

## NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the PC meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School

**Present:** Cllrs Collinson, Cottle, Drinnan & Atkinson, Wyre Cllr Val Wilson, Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins, the clerk & a member of the public

1. Apologies:

**None**

2. Declarations of Interest:

**None**

3. Minutes from last meeting:

**Signed as a correct record.**

4. Police report:

**Questions regarding preparation of reports**

Following a question asked by Cllr Collinson, the clerk confirmed that she had emailed the detailed response to the PC members prior to the meeting. Everyone seemed satisfied with this. Cllr Collinson stated that there is a police initiative called "In the Know" whereby crime information can be sent by text to a person's mobile phone.

5. Matters arising:

**Pavement sweeping (Springfield Gardens to Curwen House) & request for a bin**

Cllr Collinson stated that John Bettle had not got back to her to finalise a date. Also, it was reported that there is a littering issue at the layby at the end of the Millennium Way (Scorton side of Gubberford Bridge). The PC asked the clerk to request a litter bin there. The clerk said she would also ask John Bettle to contact Cllr Collinson to arrange a meeting.

**Request for resurface of Snowhill Lane**

The clerk reported the further response from Highways on 19<sup>th</sup> November:

*"Whilst we appreciate the concerns of the parish council with regards to Snowhill Lane, the county council has to prioritize its finite resources to ensure the safety of the highway network. Snowhill Lane has been identified as being in need of resurfacing, and as stated previously we have submitted it for consideration for the 2017 / 2018 capital programme. In the meantime Snowhill Lane will continue to be monitored, and any actionable defects will be repaired as necessary."*

Cllr Perkins will also raise this with them.

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

Cllr Atkinson stated that no further signage has gone up. The clerk will request this again. Cllr Atkinson asked that any queries should be referred to her.

## **Broadband & Junction boxes**

CLlr Collinson reported that she had had no update.

## **Reporting highways issues**

The clerk reported the email response from Sandra Perkins which says that personal contact with Highways officers has changed and all enquiries unless they come through her, have to be registered on the website. Sandra stated that they have priorities and the order that they deal with enquires is to deal with CLlrs enquires first, then parish councils, then finally the public.

## **Verge overgrowth (The Priory to the motorway bridge, Snowhill Lane)**

The clerk reported that Highways have inspected and found the verges OK. CLlr Perkins asked for a photo and she will send this on the parishes behalf.

## **Rd surfaces (Gubberford Lane, Millennium Way to Green Lane East & Station Ln)**

The clerk reported that Highways has inspected on 10/11 and confirmed that this section of Gubberford Lane is being considered for resurfacing. Station Lane will be inspected and any actionable defects repaired.

### 6. Open forum:

## **No matters raised**

### 7. Playing field:

## **School request re playing field grass cutting**

The clerk stated she had not hear back from School regarding their proposed contribution. The PC asked her to request this again so they can make a decision.

## **Progress report**

CLlr Cottle reported the following:

- ❖ Groundwork is done. Fencing is pending. 3 sides will have high fencing. Once fencing is complete, top surface will be done.
- ❖ Any grants cheques will be posted to the clerk for her to put in the PC account.
- ❖ Re the interpretive board, FOB have asked if the PC can put a frame around it. CLlr Cottle will ask them to supply posts and he will ask a local joiner for a quote to prepare a frame. Additions were suggested to include in the information which CLlr Cottle will put forward.

### 8. Bikes & Barrows:

CLlrs Collinson & Cottle reported the following:

- ❖ There was a meeting last night and the next one will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan in the chapel.
- ❖ There will be another "Spot On" event on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- ❖ The Bikes & Barrows festival will take place between 30<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

**LCC – Parish based public transport scheme consultation (deadline 11<sup>th</sup> Dec)**

As the parish already have a taxi service, the clerk was asked to respond to request financial assistance with this.

**Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review of Lancashire**

No comment.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Lancashire County Cllr Perkins reported:

- ❖ As a result of various parishes input, she has been liaising with Highways and has expressed concern about them failing to adequately considering the effect of planning & development upon the A6 corridor on traffic volume. She stated that the individual concerned is making decisions but not visiting the location. When she has challenged him about this, he responded that he does not need to visit the area because he knows it but she disputes this as his knowledge is not recent. Several parishes are sending a letter via her voicing their concerns.

Wyre Cllr Wilson reported:

- ❖ She stated that the Town & Parish Task Group questionnaire had not been returned and no one from Nether Wyresdale PC has attended the meeting. The PC responded that several cllrs had not been available and the clerk stated she had attended another parish council meeting. Val will ensure that the PC gets the final report.
- ❖ The idea of a combined Lancashire authority has been muted but this has not been taken up.
- ❖ There will be another round of Shaping Your Neighbourhood money available therefore she asked the PC to consider suitable projects in the community.
- ❖ She stated that Wyre's winter affordable warmth programme is now underway and is taking referrals including from health colleagues for interventions delivered by Care and Repair that include heating repairs, draught proofing and radiator bleeding. They are also working with the Citizens Advice Bureau about a Vulnerable Citizen CAB Home Visiting Service which provides support for vulnerable clients with health issues that need a home visit. She asked the PC to consider if anyone in the parish needed this service.

