

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 26th October, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School

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

1. Apologies:

Cllr Collinson

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Anderton item 11 (plans 908 & 909)

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

None except email reports. Cllr Cottle stated that Sgt Freaney is currently off sick. The crimes locally mostly refer to Forton Services.

Cllr Cottle confirmed that there has been a theft of lead from the porch of the Methodist Chapel.

5. Matters arising (from last meeting):

Plaques and village enhancement

Cllrs Drinnan and Cottle will arrange a further meeting. Cllr Drinnan has been in discussion with Bikes and Barrows with a view to obtaining funding. He has also met with LCC who would support a new lighting system for the village. LCC would also assist financially and this proposal would be the first stage of the enhancement.

Springfield Cottage (boundaries)

Cllr Drinnan has established with LCC that everything roadside of the building and the grass verge is adopted highway and falls under their jurisdiction.

LCC – Scorton picnic site

Cllr Cottle read Tim Blythe's email response to Cllr Drinnan. Main points as follows:

- ❖ Tim Blythe has been instructed to deliver the service at its most basic. Sites will remain available for safe recreation. Paths will be open, boardwalks fixed if needed, trees will be checked.
- ❖ There will no longer be a team of rangers that are on site checking, responding, offering visitor advice, no education work, no events. These are being lost.
- ❖ The most costly items at Scorton are ranger checks, litter picking and bin emptying. Someone currently comes from Preston which is considered very inefficient. Bin emptying is seen as the biggest issue and he wants a move to a local bin collection.
- ❖ He would ultimately like to engage with the PC or / and regular visitors to develop a pool of "Scorton Rangers" – people who visit regularly and are able to act as their eyes and ears. LCC will be making only infrequent visits.
- ❖ He is applying to the Lancashire Environment Fund for some money to fix the board walk, level paths and a few other things, the main infrastructure will be in good order. He is looking for around £2500 as match funding for this.

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson will enquire as to whether Wyre Council will be prepared to empty the bin. It was suggested that the lengthsman could check the site regularly for fallen trees, litter, any damage etc. and report this to the clerk. It was also suggested that a notice could be erected for the public to report problems to a designated contact. Cllr Drinnan will meet with Tim Blythe again before any further action is taken. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Finger post signs

The clerk contacted PROW @ LCC regarding broken sign near public conveniences as well as the rotten sign on the Wyre Way (off Trough Rd). There is currently no progress. The PC asked her to involve Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner so he could chase this up on the parishes behalf.

Broken Stile (near public conveniences)

Following a report from Cabus Parish Council, the clerk has contacted PROW @ LCC and stated that they did not seem to know whether the one on record was the one referred to in her original email to them. See above. One of the Cllrs will also check.

Blocked drain (nr Kettlewell, the Square)

The clerk reported the response from Highways on 20th October:

“Highways officers are aware of your reports as below and I can confirm that works orders have been raised for the blocked drain and gully to be cleared by the jetter. Please note that Highways officers currently working to deal with a large number of flooding and drainage issues in the county and as such are operating on a priority basis. I can confirm that officers are aware of the reports of flooding that you have provided, and this matter will be attended to for inspection as soon as resources allow. Any works that will be required following the inspection to alleviate the matter will be undertaken in due course.”

Blocked Gully (Long Lane between Park Gate and Tuft Cottage)

See above.

Blocked drain (near junction of Brewers Lane)

The clerk to report the response from Highways on 20th October which states that works orders have been raised in order for the jetters to attend to site in order to cleanse the gully system and alleviate any flooding issues.

School Sign (Snowhill Lane opposite Church Drive)

The clerk reported the response from Highways on 20th October which states that a works order has also been raised for this matter to be inspected and corrected as appropriate. Officers will endeavour to carry out this inspection and any required works within the next twenty working days.

6. Open forum:

Blocked drain (Near Curwen House, Gubberford Lane)

A member of the public reported that a drain backs up and spills over onto the highway near the railway bridge.

