

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 28th January 2016, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Collinson, Anderton, Prashar, Atkinson and Drinnan, Lancashire
County Cllr Sandra Perkins, 2 Police Constables and 2 members of the
public

1. Apologies:

Wyre Councillor Val Wilson

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Anderton item 18 (The Barn Licensing).

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

Ian Rawcliffe introduced himself as the new officer covering Scorton. There has only been one (domestic) incident reported in the last month. Officers now provide the first response to emergencies.

5. Matters arising:

Defibrillator

The PC decided to leave the defibrillator in its current location.

Pavement sweeping & bin request

Cllr Collinson stated that John Bettle has not met her yet. The clerk will email him.

The clerk also reported his response about the request for a bin to address the littering issue at the layby near the end of the Millennium Way at the Gubberford Lane Bridge (Scorton side). 27th November response as follows:

"Litter bin locations underwent a review early last year based on location, footfall and litter reports. Based on that review and based on the limited budget available to spend on not only the purchase of the bin but the servicing of the bin, it is not anticipated that any new bin will be purchased or sited in rural Over Wyre. I will however look at litter warning signage ASAP."

Request for resurface and yellow lines of Snowhill Lane

The clerk reported the update from Highways via Sandra Perkins on 10th December:

"Arrangements have been made for the pot hole and yellows to be inspected, although I suspect, by looking at the pictures, that the lines may simply be covered over by leaves and other detritus materials."

Cllr Anderton requested the clerk to email highways to state that potholes are still an issue and the debris has now cleared and the yellow lines have disappeared.

Request for Rd sign (Brewer Lane near junction with Long Lane)

This has now been done.

Broadband & Junction boxes

Cllr Collinson has been informed about delays and no timescale has been given.

Potholes (Oakenclough Rd, Harrisend Fell)

The clerk reported the Highways response on 26th January which states that potholes were inspected on 5th and have been listed for repair as soon as possible.

Blocked culverts

The clerk reported the response from Highways on the 21st December regarding the one at the bottom of Brewer Lane with junction of Long Lane, which stated that the problem has been alleviated following the gully wagon attending on the 3rd December. Cllr Atkinson stated that this is still an ongoing issue and the drain bubbles up and overflows during heavy rain. The clerk was asked to inform Highways accordingly. (The clerk has received no update as yet regarding the culvert near Cart House Cottage.)

6. Open forum:

Rd drainage in Scorton

Further to photos received by a member of the public, these have been forwarded to Highways and Cllr Collinson has been liaising with them. She has been informed that Highways will collate all problems by village and she has been asked to contact them in a month's time for an update.

Condition of Rd Higher Lane

The clerk had received an email from a member of the public but he has since informed her that the situation is much improved.

Cleveley Bank Lane Bridge

The clerk has been emailed by a member of the public stating that at the end of last year, someone hit the small bridge at the bottom of the hill on Cleveley Bank Lane just before the main entrance to Cleveley Bridge Fishery (Forton side of Cleveley Bridge Fishery). He was concerned because the whole side of the bridge is in danger of falling in and causing a danger to the public. He explained that the bridge has been wedged up but this will only last temporarily due to traffic going over it. Cllr Collinson stated that this is within the parish therefore, the clerk will ask Highways to investigate.

7. Playing field:

Progress

Cllr Collinson stated that the MUGA is almost complete but there have been delays due to weather.

School request re playing field grass cutting

The clerk stated that school are willing to contribute £100. The PC stated that this is insufficient to maintain the field and seek to minimise the effect on the precept by requesting them to consider increasing their contribution. In the meantime, the PC will obtain quotes.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

None

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

LCC – countryside service CONSULTATION

Cllr Atkinson confirmed that Scorton Picnic Site is on the list and this has been confirmed by Tarja Wilson. The clerk was requested to clarify that this is on their list and respond to the consultation by asking for details as to what their intentions are regarding future maintenance of the site, the current cost of maintaining it and the savings that are likely to be made by removing this service, as well as the fact that the PC Believes it has very good relations with officers in the department and they do not wish to lose the current provision.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

The clerk received an email from Wyre Cllr Val Wilson as follows:

“The Report of the Task Group on Town and Parish Councils, which I sat on, is now being finalised and will be sent to all Town and Parish Councils, regardless of whether they attended.

I have sat on a very short task group to give a response to LCC regarding their proposals to cut subsidies to bus routes, which sadly does not affect Scorton, but I did inform them of how Scorton had responded to the cutting of their bus route.

The Budget will be coming up soon and I will keep you informed at the next meeting.”

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins reported as follows:

- ❖ The Clerk highlighted the problems with communications between various Highways departments, using the example of one response telling her they could not locate the Ford (see item 13) and Cllr Atkinsons account of someone else attending the site and putting out cones. Cllr Perkins requested the PC to put all Highways issues through her to speed up the process.
- ❖ As a result of flooding issues, Cllr Perkins has read the flood policy which states that an investigation can be requested if more than 5 homes are flooded. She has requested this investigation which LCC will carry out.
- ❖ Cllr Perkins has been involved with trying to save Garstang Library. In areas where there is more than one, the intention is to sell off one of the buildings as an asset in order to provide more services and ensuring there are more services in the town centre. She said it was necessary to streamline services due to insufficient funds being available. Disabled services will be looked at separately.
- ❖ A consultation document is available to complete regarding the bus services. It can also be completed online.

