

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 10th November 2016, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllr Cottle, Collinson, Atkinson and Prashar, Wyre Cllr Val Wilson, the clerk and a member of the public

1. Apologies:

Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins

Cllr Drinnan

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

None except email reports.

5. Matters arising (from last meeting):

Overgrown hedges (Station Lane)

Deferred until next meeting as Cllr Cottle has not dealt with this yet.

Plaques (John Parkinson, Thomas Mawson and Bob Braithwaite)

Deferred until next meeting as Cllr Drinnan is absent. He has confirmed with the clerk that he will liaise with Cllr Cottle regarding the village plan.

Asset register

The PC agreed that the MUGA should be classed as an asset of community value.

Phonebox

Cllr Collinson stated that David Thow (Wyre Council) will send a letter to BT. Upon request from him, the clerk confirmed the purpose for adopting the box (to house the defibrillator) and he has stated he will include this in his letter. She has put this item to one side until January when the consultation period expires. Cllr Collinson will contact David Thow for details of progress.

Pothole (Oakencloough Rd near "The Forge")

Cllr Atkinson reported that this has been done.

Blocked drain (Park Gate, Long Lane)

The clerk reported that there has been no update yet from Highways but it is still within the 20-day period. Cllr Atkinson said that this was now dangerous as the road was filled with water and cars are going around it on a blind bend. The PC requested the clerk to email them again stressing the urgency.

Line painting

The clerk stated that Cllr Collinson had emailed her pictures that evening which she has sent to Highways. Highways have requested details of the locations. Cllr Collinson said that the main issues are Factory Brow (near the village hall) as well as Station Lane. The PC stated that this was an aesthetic issue throughout the village.

Local Government Pension Scheme (clerk)

The Parish Council reiterated their previous decision that the clerk should join the Local Government Pension scheme and when this should take place. Therefore, the following matters were resolved:

- ❖ That the clerk should be a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme as she is not entitled to membership in any other public service pension scheme.
- ❖ That the scheme be set up with effect from 1st April 2017.
- ❖ That option 2 is the preferred option when calculating the rates.

6. Open forum:

Speed limit consultation (Gubberford Lane and Station Lane)

A member of the public queried this. It was confirmed that this had been discussed at a previous meeting and requested the clerk to look this up to find out what the PC's response was.

7. Playing field:

Progress report

Cllr Cottle reported the following:

- ❖ He provided a diagram of the proposed metal gates (with a smaller pedestrian gate incorporated) which are currently being constructed.
- ❖ School has arranged a meeting tomorrow with the contract manager to look at suitable locations for the benches to ensure that the efficient management of the playing field is not obstructed.
- ❖ The Chapel have agreed in principle to the shed on the proviso it is noted that this will be a temporary structure. It is in the process of being put up.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle reported that last night's meeting was informative and meetings will take place each month to provide regular updates. All monies have been distributed except for the start-up donation relating to Yoga.

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

LALC – Council tax referendum

The clerk stated that Nateby PC had taken the details away for consideration so that a proper response can be made. Cockerham PC had felt that it wasn't relevant to their parish due to the amount of precept. NWPC believe that a response is appropriate and therefore the clerk suggested that they look at the information and email her the points that they would like to include in the letter to make it personal to the parish. They agreed to do this.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson stated the following:

- ❖ She reminded the PC that she was on three task groups, the Domestic Violence Task Group (which is commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner), Food Hygiene and the Citizens Advice Bureau Task Group which has been set up due to cessation of funding with effect from next year.
- ❖ There are also funding cuts relating to Countryside Services and 90 sites are affected. So far 5 organisations have expressed an interest in maintaining 13 of the affected sites.
- ❖ She stated that the final green bin collection will take place on W/C Monday 12th December. The PC stated that some people may be unaware that there is no collection over winter. Val will try to find out when in spring the service will resume.

11. Planning:

None received by the clerk.

12. Decision notices:

None received by the clerk.

13.Highways:

Blocked drain (Brewer's Lane near the junction with long Lane)

Cllr Atkinson raised this. The clerk was requested to report to Highways.

Issue with cyclists (Long Lane)

Cllr Atkinson stated that cyclists tend to gather on the highway at Cross Hill Crossroads at the top of Long Lane near the junction. She enquired whether there should be some signage to deter this. The PC felt that little could be done to change this behaviour.

Flooding issues (Gubberford Lane Station Lane and Six arches)

Following the last update via Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins, the clerk reported the response from the Environment Agency on 8th November as follows:

“As you will be aware on the 22nd August the Wyre Catchment experienced exceptionally high levels of rainfall. The Environment Agency operated both of our flood basins within the catchment and there was wide spread flooding across Lancashire. The Environment Agency installed the flood defences alongside the side of the River Wyre to protect people and property from flooding from the River Wyre and we have permissive powers to maintain these structures.

The photo you included in your letter show surface water flooding of roads, any surface water flooding caused by blocked drains, poor drainage or systems being overwhelmed is the responsibility of the Lead Local Flood Authority, which for Lancashire is Lancashire County Council.

Even though the drainage system run through Environment Agency maintained flood defences, it is still the responsibility of the Local Authority to maintain any road drains.”

The clerk was asked to forward the above to Highways.

13. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet via email prior to the meeting.

Jobs to be done

It was stated that there is a mole problem on the playing field. Cllr Atkinson has some mole traps and the clerk was requested to email John to ask him to get them from her.

14. Village Hall:

Update

The clerk reported that the hall is currently being repainted. Also, extra committee members are required. Finally, they have a new fitness instructor who intends to put on some low impact aerobics for residents.

15. Finance:

6 month account update

The clerk reported that the balance as at 30th Sept is £12,302.29. Remaining expenses re approx. £5246.60 leaving an estimated fund at the end of March 2017 of £7055.69.

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice (October) - £583.78

Lengthsman petrol bill - £237.78

Lengthsman petrol bill- £176.60

Other items to discuss:

Precept 2017/18

The PC unanimously agreed to a precept of **£14,557.00.**

16. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

17. Points of interest:

Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Cottle gave a reminder that there will be a re-dedication ceremony on remembrance Sunday at 11.50AM followed by a service at 12PM.

18. Date of next meeting: **26th January 2017**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.35PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (email and post)

LCC – Nov bus service changes

LALC – Council tax referendum see item 9

LCC Sandra Perkins – school places query due to increase housing

WC – Confidential pre-application query see item 18

Community Futures – AGM details

Clerks and councils direct magazine

WC – Change to invoice process letter

WC – Settlement profiles

WC – Wyre Voice E-Newsletter November

War Memorials Trust bulletin