

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes for the PC meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School**

**Present: Cllrs Cottle, Drinnan, Collinson, Anderton and Prashar, Lancashire County  
Cllr Sandra Perkins, the clerk and a member of the public**

1. Apologies:

**Wyre Cllr Val Wilson** (she is attending the Licensing meeting @ Wyre Council)

**Cllr Atkinson**

2. Declarations of Interest:

**Cllr Anderton (item 6 housing development)**

3. Minutes from last meeting:

**Signed as a correct record.**

4. Police report:

The clerk stated there was only the email reports.

Cllr Cottle said that he had attended the recent LALC meeting and it was noted that in the area there has been an increase of crime by 11%. Referring to the December crime figures, most of this is petrol theft from Forton Services. He identified 2 thefts within the parish boundary.

5. Matters arising (from last meeting):

**Overgrown hedges (Station Lane)**

Cllr Cottle has spoken with the homeowner of Sunnydale, Station Lane who has been helpful and compliant. The PC felt that more work needs to be done. Cllr Cottle will deal on an informal basis.

**Plaques (John Parkinson, Thomas Mawson and Bob Braithwaite)**

Cllr Drinnan circulated a detailed report which the PC will consider for the next meeting.

**Phone box**

The clerk stated that she received an email on the 18<sup>th</sup> January from BT which states that Wyre Council have consented to the adoption of the box but presently BT are inundated with enquiries. They have said that they will be in contact again to advise of the next steps and assured the PC that in the meantime, nothing will happen to the kiosk. Cllr Collinson stated that she will complete the application form.

### **House of commons (council tax referendum principles)**

The clerk stated that she has received notification from LALC that the government has not extended the council tax referendum principles to parish and town councils.

The clerk also read the letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> January from the MP summarised as follows:

- ❖ She voiced her concerns about despite there being a crisis in many local authority led services that no new funding has been announced.
- ❖ She confirmed she had received representations from a number of town and parish councils expressing concerns at this proposal and said that in the statement last week by the secretary of state, this proposal will be deferred for this year while keeping the matter under review.
- ❖ She expressed support for town and parish councils, believing that their voices should be heard by ministers given the growing role which they are playing in their communities.
- ❖ She concluded that she would be not only be happy to raise such concerns with the relevant minister, she would also be happy to meet with councillors to discuss the issue of funding town and parish councils or any other matter that they may wish to discuss.

### **Blocked drain (Park Gate, Long Lane)**

The clerk reported the response from Highways (Liam Kirby) on 18<sup>th</sup> November which states that Highways officers will be inspecting this issue next week and any necessary works will be undertaken in due course.

### **Blocked drain (Brewer's Lane near junction with Long Lane)**

The clerk to report the response from Highways (Liam Kirby) on 22<sup>nd</sup> November:

*"Highways officers have inspected these locations and I can confirm that a works order has been placed for the jetter to attend and clear the aforementioned gullies. We will endeavour to undertake these works within the next twenty working days."*

### **Line painting**

Further to Cllr Collinson's complaint of bad quality line painting, the clerk reported the update from Highways (Liam Kirby) on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:

*"Highways officers have inspected this issue and have discussed with our contractors who have undertaken the works. It has been determined that the road surface is slightly uneven and as such contributed to the quality of the lining works. The road has been checked and there are no plans to resurface the area at this current time."*

*"Whilst it is appreciated that these works may not be aesthetically pleasing, it is considered that the lines are fit for their purpose in that they are clearly visible as double yellow lines and as such are enforceable. Therefore, no further action will be taken at this time."*

### **Local Government Pension Scheme (clerk)**

The clerk is to contact Linda in February to set up the scheme. She also requested the standing order form to be signed (to reduce her wages to take account of the pension contribution). This is blank at present because she needs to check what the new rates are. The form was duly signed.

### **Flooding issues (Gubberford Lane)**

Following the latest update from the Environment Agency (Robert Ide on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan), the PC reported that this seems to be in hand. The clerk had also requested feedback from Highways but they have yet to respond.

