL – 2 storey side ext, SS rear ext and front porch @ Ivy Cottage, Station Lane, Scorton

14/00569/FUL - New agri access (after closure of existing and associated engineering operations (resub of 13/00887/FUL) @ Stonehead Farm, Trough Rd

No objections/comments re the above applications.

14/00565/FUL - Erection of one dwelling @ Webster's Farm, Long Lane, Scorton

No objections re above. The PC commented that they prefer slate roof as per application form

14/00499/FUL - Erection of 1.9M high boundary wall & gate (retrospective) to Station Lane frontage @ 1 Priory Gardens, Scorton

The clerk enquired whether everyone was satisfied with comments received by email. It was agreed that the clerk should send these comments.

12. Decision notices:

None

13. Highways:

Cattle grid sign & pole (Harrisend Fell)

Following notification by the lengthsman, the clerk stated that she had received a response from Highways (Karen Cassar) on 12th June to say that she has arranged for its replacement/repair.

14. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the lengthsman sheet Josh has agreed to fill in for June and July.

Jobs

Josh (lengthsman) was asked to trim the rear of the village hall, weed the playing field flower bed on the left and pull out any Ragwort he comes across anywhere (it was also suggested this be put on the noticeboard for the general public to do as well).

Review of hours 2015/16

Josh stated that he had taken on a lot more work and was doing the same hours. It was agreed to keep the hours the same for the time being and review in September. Then clerk confirmed that FOB will contribute £800 the same as last year.

Lengthsman form

Further to the meeting with Forton PC, Tarja and Josh, the clerk circulated the form that Forton PC had agreed to. She said they felt Cllr Collinson's version was too detailed. They were also show other versions, which the clerk stated had less information than her sheet. She stated that no other lengthsman fills out a sheet that detailed and some parishes do not ask their lengthsman to fill out forms and it is done on trust. The PC stated that they wanted to know the hours he was working and still maintained that the sheet Cllr Collinson had devised was the one they wanted him to complete. They suggested a trial run until September then they will review it. They instructed the clerk to print off the forms for him.

15. Village Hall:

No Update

16. Finance:

account update

Remaining funds at 30th May is £13,108.70.

Dog signs (Cllr Babbs) - £61.74 Approved

Gift for accountant (clerk) - £10.30 Approved

Playing field equip maintenance

See item 7. No bill.

17. Health & Safety:

None

18. Points of interest:

PC meeting dates 2015 - Approved.

19. Date of next meeting: **18th Sept 2014**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.30PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

Adactus Housing – Lune Valley Allocations policy consultation see item 9

Lancs PCC – Weekly roundups 6/6, 13/6, 20/6, 27/6, 4/7 & 11/7

LCR magazine

FOB - events June & July

WC – Cabinet 18th June agenda link

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 10/6, 20/6, 30/6 & 3/7 links

WC – Planning minutes 4th June Link

WC – Amendment to dog control orders 2014 see item 9

WC – Gt Eccleston village open day 25th June

WC – Standards committee agenda 19th June link

WC – Cold calls re boiler and insulation grants

Community Futures – E-Bulletin x 2

Police – Crime summary May

WC – Overview & Scrutiny committee 23rd June agenda link

LCC – Briefing note on services criteria consultation see item 9

WC – Audit committee agenda 24th June link

LALC – AGM & training workshops plus newsletter see item 9

WC – Wyre sports stars

WC – Cabinet minutes 18th June link

Rural Services Network – News digest 23rd June & 30th June

LCC – July & August bus service changes

WC – Planning committee agenda 2nd July link

WC – Standards committee 19th June minutes link

WC – notification of chairs and tables for sale (for VH's or schools)

WC – Full council minutes 5th June link

Parkers catalogue (bulbs and plants)

LALC – meeting report from the chief executive of LALC

LCC – Environment bulletin Wyre

LCC – Onshore oil & gas supplementary planning doc consultation See item
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WC – Audit committee minutes 24th June link

WC – Employment & appeals agenda 7th July link

PSE – Newsletter

WC – Standards committee agenda 9th July

Community Futures – Community focus July emailed to Cllrs Collinson, Babbs
& Cottle

Lancs NHS – news release 3/7

Police – crime summary June

WC – Wyre voice community e-newsletter

Theme Park Safety info

Rural Services Network – weekly news digest 7th and 14th July and rural broadband

WC – Employment and appeals committee minutes 7th July link

**LALC – LCC cabinet report on 3 tier forums, meetings and agenda request
forms plus BBC One series**

Lancs NHS – community health champions

WC – Community reflections WW1 commemoration

WC – Planning advertorial

WC – Planning minutes 2nd July link

Community Futures – E-bulletin

FOB – Bowland Bulletin

Rural Services Network – Rural vulnerability service (fuel poverty) July

WC – Full Council agenda 24th July link

WC – Standards committee minutes 9th July link

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 17th July links