

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 2nd June 2016, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Anderton, Prashar, Drinnan and Atkinson, the clerk, Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins, Wyre Councillor Val Wilson, John Entwistle (Dolphinholme Neighbourhood Plan). Also attending were Andy Webster and Sue Haworth (Save Our Scorton Resident's Association)

1. Apologies:

Cllrs Cottle & Collinson

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

The last minutes and AGM minutes were signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

Refer email reports in appendix 1.

Incident on playing field

The clerk read the report from Police Constable Ian Rawcliffe:

"I have attended with Annie the councillor for the area and inspected the MUGA pitch at Scorton. There has been no real damage caused apart from very slight discolouring from some distance away and a decision by Annie and myself is that it did not warrant a crime report recording which could have had further consequences for the young youths who were suspected of causing the anti-social behaviour issues on the park.

Myself and my PCSO have spent a considerable amount of time identifying and speaking to youths concerned with their parents, eventually gaining admissions from two youths who between them had lit a piece of paper with aftershave sprayed on it and then another youth putting a lighter into an aerosol can and throwing it onto the lit paper.

Both these two youths have been referred to the fire service for a fire awareness input which will hopefully deter them from this kind of behaviour. The youths come from respectful and supportive families and neither youth has come to police attention before."

5. Matters arising (from last meeting):

Chairman's report (from last meeting)

The clerk read Cllr Collinson's report (see appendix 2).

Yellow Lines (The Priory to the motorway bridge, Snowhill Lane)

The clerk reported the further update from Lancashire County Council (Chandra Dholakia) on 9th May which states that he is not going to propose any immediate action given that the road has been in this state all this time. It is planned to refresh all the road markings in the area including Snowhill Lane later this summer therefore, the debris will be removed at that time.

Cllr Drinnan stated that when lines are redone, they should be narrower and more inconspicuous to be more in keeping with a conservation area. The clerk will inform him accordingly.

Dolphinholme Neighbourhood plan

The PC agreed to attend a joint meeting with other parties in order to establish the exact implications of being involved with the neighbourhood plan. It was also agreed that Cllrs Prashar and Drinnan will attend on behalf of the PC. See item 6.

Uploading PC information to village website

Detail of the individual who is now doing this is contained within the chair's report.

Appointment of officers

Cllr Anderton stated that due to heavy commitments, he is not willing to act as chairman. The PC proposed Cllr Cottle subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

6. Open forum:

Dolphinholme Neighbourhood plan

John Entwistle stated that there would be a subcommittee of the Parish Council. He explained the importance of a neighbourhood plan due to high pressure to develop the Dolphinholme area. He has met with Paul Hatch (Lancaster CC Planning) to discuss the application and try to establish a boundary. In October/November, Lancaster CC will publish a draft plan which will go to consultation. Dolphinholme will remain blank, subject to the creation of the Neighbourhood plan. He suggested a joint meeting with interested parties in order to thrash out the details. He confirmed that there would be no cost to Nether Wyresdale Parish Council. He also said that at some stage, a planning consultant may be involved. He stated that he would send the clerk the relevant application forms which will need to be completed and submitted to the district councils.

Wyre Council Local Plan

Save our Scorton resident's Association representative Andy Webster expressed thanks to the PC for allowing them to speak. He confirmed that the group are representing the views of those in the community who do not support large scale unsympathetic development. They have received 200 signatures to this effect. The association believes there is common ground with the PC and seek to work together with them for the benefit of the village. Their intention is to undertake further engagement with the residents once the local plan is published. Wyre Councillor Val Wilson explained that the document should be published during late summer. The PC confirmed that once the Local Plan is made available, this will be subject to further discussion.

7. Playing field:

School request re playing field grass cutting

The clerk reported the response from School which states that they don't have a figure in mind and that school would be happy for the PC to offer any donation that they feel would be fair. Cllr Anderton stated in view of the expense and involvement in the MUGA and the employment a lengthsman, it would be reasonable to make a donation of 10% of the amount the school pay (£600P/A). The PC agreed to pay £60 P/A.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

None

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

Fields in Trust – Centenary fields programme

The clerk read the first paragraph of the letter then made available for circulation.

LCC – CONSULTATION re changes to delivery of services

To discuss at next meeting.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins reported:

Potholes

She confirmed that Highways have been out in force marking potholes for repair.

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson reported:

Licensing application (Apple store)

She confirmed that various people had been in touch with her about this and has stated that it will go before the committee where people will have the opportunity to make representations.

11. Planning:

16/00230/OULMAJ - Outline app seeking to agree means of access for residential development for up to 183 dwellings incl provision of 3G sports pitch and associated parking facilities with access taken from the A6 and Gubberford Lane @ Land east of Lancaster New Rd Cabus

No additional comments to add to original points made. Cllr Drinnan has contacted Cabus PC and they have submitted an objection.

16/00464/FUL - Landscaping and alterations to site frontage incl repair and rebuild of existing boundary wall @ The Priory Hotel and Restaurant, The Square, Scorton

16/00463/ADV - New sandstone signage to the front garden of the property @ The Priory Hotel and Restaurant, The Square, Scorton

16/00454/FUL - SS rear ext with attached side double GG, dem of existing det GG and external alterations incl replacement windows and rendering @ Stone Tree, The Sq, Scorton

The Parish Council had no objections or comments to any of the above.