### 6. Open forum:

#### **Housing development (Gubberford Lane)**

The PC agreed that a list should be made relevant to planning in the village, specifically the site proposed. Potential issues mentioned were: parking, congestion and noise. Cllrs are to email their thoughts to Cllr Drinnan, who will formulate a response which will be circulated to the PC prior to submission.

#### **Fence (Cleveley Bank Lane)**

Following a complaint made to Cllr Atkinson, the clerk read the letter from Wyre Council (Graham Avis) which states that this will be looked into and he will provide an update within 28 days of the letter (9<sup>th</sup> Jan). Cllr Cottle requested the clerk to email him to confirm that the PC object to the fence on the basis that it is incongruous with the surroundings.

### 7. Playing field:

#### **Progress report**

Cllr Cottle confirmed that the gates are now installed. He requested the clerk to thank Mike Howes on behalf of the PC for his efforts. He will email the clerk with his contact information.

#### **Grass cutting**

Cllr Cottle requested the clerk to contact school and ask when the contract terminates and the specification for the cutting, specifically when and how often this is done. Cllrs Collinson and Anderton to obtain quotes for the grass cutting based on 10-12 cuts per year.

### 8. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle stated that they are intending to use the church field for various events. A medieval enactment group is interested and the site has been visited.

### 9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

#### **Beacons (to commemorate the end of World War One)**

Cllr Cottle stated that the email had requested a list of beacons. Cllr Collinson suggested giving a copy of the email to James Whewell. The email was circulated again to the other PC members.

#### **LALC Wyre Area committee questions**

The clerk circulated the answers Cllr Cottle sent.

#### **LCC – Budget consultation**

No comments. Cllr Perkins stated that there will be more cuts and confirmed that LCC are tapping into their reserves. They are currently working with museums to work out a solution.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

**Premises license (Dolphinholme House)**

Cllr Prashar stated that the applicant had applied for an events license e.g. for weddings which had caused several complaints due to the impact of noise. Since then, the license has been amended to restrict the number of events. The outcome of the application will be decided at tonight's Licensing meeting at Wyre Council.

**Lancashire County Cllr Sandra Perkins provided the following LCC update:**

**Scorton picnic site**

Cllr Perkins stated that LCC are trying to implement a scheme to arrange a partnership to organise who will be responsible for the maintenance of such sites. She stated that Cllr Viv Taylor is involved.

**Garstang Library**

Cllr Perkins stated that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb between 11 and 4PM, the library will showcase all the services they provide.

11. Planning:

**16/00969/OUT** - Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage and associated access (all other matters reserved) @ Land Adjacent To Wyresdale House Sandwell Brow Scorton

**Notification of no objection sent 03/12/16 regarding the above application.**

**16/01005/FULMAJ** - Erection of a free-range poultry building with associated works including concrete access area, underground dirty water tank, and two feed bins @ Dolphinholme House Wagon Road Dolphinholme

**Notification of no objection sent 06/12/16 regarding the above application.**

**16/01109/FUL** - Change of use of agricultural building to form a detached dwelling @ Johela Heights Snowhill Lane, Scorton

**Notification of no objection sent 12/01/17 regarding the above application.**

**17/00047/FUL** - Replacement front porch with pitched roof @ Wyre Bank, Station Lane, Scorton

**The Parish council had no objection or comments in relation to the above application**

12. Decision notices:

**16/00917/FUL** – (Alterations to create new front porch, two rear dormers, FF roof lights to front and rear, alterations to window openings and removal of chimney stack @ Street Barn, Wagon Rd, Lower Dolphinholme) **Permitted**

**16/00825/FUL** – (SS side/rear ext following dem of existing carport, GG and outbuilding incl replacement windows and alterations to external elevations @ Springfield Cottage, The Sq, Scorton) **Permitted**