11. Planning:

15/00983/FUL - Retro app for installation of solar panels to roof of residential grade II listed building @ Belvidere House, Wagon Rd, Dolphinholme

15/00984/LBC - Retro app for listed Building consent for installation of solar panels to roof of residential grade II listed building @ Belvidere House, Wagon Rd, Dolphinholme

Notification of no objection to both the above sent 12/12/15

15/00149/FUL APPEAL - Erection of two storey side & rear ext plus SS rear ext @ Ashbourne Cottage, Cleveley Bank Lane (**no comments can be submitted, only withdrawn**)

12. Decision notices:

None received

13. Highways:

Blocked grid (Oakenclough Rd)

Further to a report raised by Cllr Atkinson, the clerk reported the response from Highways on the 26th January which states that this is subject to an ongoing investigation and that the Highways team would be asked for an update.

Erosion of the road (Harrisend Fell)

Further to a report raised by Cllr Atkinson, the clerk reported the response from Highways on 26th January which states that the vicinity of the void area is coned off and the verge will be repaired ASAP.

Hole in ford

Further to a report raised by Cllr Atkinson, the clerk reported the response from Highways on 26th January which states that they were unable to find the ford. However, Cllr Atkinson stated that someone from Highways had already attended the site and put cones there. These have since been washed away. The clerk was requested to provide a postcode for clarification which is PR3 1DA.

14. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the November and December time sheet by email.

Jobs to be done

The PC agreed that John should clear the gullies on Tithebarn Lane and near Park Gate on Long Lane (there are 3 there) as well as litter picking along the roadsides throughout the village.

15. Village Hall:

No update received.

16. Finance:

Lengthsman payment update

Fees precepted - £5980 (paid to date -£4088.50)

Materials precepted - £150.00 (paid to date - £140.79)

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice (Nov) - £507.00

Lengthsman invoice (December) - £240.50

Lengthsman invoice for materials (Paint) - £31.72 & £33.12 = £64.84

Items for discussion:

Lengthsman PROW jobs 103160, 105834 & 92821 - £199

The lengthsman will invoice next month. The clerk explained that one PROW payment has not been received as yet.

Forton request for funds (from lengthsman account)

The clerk explained that the parishes had agreed to pay Forton Parish Council £566.17. She explained that this was the fair way as funds not paid in by the parishes had been excluded. The PC agreed that they would be happy to be paid this share (same as Forton).

17. Health & Safety:

None.

18. Points of interest:

Complaint to Wyresdale Anglers regarding trees

It was reported that the trees have now been felled.

Licensing at The Barn

Further to concerns raised by members of the public, PC discussed this issue and concluded that subject to the safeguards being in place to minimize the noise issues, they have no objections or comments relating to the licensing application.

19. Date of next meeting: **24th March 2016**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Full council agenda 3rd Dec link & item 6 & 7 questions links

WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda 7th Dec link

Fleetwood Town Council – Knott End Ferry

Blackburn Cathedral – Carol service invite to chairman (31st Jan)

LALC – Tesco community grants emailed to Cllr Cottle

LCR magazine

WC – Portfolio holder reports 3rd Dec link

LCC – temporary road closure (Higher Lane, Scorton 07/02/16)

WC – Cabinet minutes 2nd Dec link

WC – Wyre Voice Community E-Newsletter Dec

Police – crime figures Nov 14 & 15 comparison and Nov 14 & 15 monthly figures

WC – Licensing minutes 26th Nov

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 8/12, 12/1 & 22/1 links

WC – Flood recovery fund appeal

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 3rd Dec

LALC – Chairmanship workshop emailed to chair

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 3rd Dec link

WC – Overview & scrutiny minutes 7th Dec link

LCC – Withdrawal of subsidies for local bus services

LCC – Bus service changes Jan

LALC – AGM minutes and next agenda 13th Jan

WC – Planning minutes 2nd Dec link & additional agenda item

WC – Portfolio holder reports 17th Dec links

WC – Planning agenda 6th Jan link and additional agenda item

Air Ambulance annual update

LALC – Annual report 2014/15

WC – Full council minutes 3rd Dec link

WC – Overview & scrutiny agendas 7th and 11th Jan links & item 7 report

WC - Portfolio holder reports 23rd Dec links

WC - Portfolio holder decisions 17th Dec links

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LALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party invite to chair

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

Police – crime figures December and comparison Dec 2014 & 2015

WC – SYN meeting reschedule

LCC – Countryside service consultation see item 9

WC - Planning minutes 6th Jan link

WC – Cabinet agenda 20th Jan link

WC – Overview & scrutiny minutes 7th Jan link

WC – Full council agenda 21st Jan link and agenda items 6 & 7 no questions

LALC – Wyre area meeting public transport and floods

WC - Portfolio holder report 11th Jan link

LALC – Play are inspection & risk assessment workshop emailed to Cllr Collinson

WC – Syn meeting 1th March

WC – Flooding update

WC - Overview & scrutiny minutes 11th Jan link

LALC – Free insurance workshop 6th April

WC – Licensing agenda 28th Jan

WC - Cabinet minutes 20th Jan link

WC – Resources portfolio holder decisions 15th Jan link

WC – Planning agenda 3rd Feb link

LCC – Feb bus service changes

WC - Resources portfolio holder report 28th Jan link