

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 16th July 2015, 8.35PM @ Scorton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Collinson, Anderton, Prashar, Cottle, Atkinson and Drinnan, Wyre Cllr Val Wilson and the clerk

1. Apologies:

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Anderton item 9 (Local plan) and item 11 (plan 15/00562/FUL)

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

Police crime reports

Further to comments made at the last meeting to include descriptions of crimes committed, the clerk reported the response from SGT Danielle Freaney:

“But I am really struggling to actually complete the summaries, at the moment, as it takes up a lot of my time, which I am having to manage strictly at the moment. I am out of the office a lot due to the number of local events that are taking place and a number of meetings at Blackpool, Fleetwood, HQ and Lancaster and I am also having to cover for Sgts at Lancaster and Fleetwood, so the administrative side of my work is reduced! I am hoping to get a volunteer in place, who will be completing the summaries for me but until they start, I am just about managing to complete the crime and incident figures!”

So long as the statistics are getting out, if anyone wants to actually see more about the crimes, whilst I am not in a position to produce them myself there is information on <https://www.police.uk/lancashire/B42/> - all you need to do is put your post code in and it provides you with a breakdown of the crimes and where they occur, I have attached a screen shot of what the webpage for Garstang looks like.”

5. Matters arising:

Disposable Pecuniary Interests and Other Interests forms

The clerk obtained completed copies from Cllrs Collinson and Drinnan. Cllr Anderson’s paperwork is still outstanding. He will return these to the clerk.

Condition of Rd surface (Gubberford Lane)

The clerk read the response from Cabus PC who have suggested that this be made as part of the response to Wyre Council’s Local Plan. The PC decided instead to approach Highways again. The clerk will contact Paul Dunne.

Pavement sweeping (Springfield to Curwen House)

The clerk reported the response from John Bettle on the 5th June which states that the schedule is a visit every 15 days subject to operational work so he thinks it should be completed. He has made the street cleansing supervisor aware.

Request for cul de sac sign (Arkmire Lane near Park Brook)

Cllr Atkinson stated that the sign is now in place.

Clerk pension

The clerk stated that for the Local Government Pension Scheme, it was the best scheme but employers pay a higher rate. Cost to the PC would be:

Clerk earns £2808 P/A. She would pay £154.44 P/A (£12.87 P/M) and the PC would pay £365.04 P/A.

The clerk stated that ideally, the PC should get independent pensions advice.

The PC unanimously agreed that they should join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Query re number of places on a parish council

The clerk read out part of the response from Wyre Council (Joanne Porter) on 8th June:

“Since the enactment of the [Local Government and Rating Act 1997](#), district and unitary councils may create a parish council for a new civil parish either through a review or in response to a petition. This has led to the creation of new parish councils at an increased rate, especially in large towns and cities which do not have a history of parish governance.

Since 13 February 2008 the power to create new parishes and parish councils, to alter parish boundaries, to dissolve parish councils and to abolish parishes has been devolved to [district](#), [unitary](#) and [London Borough](#) councils (collectively known as "principal councils"). This process is known as a "community governance review".

Principal councils have the power to make a community governance review at any time for all or part of their district. It is envisaged that such reviews will occur at intervals of between 10 and 15 years, and will take into account population changes, the need for well-defined boundaries and the wishes of local inhabitants. Reviews may also be triggered by a petition of local government electors for an area. A petition is deemed valid where it is signed by a sufficient proportion of the electorate (ranging from 50% in an area with fewer than 500 electors to 10% in one with more than 2,500).”

The clerk will forward the email to the PC for them to read the full version.

6. Open forum:

Wyre Council Local Plan

The clerk stated that in her email from Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins, Sandra had stated that Highways have expressed doubts on the A6 being able to cope with the additional excessive traffic.

Prior to the parish council meeting, the PC spent from 7.30PM – 8.30PM gauging public comments to the local plan. Approximately 80 people attended and it was agreed that Cllr Drinnan will collate these expressions of opinions and circulate to cllrs and public prior to submission.

“Scorton” Rd sign (Wyresdale Crescent)

It has been reported that the position of the sign is causing visual obstruction to sight lines. Cllr Collinson will have a look to determine course of action.

7. Playing field:

Inspection

Cllr Collinson instructed the clerk to wait for John Slinger (lengthsman) to lay the mats on the play area prior to arranging an inspection.

Progress report

Cllr Cottle stated that Penny Bennett has done a specification for contractors in order to obtain quotes. This document has been perused by Cllr Collinson who has made some changes.

Shaping your Neighbourhood bid (£5000)

Cllr Collinson stated that £3000 has been offered to the PC.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

Funds

Cllr Cottle stated that all money has been allocated (except WI).

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

WC – Local plan CONSULTATION See item 6.

LGBC – Electoral review of Lancashire CONSULTATION no comments.

Val Wilson – Town and parish council task group proforma passed for completion.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson reported the following for Wyre Council:

Town and Parish Council Task Group

Val is now part of this group whose purpose is to look at the relationships between elected members and town and parish councils. As it would be impossible to invite all Parish Councillors to the task group for their comments, she requested that the proforma be completed.

Restructuring

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson stated that the management structure is being reorganised to save money. This will take place in July 2016.

11. Planning:

15/00518/COUQ - Prior approval for COU of existing agricultural storage building to 2 dwellings @ Dolphinholme House Farm, Wagon Rd, Dolphinholme

The Parish Council OBJECT to the above application because the amount of supporting information provided is very limited, therefore, without full details it is impossible to judge how this development would relate to the locality and thus oppose this application.

