

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Collinson, Cottle, Babbs, Gorst, Atkinson and Anderton, Wyre  
Councillor Val Wilson, the clerk and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence:

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Collinson item 11, plan 14/00675/FUL plus item 6, 14/00714/LAWE

Cllr Atkinson item 9, footpath

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

None

5. Matters arising:

**Notice board**

The clerk stated that on 11<sup>th</sup> September she received an email from LCC to say that the Parish Council will receive payment in the next 5-7 days.

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

The clerk reported the reply from Highways (Karen Cassar) on 22<sup>nd</sup> August to say that she arranged for the area to be side dressed and the work would be carried out shortly.

**Overhead hedge clearance (end of crescent Trough Rd to Garthwood Barn)**

The clerk stated that she has been in contact with Mr Whewell who said that the original person who was going to do the work has had an accident and he is trying to arrange for someone else to do it. She will check with him again before the next meeting.

The PC requested the clerk to ask him to clear away what is left of the felled diseased ash trees on Tithebarn Lane through to Higher Lane.

**Overgrown Hedge (Springfield house, Gubberford Lane)**

The clerk reported that Wyresdale Anglers had responded on 20<sup>th</sup> July to say that work would begin shortly. It has been confirmed that this has now been done.

### **War memorial handrail (funding)**

Cllr Babbs has been researching the history of the memorial and confirmed that the memorial has been there since the 1920's. He has got a quote for a galvanised hand rail which will be £120.00. The PC agreed that they would pay for this.

### **Defibrillator (village hall)**

Cllr Collinson currently has this at home. The cost of a box would be £795. Cllr Collinson said that the village hall didn't want it there because most visitors are unaware of where the hall is and therefore it would be of limited use. The PC felt that the toilets are too out of the way to house the defibrillator and there is little space in the phone box. Cllr Collinson said she would put it somewhere in the shop temporarily and approach the village hall again to see if they will reconsider.

### **Street sweeping**

The clerk reported the reply from John Bettle (WC) on 28<sup>th</sup> July regarding areas covered:

*"I can confirm that Scorton is on a regular sweeping schedule which is day 8 in a three week cycle.*

*The roads scheduled for sweeping (kerb end only) are Station Lane part of, The Square, Snow Hill Lane part of, Springfield Road and Tithe Barn Lane.*

*However all schedules are subject to any operational issues both Over Wyre and within the borough that can affect and can divert them away normal working. Sweepers will also not necessarily sweep a road that is to an acceptable standard but they will then utilize their services / time elsewhere on a road or area that is more in need.*

*Currently footpaths are not on a scheduled sweep but attended to on a "as and when" needed basis"*

The PC requested the clerk to ask the following:

- ❖ When is the street sweeping next due and how long does this take?
- ❖ When is the sweeper due in Lower Dolphinholme?
- ❖ Why don't the sweepers sweep right up to the kerb?
- ❖ Who decides the "as and when" re the footpaths?

### **Plaque**

Cllr Babbs has not progressed this as yet. A member of the public mentioned another architect of historical interest from the local area. He is called Thomas Mawson and he was born in 1861.

### **6. Open forum:**

#### **Cobbles (The Square)**

The clerk read an email from a member of the public concerning the poor state of repair and the number of holes. He states that something should be done because the cobbles are a village asset. He states that the repair by tarmac outside The Barn is wrong and he feels that these cobbles should be repaired or replaced properly. The PC requested the clerk to seek advice on this as there seems to be uncertainty about which cobbles Highways is responsible for. They agreed that these should be repaired sympathetically. A member of the public offered to assist in resolving this.

## **14/00714/LAWE**

Cllr Babbs stated he had received an anonymous letter. He circulated this with photos. The clerk stated that she has not received any documentation as yet from Wyre planning about this application. Wyre Councillor Val Wilson stated she would look into this application further.

### **Overgrown hedge (Gubberford Bridge to layby)**

A member of the public reported that the hedge (just beyond the parish border) is in need of cutting back. The clerk was asked to contact the landowner (James Whewell) and also to inform Cabus Parish Council.

## 7. Playing field:

### **Progress report**

Cllr Cottle reported that money applied for is £30,000 from the Lancashire Environment Fund and £5,000 from the Masons. Sustainable materials will be used in the project and a youth shelter is being considered with seating along the MUGA. He is in the process of applying for more funding from Sport England, who are also amenable to funding parking. Support letters have been received from village organisations to support the project.

### **Maintenance and upkeep**

PC stated that the lengthsman should undertake this rather than take someone else on. Cllr Collinson suggested John Slinger as an alternative. She requested the clerk to supply her with the lengthsman's mobile number.