Drainage issues (Snowhill Lane)

The clerk read an email from a member of the public where the following has been observed:

- ❖ Starting from the east side of the motorway, water runs down the hill from Johela Heights along the southern edge of the tarmac. There is a drain at the side of the road but because of the way the tarmac is laid surface water runs straight past it. As the road bends the water then runs across the tarmac to the north side and all the way across the bridge.
- ❖ At the west end of the bridge, there are two drains but when it rains, they fill up and surface water runs past them.
- ❖ By the gate into the catholic church there is a drain which is totally blocked with of leaves.
- ❖ By the school gate there is a drain and when it rains water runs out of this drain instead of in.
- ❖ There is also a triangular man-hole cover in the road and when there is heavy rain, small fountains of water appear around the rim.

The clerk will report the above to Highways.

7. Playing field:

Progress report

The inspect report shows low to medium risk. The PC agreed that John (lengthsman) should undertake the repairs he can do. The clerk will inform Cllr Collinson.

Sovereign Play

The clerk has received contact and they are in the area with a view to offering quotations for play equipment. The clerk was authorised to provide them with contact details for Cllr Cottle and Collinson.

Grass cutting

Cllr Cottle stated that school have cancelled the contract. Cllr Atkinson has left the person who will take over this role a message and she is awaiting contact from him. She will report back at the next meeting.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

None

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

LALC – NALC Planning for the right homes in the right places CONSULTATION No comments.

WC – Wyre Local Plan x 3 CONSULTATION

Cllr Drinnan will prepare the response which will be circulated to members for comment. The clerk will send the approved final version before the end of next week. The clerk was also asked to find out if representation have to be made on the online form or whether they can be submitted via email.

Network rail letter

Due to essential work that they need to carry out, there will be some disruption as they have a requirement to carry out works during the nights and weekends. This will take place between 23/10 and 23/2/18 Mon-Fri and Saturday nights between 10.30PM – 9AM. A “core” will also take place between 9PM on Saturday 23rd December to 5AM on Thursday 28th December where 24-hour working will be in place.

A public open evening about these works will take place in The Barn on Thursday 16th November from 3PM- 6PM.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson reported the following:

- ❖ Cllr Murphy has reported 38 responses so far re the Local Plan draft. Of these 75% are in favour.
- ❖ The deadline for comments to the Local Plan draft is 3rd November.
- ❖ She confirmed that finances for Wyre Council are currently stable. There could be a gap by 2020 but they are working on solutions.
- ❖ The Tithebarn Lane application has been held up by LCC highways. There should be more progress within the next couple of weeks.

11. Planning:

17/00908/FUL - Retrospective application for the use of existing garage as ancillary living accommodation and erection of a detached summer house @ Blands Cottage Long Lane Scorton

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

17/00909/LBC - LBC for Retrospective application for the use of existing garage as Ancillary living accommodation and erection of a detached summer house @ Blands Cottage Long Lane Scorton

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

12. Decision notices/status:

17/00286/COUQ – (Prior approval for COU of agri building to dwelling @ Ashbourne's Farm, Cleveley Bank Lane, Scorton) **Approved**

13. Highways:

Blocked Drain (near Spout House, Tithebarn Lane)

Following an email from Cllr Collinson, the clerk reported that she will check for an update after the required 20 working days.

Potholes/road subsidence (Wagon Rd, between Wyreside Cottage towards Wyreside Hall and Belvedere House)

Cllr Prashar stated that as well as the potholes, the road is in poor condition. The clerk will report to Highways.

Potholes (Oakenclough Rd over Harrisend Fell)

Cllr Atkinson stated that this needs looking at again as there are more potholes. The clerk will report to Highways.

14. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

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

Jobs to be done

Playground repairs (see item 7).

15. Village Hall:

Update

No update available.

16. Finance:

Account update - The clerk will report next time.