15/00562/FUL - SS rear extension to dining room @ The Barn, The Square, Scorton

The parish council has no objections to the above application.

12. Decision notices:

15/00185/FUL – (Removal of condition 2 on planning application 02/88/00825 and external alterations to rear and side elevations @ Briar Cottage The Square Scorton) **Permitted**

15/00395/LAWE – LAWE for existing pitched roof over GG and conv into family games room together with pitched roof over kitchen and garden room ext to rear @ Wyre Bank, Station Lane, Scorton **Lawful**

15/00022/ NONMAT – (amendment to 15/00022/FUL to lower height of FF window (front) @ The Hollies, Scorton Hall Park, Scorton) **Accepted**

15/00050/FUL – (Detached dwelling @ land @ Garthwood Barn, Sandwell Brow, Scorton) **Permitted**

13. Highways:

Condition of Rd surface (Station Lane)

The clerk was asked to contact Highways to request that they consider resurfacing.

Snowhill Lane Rd closure

It was raised that there has been a lot of disruption due to the closure therefore the clerk was requested to contact Superfast Lancashire to ascertain how long the disruption will last and when this broadband service will be available.

Vegetation overgrowth (Tinker's Lane)

Cllr Atkinson requested the clerk to contact Highways as this is causing the road to become narrow.

Clearance of weeds (motorway bridge, Long Lane)

Cllr Atkinson requested the clerk to contact Highways as this is unsightly.

14. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk stated that his timesheet has not been received.

Jobs to be done

Cllr Collinson requested that the mats on the playing field should be re-laid.

Cllr Cottle requested the strim & spray of the footpath (Wyre Way at the rear of Garthwood Barn).

Lengthsman hours review 2016/17

Cllr Collinson stated that current hours are sufficient at present.

New lengthsman training

Cllr Collinson has not looked into this yet. This item will go on the next agenda.

15. Village Hall:

Update

The clerk reported the village hall news as follows:

- ❖ Hopeful & Glorious craft fair is back on Sunday 23rd August.
- ❖ Village hall AGM to be held shortly.
- ❖ Thank you to volunteers for clearing the back garden. We are currently looking for a way to minimise the need for weeding outside.
- ❖ The committee is short of members. If anyone would like to get involved they would be very welcome.
- ❖ Thank you to parish council for their continued funding support.

16. Finance:

account update

The clerk confirmed remaining funds as **£21,004.75** as at 30/6.

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice (JUNE) – NOT RECEIVED

Gift for accountant - £5.87 (per parish)

Swing seat (playing field) - £581.20

Notice board – £960

Playing field gateway (relocation of post) - £560

Scorton taxi (contributions towards running costs) - £200

Bowland Pennine Mountain rescue team (request for donation) - £50

Item received in account:

Wayleave cheque - £25 (13th May)

17. Health & Safety:

None

18. Points of interest:

Diary dates 2016

Approved.

Defibrillator

The PC agreed that this should go in the village hall.

Notice board

Cllr Collinson has had people requesting to put up information. It was agreed that another key should be cut and given to Cllr Collinson so she can monitor what information goes in it.

Charity Commission

The clerk stated she has received an email stating that they had no record of the charity's bank account. The clerk has replied stating that the charity does not have one and everything goes through the PC account. They have responded by suggesting voluntary removal. Cllr Cottle stated there is an advantage with having charity status therefore the PC told the clerk to ignore this request.

19. Date of next meeting: **17th September 2015**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.55PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 5th, 12th, 18th and 19th June plus 2nd & 10th July links

WC – Local plan options public consultation, reminder, issues and options leaflet and planning Wyre’s future plus hard copy see item 9

WC – Audit committee minutes 26th May link

WC – Planning minutes 3rd June link

WC – Planning training 13th July

WC – Wyre Voice community E-Newsletter June

Police – crime summary May

Police – update on how crime reports are completed see item 4

LALC – Wyre Area meeting 16th July

LALC – June newsletter

Community Futures – info bulletin

WC – Full council 25th June link

LCC – July bus service changes

WC - Portfolio holder reports 18th June links

WC – Full council agenda 25th June agenda items 7 & 8 questions

WC – Overview & scrutiny committee agenda 29th June link

Sovereign play info emailed to Cllr Cottle

WC – Audit committee 30th June link

WC – Planning committee agenda 1st July link

WC – Full council additional agenda item 25th June link

Caloo – Playground info emailed to Cllr Cottle

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Lancashire Consultation see item 9

WC – Walney Extension community fund

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 18th June links

WC – Standards committee minutes 11th June link

WC – Clinical commissioning groups task group 1st July link

WC – Employment & Appeals committee agenda 6th July link

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

LCC – PROW countryside sign posting project

WC – Planning training reminder

LCC – Parish Champion newsletter

WC- Overview & Scrutiny minutes 29th June link

WC – Portfolio holder reports 2nd July links

Creative Play - Brochure

WC – full council minutes 25th June link

WC – Audit minutes 30th June link

WC – planning minutes 1st July link

WC – Employment & appeals minutes 6th July link

WC – Shaping your neighbourhood invite to chair 16th July

WC – portfolio holder decisions 2nd July links

WC – Resources portfolio holder decision 18th June link

Police - Crime comparison June 2014 & June 2015

WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda 21st July link

Community Futures – July newsletter

LALC – Wyre Area committee pre meeting 6.15PM

Val Wilson – Town and parish council task group proforma see item 9

WC – Licensing agenda 23rd July link

Creative Play – MUGA info emailed Cllr Cottle

WC – Resources portfolio holder report 16th July link