### **Posts for dog signs**

Cllr Babbs confirmed that Josh (lengthsman) has got the posts.

## 8. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle stated he has got the list of fund allocations.

Cllr Collinson stated that Spot On Rural Touring has been booked for the 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.

## 9. Correspondence/circulated items:

### **Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:**

**LCC – Extinguishment of part of public footpath 40** circulated

### **WC – Meeting with David Thow re land allocations for planning**

The Clerk confirmed that the meeting will be held at Winmarleigh Village Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> October @ 10.30AM.

## 10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Councillor Val Wilson reported:

- ❖ Shaping Your Neighbourhood request for funding by the parish was unsuccessful (Cllr Collinson stated it was won by Kenyon Gardens).
- ❖ With regards to the two applications on the agenda, she will give comments to WC.
- ❖ There are changes to electoral register which she briefly described. The reason for these changes is to reduce fraud.

## 11. Planning:

**14/00648/FUL** - Conv and alteration to Fives Court to create ancillary living accommodation and provision of sewerage treatment plant @ Old Mill House, Wagon Rd, Dolphinholme

**14/00675/FUL** - Erection of new dwelling with granny annexe @ Scorton Post Office, The Square, Scorton

**No comments/objections to either of the above**

## 12. Decision notices:

**14/00412/FUL** – (SS exts & conv of GG to living accommodation @ Arkmere House, Arkmere Lane, Scorton) **Granted**

## 13. Highways:

### **Leaning lamp post (end of The Crescent near no. 1)**

Cllr Atkinson stated that that this lamp post has been leaning substantially for a long time. The clerk was asked to report to Highways.

## 14. Lengthsman:

### **Maintenance of Millennium Way**

The clerk reported that the lengthsman had confirmed that he strims to the border and undertakes fence repairs. It was confirmed that the overgrown part is in Cabus. It was felt that he should strim the whole length.

### **Jobs undertaken**

The clerk circulated his time sheets.

### **Jobs to do**

Weeding play area and strim whole of Millennium Way. Cllr Collinson will contact him.

## **Hours 2015/16**

The clerk stated that following the email from Forton PC's chairman (which states Forton PC are pulling out of the scheme next year), she has spoken with their clerk who has stated that this is not the full story. As confirmed in their August minutes, the decision not to renew is a carried proposition subject to a working group looking for alternative provision. Their clerk has confirmed if no alternative is found, they will retain the lengthsman's services. As at the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept (after Forton's Sept meeting), their working party has not reported back, therefore no final decision has yet been made.

The clerk asked whether she should email Cllr Collinson's proposed list of jobs to the lengthsman so he has the opportunity to decide whether he wanted to undertake the work prior to the PC making a decision but Cllr Collinson stated that it had not been established yet as to what all the jobs were.

The clerk stated that back in 2012 she had requested a jobs list from both Nether Wyresdale and Winmarleigh PC's to add to the contract, as she felt these should be included. Winmarleigh provided a list but NW had decided no list was necessary because the lengthsman was aware of what he needed to do.

The PC agreed to look at alternative provision regarding the lengthsman for 2015/16 and therefore unanimously decided not to renew the contract next year. When the new schedule of works for next year is decided, the PC stated that the current lengthsman is welcome to submit a tender for this work.

A working group will discuss the aforementioned schedule of works for 2015/16 comprising of Cllrs Collinson, Anderton and Babbs.

## **Lengthsman timesheet**

The clerk stated that both in 2010 and 2012, decisions had been made not to complete timesheets. The PC stated that they want him to continue completing time sheets until the end of the year.

## **15. Village Hall:**

### **Update**

The clerk read the email report as follows:

*"The WI have moved to the School and we are now looking to fill Tuesday evenings with a new activity for the village (yoga, gospel and aerobics have been muted so far).*

*With respect to any future planning applications I would like the PC to consider the hall's need for floor repairs and an upgrade to make sure this facility is fit for purpose going forward. With that in mind, I would request that planners are aware of the needs of this important village facility and that any planning gain would be most welcome (via Section 106 agreements). If the PC has a community/ parish plan then please can this need be added.*

*We have series of events coming up at the hall including a psychic night, a magic evening and a massage event.*

*We would like to have the back yard cleared again by the lengthsman if possible."*

The clerk read a subsequent email dated 15<sup>th</sup> Sept:

*"Since my last email, further village hall issues have come to light and I feel we may need to come and talk to the parish council about the future sustainability of the village hall. Please can you add to the next agenda."*

Cllr Cottle stated that this may have something to do with the antiques fair withdrawing. He requested the clerk to invite Joanne to the next meeting to discuss things further.

