

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 27th July 2017, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Cottle, Prashar and Atkinson, Wyre Cllr Val Wilson, Lancashire
County Cllr Shaun Turner, the clerk and a member of the public

1. Apologies:

Cllr Drinnan

Cllr Cottle request the clerk to convey the PC's best wishes.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Election of officers:

It was unanimously approved to appoint the following:

Chairman - Cllr Cottle

Vice chairman – Cllr Atkinson

5. Police report:

Cllr Cottle stated that SGT Freaney has been put under pressure not to provide actual crime figures but she will still undertake the written summaries which provides the best information. He stated that there is also a drive for rural community safety and he handed out folders containing information.

6. Matters arising (from last meeting):

Clerk pension (discretions policy)

Following the additions made by Cllr Cottle, the PC formally approved the contents of the policy.

Phone box

The clerk stated that the contract has now been completed, signed and returned to her.

Springfield Cottage (boundaries)

Deferred until the next meeting as Cllr Drinnan absent.

LCC – Scorton picnic site

Deferred until the next meeting as Cllr Drinnan absent.

Plaques and village enhancement

The clerk read an email from Cllr Drinnan which suggests discussing this with the Bikes and Barrows Committee to get community support. He also mentioned that there could be a small group to look at ideas with a view to moving towards a community based plan. The group could consider how some of the ideas can be implemented whilst looking at potential funding sources. He stated that he has spoken with a Lancashire County Council senior street lighting engineer about upgrading the lighting to a more appropriate decorative lantern style. The engineer has agreed to meet with him and the PC to discuss further.

Cllr Cottle thought a small working group with B & B was a good idea and he stated he was prepared to be involved in this process.

Motorway resurfacing

The clerk provided the further update from Highways England on 16th June regarding the request to bring forward the schedule for further resurfacing work:

"I can advise that this location is currently flagged up as part of a national programme of Noise Important areas, however central prioritisation does not have this particular site down on the list of sites to be treated in the near future. With this in mind, the list is under review to see if there is anything we can do to accelerate this site in the programme. This is all the information available at this stage."

Hawthorn Hedge cutting (Trough Rd near motorway bridge)

Further to the last update on the 4th May from Liam Kirby (Highways), the clerk reported the further update on 8th June:

"I can confirm that officers have inspected this hedge and that a works order has been raised for this to be cut back. Officers will endeavour to undertake these works within the next few days, along with any other hedges in the nearby area which may require trimming."

Hedge cutting (Trough Rd) near Lime House

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

7. Open forum:

Footpath blocked by parked vehicles (Gubberford Lane)

The clerk circulated an email from a member of the public showing photographs of cars parking on the footpath. His concerns were duly noted by the PC.

20MPH speed limit

A member of the public stated that cars are routinely ignoring the speed limit.

8. Playing field:

Grass cutting

Cllr Atkinson has received a quote for a £40 cut once a fortnight. It was confirmed that school are not happy with current arrangements and that the frequency of cutting is insufficient. The clerk was asked to contact school and request a copy of the contract in order to ascertain if the contractors are in breach of the conditions therein, due to the fact that it is not being done when it should be. Cllr Atkinson stated that her contractor would be available to start in April next year if current arrangements are cancelled.

9. Bikes & Barrows:

Plants for gateway borders (£103.65)

Cllr Cottle provided the cheque as previously agreed.

10. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

11. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson reported the following:

- ❖ Audit committee accounts were approved recently.
- ❖ Currently, Garstang Surgery is under Lancaster Clinical Commissioning Group. She stated that this group do not communicate effectively. The surgery is in the process of changing to the Fylde and Wyre CCG which makes more sense and they are also much better to deal with.

Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner reported the following:

- ❖ There is a member's grant available and he requested the PC to inform him if they know of anything that this grant could assist with.
- ❖ He provided an update on application 17/00344/FULMAJ. He confirmed that Wyre Council were not satisfied with certain aspects of the application including the fact that in relation to Highway matters, the village has been considered but not the wider area and there has been no consideration given to the Local Plan. It has since gone back to the planning department for further consideration but at present it would seem that they are unlikely to support the application. The application is likely to go to September's committee at the earliest. In the meantime, the case officer Karl Glover has promised to keep Cllr Turner informed.

12. Planning:

17/00169/FULMAJ – Change of use of agricultural buildings and land to events venue
And public access open farm (D2 Assembly and Leisure). New
External balcony with staircase, replacement roof materials on part
of the building, and new access track & parking areas. Erection of 4
new buildings with 2 for agricultural use (storage), 1 for D2 use
(lambing viewing) and one for part agricultural (storage) part D2
(sanitisation area and WC) use (part retrospective). @
Home Farm Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale and AMENDMENT

17/00170/LBC – Listed building consent for above AMENDMENT

Notiification of no objection sent on 16/06/17 regarding both the above applications.

17/00585/FUL - External alterations and conversion of an agricultural building to
provide 4no. holiday cottages with minor alterations to the existing
access track @ Rivendell Trough Road Scorton

Comments sent regarding the above application on 14/07/17.

17/00600/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension @ The New Shippon Higher Lane Scorton

The Parish Council has no objections or comments in relation to the above plan.

13. Decision notices/status:

17/00539/FUL - Conversion of disused barn into ancillary living accommodation @ Potters Hill Farm Arkmere Lane Scorton **Invalid**

17/00400/FUL - Two storey rear extension @ Deepdale Lodge Station Lane Scorton **Permitted**

16/00396/OUT - Erection of two detached dwellings with GG's @ Wyresdale House, Sandwell Brow, Scorton (discharge of condition 7) **Accepted**

14. Highways:

Hedge (Wyresdale Crescent to Garthwood Barn)

The clerk was asked to request Highways to write to the landowner to trim it.