Items approved for payment:

Playing Field Inspection Company (P/F inspection) - £78.00

Lengthsman invoice (August) - £455.00

Lengthsman invoice (September) - £266.50

Dolphinholme village hall donation - £600

BDO LLP Audit bill - £240.00

External Audit issues

The clerk explained that the asset register had been queried by the auditors who have raised this as a qualified issue. This has come about because of the recent revaluation by the P/F inspection company which is taken into account by the insurers but not by the auditors as both have different requirements.

Additionally, due to the fact that the Play Inspection Company had valued the MUGA as £5,516.68, the clerk felt that there was disparity between this and the original (non-itemised) amounts (split over 3 bills) spent on the MUGA.

She informed the PC that she has prepared two versions of the register, one for insurance who take account of current values and the other for audit which includes all the original amounts spent. The latter includes a list of the current valuations but with the adjustment of one of the original bills for £5299.34 to the amount shown above to reflect the MUGA's current value.

Other items:

Hammock hinges (playing field) – deferred as Cllr Collinson absent

17. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

18. Points of interest:

Defibrillator

The clerk explained that a form needs completing and regular checks are required. The PC agreed that Cllr Collinson was the most appropriate person to deal. The clerk will also check the required frequency of checks. The clerk will inform Cllr Collinson accordingly.

Next meeting

Wyre Cllr Val Wilson stated she would be unable to attend.

19. Date of next meeting: **23rd November 2017 (Precept)**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.50PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

Russel play info emailed to Cllrs Cottle & Collinson

RSN – weekly news digest 11/9

WC – Flood Forum meeting 1/9 x 2

RSN – Rural vulnerability service September

WC – Audit agenda & unconfirmed minutes 19/9 link

WC - Life in Wyre Task Group agenda 21/9 link

LCR magazine

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 14/9, 18/9, 29/9, 2/10, 4/10, 6/10, 13/10 & 20/10

WC – Overview & scrutiny unconfirmed minutes 11/9 link

RSN – weekly news digest 18/9 and call for info on community heritage buildings

LCC – Oct & Nov bus service changes

RSN – Rural economy spotlight

WC – Licensing agenda & unconfirmed minutes 27/9 link

WC – extraordinary meeting agenda & unconfirmed minutes 28/9 link

WC – Licensing unconfirmed minutes 31/8 link

WC – Wyre Local Plan draft x 3 CONSULTATION see item 9

LALC – Newsletter

RSN – Weekly digest 25/9 & 2/10

WC – Full council minutes 7/9 link

WC – Planning agenda & unconfirmed minutes 4/10 plus 6/9 links

RSN – spotlight on the heart of the village

WC - Life in Wyre Task Group agenda & unconfirmed minutes 5/10 link

Royal Airforce - Centenary celebration info

WC - Resources portfolio holder reports & decisions x 3 29/9 links

WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda & unconfirmed minutes 9/10 links

WC – Wyre Voice community E-newsletter September

LALC – Accounts 2016-17

LALC – NALC Planning for the right homes in the right places CONSULTATION see item 9

Halite – Community Liaison Panel meeting info

Police – crime summary September

RSN – Rural opportunities bulletin

WC – Licensing committee agenda & unconfirmed minutes 12/10 link

WC - Resources portfolio holder report & decision 5/10 link

RSN – weekly new digest 9/10, 16/10 & 23/10 links

LALC – Wyre area meeting 25/10 info

WC – Cabinet agenda & unconfirmed minutes 18/10 link

RSN – Rural vulnerability service- rural transport Oct

WC – Full council agenda & no questions re items 6 & 7 for 19/10 link & unconfirmed minutes

RSN – Rural places, rural challenges

WC – Employment and appeals agenda & unconfirmed minutes 23/10 link

Network rail letter see item 9

Forest of Bowland – Annual report

RSN – Rural housing spotlight

WC - Resources portfolio holder report & decisions 19/10 x links

LCC – Rd closure (Cleveley Bank Lane) 30/10

WC – Flood Forum meeting reminder 14th Dec and future dates

RSN – Rural vulnerability service – rural broadband