**16/00903/FUL** – (Single storey rear extension {resubmission of 16/00378/FUL}  
@ 14 Brook Avenue Scorton **Permitted**

**13/00683/DIS** – (COU of agricultural building to form a detached dwelling @ Johela  
Heights, Snowhill Lane) **Accepted**

**16/00588/FUL** – (Part retro app for ext to existing private lake and formation of mounding  
{resub of 16/00223/FUL} @ Ashbourne's Farm, Cleveley Bank Lane,  
Scorton) **Permitted**

13. Highways:

**Gubberford Lane (Kerwin House to the village)**

Cllr Collinson reported that there appears to be crushed glass on the highway. She requested the clerk to arrange for road sweeper to clear it. Also, there is an ongoing problem of dog fouling on the pavements along that stretch. The clerk will report this to Wyre Council as well.

14. Lengthsman:

**Jobs undertaken**

The clerk circulated the latest time sheets from November and December prior to the meeting. These were approved.

**Jobs to be done**

To trim the ivy overgrowth on the stone wall and signpost at the bottom of Scorton Hall Park. John to liaise with Annie for clarification.

15. Village Hall:

**Update**

The clerk reported that the village hall is seeking volunteers. New Lino will be laid in the disabled toilet and kitchen areas. Also, the New Year's Eve event was successful thanks to the organisers.

16. Finance:

**account update** - The clerk reported a balance at 30/12 of **£10,339.41**.

Items approved for payment:

**Lengthsman invoice (November) - £409.50**

**Lengthsman invoice (December) - £299.00**

**Dolphinholme Street Lighting - £1701.58**

17. Health & Safety:

**No health and safety concerns raised.**

18. Points of interest:

**None**

19. Date of next meeting: **23<sup>d</sup> March 2017**

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

**APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**Keir Highways – notification of closure affecting M6 junct 32-33 x 2**

**WC – Deadline for applying for flood resilience grant (19<sup>th</sup> Dec)**

**Lancaster CC – Dolphinholme Neighbourhood plan end of consultation notification and consultation responses**

**WC – Making space for water meeting minutes**

**LCC – Parish champion newsletter (Nov)**

**WC – License for Christmas trees and decorations 2016/17 letter**

**WC – Get ready for winter**

**Police – Crime figures Oct, Nov and Dec 15 & 16 comparison as well as annual comparison**

**LCC – Dec, Jan & Feb bus service changes**

**WC – Wyre voice spring 2017 invitation to supply news etc**

**LALC – Transport workshop**

**LCC – Winter bulletin 28/11**

**Lancs Fire and Rescue – IRMP consultation**

**WC – Agenda for flood forum meeting 8/12 link and additional document**

**WC – Wyre Voice Dec & Christmas**

**LCR magazine**

**LALC – Wyre Area meeting & questions x 2 See item 9**

**Water event at Myerscough College 28/01/17**

**WC – Concert 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**WC – Precept notification and tax base 2017/18**

**LALC – Annual report (hard copy)**

**Lancashire Civic County Carol Service – 5<sup>th</sup> Feb chair invite**

**WC – Mayor charity ball 24/03/17**

**LCC – Parish conference 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Forester – Wyresdale Estate proposed woodland**

**LALC – Newsletter**

**WC – Wyre Voice, be prepared for flooding**

**WC – Updated webpages (Winter and flooding)**

**LALC – Referendum principles and precepts see item 5**

**Morecambe Bay Partnership – Coastal community team**

**Keir Highways – Works on Barton Old Hall Bridge junction 32-33**

**LALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2017 (invite to chair)**

**LALC – Wyre Area meeting agenda 25<sup>th</sup> Jan link**

**Clerks and Councils Direct magazine**

**WC – Flood forum dates 2017**

**LALC – A nations tribute regarding the end of World War 1. See item 9**

**WC – Flood forum minutes 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Best Kept Village info**

**United Utilities – Winter wise campaign**

**LCC – Budget consultation See item 9**