

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 4th May 2017, 7.45 PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Cottle, Atkinson and Anderton, Mike Howes (Save Our Scorton resident's Association), 4 members of the public and the clerk

1. Apologies:

Cllrs Drinnan, Collinson and Prashar

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Anderton item 11 plan 17/00344/FULMAJ.

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

None except email reports.

5. Matters arising (from last meeting):

Clerk pension (discretions policy)

The clerk confirmed that she had emailed all available information to the Parish Council including 2 sample policies she has found online. She stated that Pilling PC has used the LGPS model but has not been emailed a copy of theirs. The PC agreed that Cllr Cottle could look at the information provided with a view to agreeing what the policy should contain.

Plaques and village enhancement

Deferred until next meeting as Cllr Drinnan absent.

Phone box

Deferred until next meeting. Cllr Collinson confirmed via email that she has not processed the application yet.

Pavement sweeping request (toilets to Curwen House)

The clerk reported the response from Wyre Council on 24th April as follows:

"Graham Clarkson and the operative from parks and open spaces visited Gubberford Lane, Scorton this morning to look at the vegetation. The operative is going to remove the build up a detritus on the path to the curb line under the hedges and cut back the hedge which runs along the footpath at the public toilets. He is expected this work to be completed in the next 10 days dependant on other commitments."

Overgrown hedge (Sunnydale, Station Lane)

The homeowners confirmed that the hedge is cut twice a year and they had been reluctant to cut it now as this disrupts nesting birds. The clerk read the response from Liam Kirby (Highways) on 19th April:

“Highways officers inspected this area on the 5th April 2017 and found the reported hedge to be overgrown. A letter has been sent to the owner requesting that this is cut back so it is not encroaching on the footway. Officers will endeavour to monitor this location to ensure that the hedge is cut back as requested.”

The homeowners stated that they have been in contact with highways who have now removed them from their list.

Motorway resurfacing

The clerk has only been given the email address of the relevant Highways department today. She confirmed she has sent an email thanking them for work already completed and has requested a timescale of when the rest will be done (the northern end and both sides).

Hawthorn Hedge cutting (Trough Rd near motorway bridge)

The clerk provided an update from Liam Kirby (Highways) on 4th May:

“Highways officers are aware of your report of the Hawthorn Hedge and will endeavour to undertake inspections to this area within the next twenty working days. Should the hedge be found to be encroaching on the highway, the appropriate action will be taken to trim this hedge accordingly.”

Potholes (Wagon Rd)

The clerk provided an update from Liam Kirby (Highways) on 4th May which states that these have been inspected on 5th April and the reports have been passed to operatives to carry out repairs which they will do as soon as possible.

Leaning “School” sign (end of Church Drive)

The clerk provided an update from Liam Kirby (Highways) on 4th May which states that a new post will be erected in the near future.

Damaged sign (bottom of Brewer Lane)

The clerk provided an update from Liam Kirby (Highways) on 4th May which states that a works order has been placed for the sign to be reset and that this should be done within the next 20 working days.

Liam Kirby has stated that he will endeavour to inform the PC if any specific timescales for the above 4 items becomes available.

Springfield Cottage (boundaries)

Deferred until next meeting as Cllr Drinnan absent.

Wyresdale Park Estate village proposals

The clerk confirmed that she had sent the PC response to Fylde Design Associates and David Thow (Wyre Council) on 21/04/17.

The clerk (with permission from the chairman) read out the response provided by David Thow on 20th April in response to the PC's request for a meeting which was sought in view of the scale of applications currently being received and to establish how this fits in with the Local Plan:

"I do not consider a meeting is necessary or appropriate, however, I can inform you of the following.

We are currently finalising the Local Plan submission version and this is due to go to the Council for approval in September. At this stage, therefore the plan is strictly confidential. Nonetheless, we are able to share information with Parish Councils provided that it is treated in the strictest confidence, and this would include not referring to or alluding to the proposed Local Plan status of any site which may be subject to a planning application upon which the PC intend to comment. In any event, prior to approval by the Council and publication for consultation, no weight at all can be attached to the emerging plan. If, however, any information about the proposed status of the village, including its proposed boundary got in to the public domain prior to formal publication, it could lead to landowners making pre-emptive applications which may, under some circumstances, be difficult to resist.

The Parish Council may already be aware that the local plan and proposed housing allocations in particular, are being determined primarily by the borough's constraints including flood risk and (in particular) highway capacity. The evidence in respect of highway capacity has been published on our web site and the situation in respect of Scorton is set out. It is on the basis of this evidence that no housing allocations are proposed in Scorton and the boundary is proposed to largely reflect the existing village boundaries.

If the draft Plan is approved by the Council in September it will then undergo a period of public consultation for 6 weeks. The purpose of the consultation is to seek comments on the soundness of the plan (and not for debate about the merits or otherwise of individual allocations/designations). It is intended to submit the Local Plan to the Government towards the end of the year with a view to the public examination being during spring 2018 and adoption hopefully in late autumn 2018."

6. Open forum:

None.

7. Playing field:

Progress report

None.