16. Finance:

**account update**

The clerk confirmed remaining funds as £12,284.66.

**P/F inspection - £71.94** approved for payment.

The PC agreed that the inspection should be the same time next year.

**BDO Stoy Hayward (Audit) - £120** approved for payment

**Huck Nets (UK) LTD (ropes for hammock) - £70.79** paid August

**Veterans in Communities – Request for donation** declined

**Lune Valley Housing Association – request for membership £1** declined

17. Health & Safety:

**None**

18. Points of interest:

**None**

19. Date of next meeting: **16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

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

**APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**LALC – WC revision to planning procedures and notification process**

**WC – Full council questions items 6 & 7**

**WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda 28<sup>th</sup> July link**

**WC – Schedule of executive decisions 18/7, 8/8, 19/8, 22/8 & 9/9 links**

**LCC – Extinguishment of part of public footpath 40 see item 9**

**Rural Services Network – Spotlight on rural health, weekly news digest  
21/7, 28/7, 4/8, 11/8, 18/8, 8/9 & 15/9, funding  
package to fight rural crime, rural vulnerability  
service, rural opportunities bulletin & rural  
transport (Sept)**

**WC – Cabinet agenda 30<sup>th</sup> July link**

**WC – Licensing committee 31<sup>st</sup> July agenda link**

**LCC – Permit scheme consultation response**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions 17<sup>th</sup> July links**

**WC – Mobile phone access**

**Community Futures – E-bulletin 28/7 emailed to Cllrs Cottle, Collinson and  
Babbs**

**WC – Planning committee agenda 6<sup>th</sup> August link**

**Preesall Underground Gas Storage – Representations rec'd, letters and  
document & geological info**

**WC – Resources portfolio holder decision 17<sup>th</sup> and report on 31<sup>st</sup> July links**

**WC – Minutes of Full council 24<sup>th</sup> July and Cabinet 30<sup>th</sup> July links**

**AONB – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala dinner**

**WC – Overview and scrutiny committee minutes 28<sup>th</sup> July link**

**Lancs PCC – Weekly roundup 3/8, 8/8 and 15/8**

**HAGS – SMP playground info emailed to Cllrs Cottle & Collinson**

**Police – Crime summary July**

**WC – Community E-Newsletter August**

**WC – Licensing committee 31<sup>st</sup> July link**

**Charity Commission - news**

**Dept For Communities & Local Govt – Transparency code consultation  
summary & responses**

**WC – Portfolio holder decision 31<sup>st</sup> July link**

**Cassini – Historical maps**

**Community Futures – info bulletin**

**LCC Highways – Notification of roadworks on M6 near Forton**

**Insignia LTD – Purchase of items for commemoration**

**WC – Planning committee minutes 6<sup>th</sup> August link**

**LCC – Sept bus service changes**

**WC – Portfolio holder report (Carelton) 14<sup>th</sup> August link & decision**

**WC – Request for meeting with David Thow to discuss land allocations for  
planning see item 9**

**FOB – Festival Bowland 2014**

**Rural Services Network – Rural broadband & spotlight on older people in  
rural areas**

**WC – Portfolio holder decision 14<sup>th</sup> August link**

**WC – Bin challenge**

**Community Futures – E-bulletin**

**WC – Planning committee agenda 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept link**

**WC – Full Council agenda 4<sup>th</sup> Sept link and items 6 & 7 no questions recd**

**WC – Portfolio holder report (Fleetwood) 28<sup>th</sup> August link**

**Wyre Senior forum – Unsuccessful lottery bid notification**

**WC – Audit committee 9<sup>th</sup> Sept agenda link**

**Police – Garstang & Over Wyre crime summary August**

**Wicksteed play info leaflet**

**Community Futures AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** emailed to Cllrs Collinson Babbs and Cottle

**WC – Wyre Voice community E-newsletter Sept**

**WC – Resources portfolio holder decision 28<sup>th</sup> Aug (Fleetwood)**

**LALC – Lancs fairness commission**

**Community Futures – E-bulletin**

**WC – Planning committee minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept link**

**Police – National older peoples day 1<sup>st</sup> Oct**

**WC – Audit committee 9<sup>th</sup> Sept Minutes link**

**WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept link**

**LCR magazine**

**WC – Cabinet 24<sup>th</sup> Sept agenda link**

**WC – Full council minutes 4<sup>th</sup> Sept link**

**LALC – Newsletter Sept**