Hedge (from Wyre Bridge to Banton's Farm on Delph Lane/Oakencloough Rd)

Cllr Atkinson stated that due to numerous overhanging branches, large vehicles have to travel down the centre of the road to avoid them. There are also railings along this stretch and the overgrowth is such that these are fully obscured. She felt that this was an important hedge to cut back as it is a main thoroughfare. The clerk suggested that before contacting Highways, she should contact Ellel PC to see if it has been raised at their meeting. The clerk will email the Ellel clerk accordingly.

15. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet prior to the meeting. She noted that he seems to be including strimming the Millennium way. She confirmed that it had previously been established with LCC that permissive rights of way strimming could be included as PROW. It was agreed that as she has done previously, she should ask him to invoice separately for strimming work so that this comes from the Public Rights of Way money and a record can be kept as to how much he does so that money can be claimed next year from LCC's PROW budget.

Jobs to be done

Cllr Cottle requested that strimming be done on the Millennium Way from Trough Road round to Sandwell Brow and Garthwood Barn (approximately 200 metres).

Review of lengthsman hours for 2018/19

Cllr Cottle asked the clerk to contact John to ask if current arrangements are acceptable for next year or whether he is likely to need more hours. This will be discussed next time.

16. Village Hall:

Update

The clerk reported the update:

- ❖ The village hall held a meeting recently to discuss the hall and day to day operation. The hall committee have recently organized an asbestos survey and the roof will need to be checked on an annual basis going forward.
- ❖ The village hall will shortly be employing a new cleaning firm.
- ❖ Although not a formal request, an enquiry is being made as to whether there would be an appetite for the PC to take on the village hall as an asset and to run the hall. It was felt that this may be useful as an elected body would be the management committee and there are a good number of members.

The PC unanimously agreed that the current committee are doing a good job and there is no desire or intention of considering taking on the hall.

17. Finance:

Account update - The clerk reported the latest balance as at 30/6 is **£16,400.19**

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice (June) - £663.00

Gift for accountant (per parish) - £10.13

Clerk stationery expenses - £19.04

18. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

19. Points of interest:

Ambulance access (height of bridges)

The clerk read Cllr Collinson's email following a recent problem with ambulance access at Six Arches (this may also affect Scorton Hall Park). North West Ambulance service have requested that residents on Six Arches Lane be made aware that their ambulances are too big to get under the bridge. The clerk was requested to contact NWAS to discuss a way forward.

Finger posts

Cllr Drinnan stated in an email that the finger post near the public conveniences has snapped off. Cllr Cottle stated that another finger post on the Wyre Way (off Trough road round from The Willows to Garthwood Barn) is rotten. Cllr Atkinson will supply the clerk with the contact details of an LCC ranger.

PC meeting dates 2018

The PC approved the following dates for next year's meetings: **January 25th, March 29th, May 31st, June 28th, July 26th, Sept 27th, Oct 18th and Nov 29th.**

20. Date of next meeting: **7th September 2017**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.30PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 5/6,16/6, 30/6,10/7,14/7, 20/7 and 27/7 links

**WC – Full council agenda plus items 6 & 7 no questions & unconfirmed minutes
15/6 links**

WC – Wyre Voice June plus request for community news

WC – Portfolio holder decision (fees for bronze vases 2017/18)

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda & unconfirmed minutes 19/6 links

Police – Crime summary May 16 & 17 comparison

LCC – July & August bus service changes

WC – Engagement network bulletin June & July

WC – Audit agenda & unconfirmed minutes 20/6 links

WC – Planning unconfirmed minutes 6/6 link

WC - Portfolio holder report and decision 14/6 links

LCC – roadworks on Scorton Marshaw Rd 19/6 (for 12 weeks)

WC – Standards committee agenda & unconfirmed minutes 22/6 links

WC - Portfolio holder report and decision 15/6 links

LCR magazine

LALC – June Newsletter

WC – Flood forum agenda, last minutes and pre-meeting notes

WC – Employment & appeals agenda & unconfirmed minutes 3/7 links

Rural Services Network – Survey

LALC – NALC questionnaire for PC's plus AGM

WC – Planning agenda & unconfirmed minutes 5/7 links

WC – Portfolio holder report & decision 29/6 links

Highways – road works on Higher Lane 21/07

WC – Report from Public Health England on flooding

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

LALC – meeting papers

LALC – WC guide to engagement document

WC - Wyre Voice community E-Newsletter July

Police – Crime summary July

WC – Cabinet agenda & unconfirmed minutes 12/7 link

WC – Flood forum minutes and additional info (x 2)

WC – Life in Wyre Task Group agenda & unconfirmed minutes 13/7 link

Val Wilson – Rural Funding Programme

WC – Canvassers in Wyre

Dolphinholme Neighbourhood Plan – workshop/consultation evening 20th July

WC – Full Council agenda, notification of no questions re items 6 & 7 & unconfirmed minutes 20/7 links

WC – Portfolio holder reports & decisions x 2 13/7 links

LALC – Community Engagement , Chairmanship and Finance workshops

WC – Pollution of Wyre beaches

WC – Audit agenda 25/7 link

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda 31/7 link

LALC – Local Initiative fund information (grant available)

WC – Planning agenda 2/8 link

WC - Life in Wyre Task Group agenda 1/8 link

WC – Licensing agenda 3/8 link