Grass cutting

The clerk received a response from Helen Hesketh who has stated that the grass cutting schedule starts on 1st April and then should be fortnightly. She stated that in the past they have had to chase this up but have agreed to follow up with the contractor when they can. Cllr Cottle asked the clerk to clarify how much it will cost when the contract renews next March to factor this in to the precept (currently the school pay £416.04). In the meantime, Cllr Atkinson will get a quote for the work.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

- ❖ It was reported that the bowling club was open for the first time during the festival.
- ❖ A review meeting will take place later this month to ascertain the success of the festival.

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

House of Parliament – UK parliament week letter The clerk read the letter.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

No Borough or Lancashire County Cllrs in attendance.

11. Planning:

17/00240/FUL - Proposed side extension and re-siting of garage to the side
@ Brookfield Gubberford Lane Scorton

Notification of no objection sent on 18/04/17

17/00286/COUQ - Prior approval for COU of agri building to dwelling @ Ashbourne's
Farm, Cleveley Bank Lane, Scorton

The PC will email comments to the clerk when they have had time to consider the above application.

17/00344/FULMAJ - Erection of 31 dwellings with associated access, open space &
landscaping @ land east of Gubberford Lane, Scorton.

The PC agreed that in view of the low numbers in attendance and the scale of this application, that a request should be made of Wyre Council to defer comments until after the next meeting to enable an opportunity for the Parish Council to liaise with a village focus group which would include SOSRA and the Bowling Club. The clerk will contact the case officer Karl Glover accordingly. Cllr Cottle will discuss further with Cllr Drinnan.

12. Decision notices:

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

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)
Permitted

17/00240/FUL – (Proposed side extension and re-siting of garage to the side
@ Brookfield Gubberford Lane Scorton) **Permitted**

13. Highways:

Potholes (Gubberford Lane bridge to A6)

This relates to Cabus Parish Council. It was reported that potholes kept re-occurring in the stretch approaching the A6. A Cabus Parish Councillor confirmed that this has been reported several times previously and he will mention at his next meeting. The PC agreed to support Cabus PC and to this end, the clerk will contact Highways.

14. Lengthsman:

PROW 2017/18

The clerk stated that in order to receive money this year, the lengthsman had to complete a form stating what PROW work had been done. He has confirmed that no work of this nature has been done as he thought that it had come to an end since Tarja had left. She confirmed that she had emailed him the letter as to arrangements this year as well as Cllr Collinson. The deadline for the form was 1st May. The clerk said she should have told him to invoice separately for this as it comes from a separate pot of money but had not done due to the confusion of things changing from year to year. She has now informed him to do this in future.

Cllr Anderton requested the clerk to confirm with Linda Andersen whether jobs done on permissive rights of way were included.

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the latest time sheets from March & April prior to the meeting.

Jobs to be done

Cllr Cottle suggested that the lengthsman could maintain the flower beds at the village gateway signs. He said the Bikes & Barrows would pay towards materials for this. The PC agreed and the clerk said she would contact John and ask him to liaise with Cllr Cottle regarding cost.

The clerk stated that John had informed her that he had not received the playground inspection report from last year. She confirmed that this had been emailed to the PC and she has now also sent him a copy.

15. Village Hall:

Update

No village hall news reported.

16. Finance:

account update - The clerk reported the latest balance as at 4th April is £6086.33.

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice (March)- £318.00

Lengthsman invoice (April) and materials – (£611.00 & £63.08) total £674.08

Came and Co insurance

Three-year agreement for **£469.33** approved (play equip covered for accidental damage and public liability).

Defibrillator Store (defib box) - £570.00

Community Futures subscription - £30.00

17. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

18. Points of interest:

Scorton picnic site letter

Deferred until next meeting when Cllr Drinnan is present.

Together we make a difference

The clerk stated that she had informed Sara Ordonez (WC) that her parishes were willing to meet at Winmarleigh Village Hall. However, she wants to meet as many groups as possible in one place. The clerk has left a message for her to call to discuss further but as yet, she has not got back to her. The PC agreed to leave this for the time being.

19. Date of next meeting: **1st June 2017**

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

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 24/3, 29/3, 30/3, 3/4, 7/4,19/4 & 27/4 links

WC – Cabinet unconfirmed minutes 22/3 link

LGPS – Annual members meeting 27th June

LCR magazine

WC - Audit unconfirmed minutes 7/3 link

WC – Planning agenda & unconfirmed minutes 5/4 links

WC – Full council agenda agenda items 6 & 7 questions & unconfirmed minutes 6/4

House of Parliament – UK parliament week letter see item 9

**WC – Fleetwood to Knott End Ferry Service portfolio holder report & decision 30/3
Link**

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda & unconfirmed minutes 10/4 link

North West Air Ambulance charity – thank you letter & magazine

LALC – Wyre Area meeting & last minutes 26/4

Wicksteed leaflet – play info

WC – Wyre Voice April & May

WC – Planning unconfirmed minutes 22/3 link

WC – portfolio holder decision 9/3 link

WC – portfolio holder reports and decisions x 2 6/4 links

LCC – May bus service changes

Police – crime comparison March 2016 & 17 plus financial summary

WC – Flood forum reschedule 29/06 & minutes 09/03

LALC – Planning workshop 11th May

WC – Planning agenda 03/05 link

LCC – Rd closure Tithebarn Lane 18/04-05/05

WC – Annual meeting agenda 11/05 link