11. Planning:

**None received.**

12. Decision notices:

**13/00892/ DIS** – (Conv of existing redundant buildings to create a Double GG and 1 unit of holiday accommodation and siting of 1 timber chalet for holiday accommodation @ Slean End Farm, Higher Lane, Scorton) **Accepted**

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

**15/00562/FUL** – (SS rear ext to dining room @ The Barn, The Sq, Scorton) **Permitted**

13. Highways:

Cllr Atkinson raised the following:

**Potholes**

There are deep potholes on Harrisend Fell that have formed after all the heavy rain recently. The clerk was requested to ask for a repair.

**Blocked Culverts**

There is one at the bottom of Brewer's Lane near the junction with Long Lane. Water is flooding down the road of Long Lane for about 200 yards. She is concerned that if bad weather comes, this will become a freezing hazard. Cllr Collinson stated that there is also one outside the post office (near Cart House Cottage, the Square, Scorton). The clerk will report this also.

14. Lengthsman:

**Jobs undertaken**

The clerk emailed the October time sheet prior to the meeting.

**Jobs to be done**

Tidy up war memorial, Christmas tree planting and finally (weather permitting) paint benches.

**New lengthsman training**

No progress.

**Latest public rights of way jobs**

The clerk has not received the November statement to check receipt. She circulated a list of all the prow payments received and also what has been spent. She confirmed that £605.68 of parish funds remaining are for prow/lengthsman jobs.

15. Village Hall:

**Update**

No village hall news reported.

**Defibrillator**

This has been raised again. Cllrs Atkinson and Cottle discussed having it in the phone box but Cllr Collinson disagreed as she thinks a phone is better and it is a feature. Cllr Drinnan agreed to find out from BT how much the phone box is used.

16. Finance:

Items approved for payment:

**Lengthsman invoice (October) - £598**

**Clerk expenses - £24.42**

To discuss:

**Scorton VH donation 2015/16 - £1000** Deferred until March 2016 to assess funds.

**Precept 2016/17**

The clerk suggested based on expenditure a precept of £12,500. The PC stated that this did not make any allowance for replacement play equipment therefore they unanimously decided to request a precept of £13,500 to allow sufficient contingency.

**Christmas tree & lights**

Cllr Collinson suggested putting these amounts on the next agenda's finance items for formal agreement to pay £150 and £44.00 respectively.

17. Health & Safety:

**No health and safety concerns raised.**

18. Points of interest:

**January meeting**

Cllr Cottle said he is away. Cllr Collinson is not available and Cllr Atkinson does not know when she will be away. Cllr Drinnan said at present, he is available to attend. The clerk said the meeting was arranged around Val Wilson's Wyre Council commitments. She agreed to contact Cllr Anderton and Prashar to find out if they can come. She requested Cllr Atkinson to let her know when her holiday will be before Christmas.

19. Date of next meeting: **28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.05PM**

**APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda plus additional items 9<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct links**

**WC – Schedule of executive decisions 30<sup>th</sup> Oct & 25<sup>th</sup> Nov links**

**LALC – Wyre area meeting info**

**WC – Audit agenda 10<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**WC – Planning committee 4<sup>th</sup> Nov link update sheets**

**LCC Highways – Work on oak tree outside Stone Tree Cottage, the Sq (notification from Jon Dean)**

**LCC – Parish based public transport scheme consultation (deadline 11<sup>th</sup> Dec) see item 9**

**WC – Employment & Appeals minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov link**

**LCC – Parish champion newsletter**

**WC – Wyre voice community e-newsletter**

**War Memorials Trust – Magazine**

**LCC – Winter in Lancashire (preparation)**

**Police – Crime figures October**

**WC – Town and parish council task group**

**WC – Mayoral ball 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**WC – Portfolio holder call in decision 9<sup>th</sup> Oct link**

**FOB – Funding for small environmental projects around AONB**

**WC – Licensing minutes 29<sup>th</sup> Oct link**

**WC – Overview & Scrutiny minutes 9<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**WC – Full council minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct link**

**WC – Planning minutes 4<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**LGBC – Electoral review of Lancashire plus hard copy consultation (ends 11<sup>th</sup> Jan) see item 9**

**Val Wilson – Wyre Council planning progress email**

**WC – Licensing agenda 26<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**WC – Shaping Your Neighbourhood meeting note and notification of next meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**WC - SYN follow up to rural east ward walk**

**WC – SYN meeting info and map**

**WC – Task group town and parish councils**

**LCC – Dec bus service changes**

**WC – Audit minutes 10<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**WC – Standards minutes 5<sup>th</sup> Nov link**

**WC – Planning agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec link**

**WC – Cabinet agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec link**

**WC – Full council agenda 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec link**