12. Decision notices:

15/00349/DIS – (Discharge of condition 6 {construction method statement} re plan 15/00349/FUL @ Old Mill House Wagon Road Dolphinholme) **Accepted**

15/00348/DIS - (Discharge of condition 6 {method statement} re plan 15/00384/LBC @ Old Mill House Wagon Road Dolphinholme) **Accepted**

13. Highways:

None

14. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk stated that John had been in contact to say that he had dropped the May invoice and timesheet in to Cllr Collinson, not realising she was away.

Jobs to be done

None raised.

15. Village Hall:

Update

No update.

16. Finance:

Update

The clerk reported the balance from the latest bank statement (3rd May) is £36,518.01 (this includes £566.17 received from the Wyre 2 lengthsman account).

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice (May) - £585.00

17. Health & Safety:

None

18. Points of interest:

Plaques

The clerk read Cllr Collinson's email which states that someone has mentioned a plaque for Bob Braithwaite. She confirmed that previous discussions in Jan and May 2015 meetings concerned plaques for Thomas Mawson and John Parkinson and read the response made at the time by Colin Babbs. It was suggested that it may be a good idea to have one plaque for all at a focal point in the village (possibly the tennis court) rather than have plaques on individual properties. The PC stated this should be discussed further at the next meeting.

Review of clerk wages

The Clerk explained that she had been clerk for 10 years and confirmed that she had not had a pay increase for around 4 years. She also said that there is a plan to increase the national minimum wage to £9 per hour by 2020 which is the amount she is on now. Following discussion in the clerk's absence, the PC agreed to increase the clerk's hourly rate with effect from 2017 to £10 per hour.

Scorton picnic site

The clerk stated she had received an email from Tim Blyth stating that the LEP are running a story on bins – countryside service bins in particular and the fact that they MAY be removed. He asked whether the PC had any further thoughts about the possibility of being involved in the management & maintenance of Scorton Picnic Site, perhaps considering a joint venture with LCC.

Cllr Drinnan stated he still had questions to answer from the previous response and said he will contact him.

19. Date of next meeting: **7th July 2016**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.10PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

NWAA magazine (air ambulance)

WC – flood forum format

Police – April crime report

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 5th May links

WC – Schedule of executive decision 12th May link

Fields in Trust – Centenary fields programme see item 9

WC – Audit agenda and unconfirmed minutes 24th May link

WC – Full council unconfirmed minutes 12th May link

WC – Planning unconfirmed minutes 11th May link

WC – Engagement network bulletin

LCC – CONSULTATION re changes to delivery of services see item 9

WC – Licensing agenda and unconfirmed minutes 26th May link

LALC – Queen’s speech briefing

LCC – June bus service changes

HAGS – play info

LALC – Wyre area meetings 13/7 and 12/10 emailed to Cllr Cottle

WC – Planning agenda 1st June link

WC – Flood forum agenda 26th May

Community Futures E-bulletin

NALC – Briefing

WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda 6th June link

Cloughton On Brock PC – Community discussion on referendum

APPENDIX 2 – Chairperson’s report May 2016

Acknowledgments:

Thank you to our “new” councillors, Paul Drinnan and Sanjeev Prashar, who have joined in the last year. Both have added a breadth of experience and well balanced opinions.

Planning:

A major issue this year has been the involvement and objections to the Issues and Options Report undertaken by Wyre Borough Council in order to produce a new Local Plan for planning purposes. Scorton residents formed the Save Our Scorton group which is a group largely opposed to any development. We are liaising with other parishes and considering the benefits and negatives in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Lengthsman:

The appointment of our new lengthsman, John Slinger, has worked well. At our last meeting it was credited to John that the village and particularly the play area looked tidy. It was therefore proposed to appoint him for a further year. We also undertake public rights of way work for the Countryside Service and whilst this is still available (until 2018) it is worthwhile being part of.

Contributions:

NWPC continues to work with the Bikes and Barrows committee, and kindly agreed to make the funding shortfall to enable the MUGA to go ahead. Work has now almost been completed and the facility is in use. Whilst we are in the early stages of the MUGA only just being completed we will need to consider and plan for the cost of maintenance.

NWPC contributes towards the community taxi and the running costs of both Dolphinholme and Scorton village halls. The churches who organize the taxi have recently increased the customers’ payment in an attempt to make the service self-funding.

NWPC agreed to pay for the renewal of street lighting in Dolphinholme.

The Scorton village website continues to advertise NWPC and is updated by Joanne Golton and Melanie Harben. Steve Elliott has kindly volunteered to manage and update the village website.

(steve.elliott.2009@gmail.com)

Next Year:

Our challenges this year include ensuring to keep ourselves up to date and informed on the progression of the new Local Plan, as well as the many proposed development sites under consideration.

Thank you for all your effort and support, and particularly those who take on additional duties of attending meetings outside the parish council.

Annie Collinson, Chairwoman.

