

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 15th February, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School

**Present: Cllrs Atkinson, Anderton, Prashar and Drinnan, Wyre Cllr Val Wilson,
Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner and the clerk**

1. Apologies:

Cllr Collinson

Cllr Cottle

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

New contact

The clerk stated that Sgt Danielle Freaney has been transferred. Her replacement is called Greg Laidlow. Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner stated that there will be no more police reports unless the volunteers are brought back in at some point.

5. Matters arising (from last meeting):

Defibrillator

The clerk stated that she has photocopied the MOU form which requires completion. As Cllr Collinson is not present, it is not known if the form has already been done. Cllr Atkinson stated she would give the form to Julie Derbyshire.

Plaques and village enhancement

Cllrs Drinnan stated that he has the support of Bikes and Barrows. When Cllr Cottle returns, this will be progressed further. In the meantime, Cllr Drinnan has been liaising with LCC regarding a potential new lighting scheme.

LCC – Scorton picnic site

Cllr Drinnan stated that no meeting has been arranged yet but the outcome of the last conversation with Tim Blythe was that the picnic site would remain open. He suggested that a meeting should be arranged with Tim consisting of a working party from the PC to discuss a way forward.

Finger post signs

The clerk reported the response from PROW @ LCC. Regarding the broken sign near public conveniences, they have responded on 9/2 stating that the post has a finger that points out the public footpath reported therefore they do not intend to take any further action. The PC reiterated that a finger is missing therefore Shaun Turner asked the clerk to forward their response and he will look into it.

Regarding the rotten sign on the Wyre Way (off Trough Rd), PROW has responded on 22/1 to say that this footpath is subject to a diversion which will delay the replacement of the fingerpost.

Broken Stile (near public conveniences)

Following a report from Cabus Parish Council, the clerk reported the response from PROW (LCC) on 02/02 which states that two stiles (one by the roadside and the other which gives access to the pasture fields 80 metres from the roadside) are accessible and a third between the two is surplus to requirements. The clerk was requested to contact Wyresdale Anglers to request them to arrange for a repair.

Blocked drain (Near Curwen House, Gubberford Lane)

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 9/2 which states that the gullies on Gubberford Lane have been added to the gully cleansing programme and the team will visit the location as soon as resources allow.

Potholes/subsidence (Wagon Rd, between Wyreside Cottage & Belvedere House)

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 9/2 which states that the potholes which have met Highways intervention levels have been repaired.

Potholes (Oakenclough Rd over Harrisend Fell)

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 1/2 which states that these have been repaired.

Sewerage/water running up through tarmac (Snowhill Lane) ref 47329

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 12/2 which states that this has been resolved.

Drainage issues (Snowhill Lane)

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 9/2 which states that these have been added to the gully cleansing programme and the team will visit the location as soon as resources allow.

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

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 13/2 which states that these have been added to the gully cleansing regime and the team will attend the location as soon as resources allow.

Blocked drain (near Riverside, Gubberford Lane, Scorton)

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 9/2 which states that these have been added to the gully cleansing programme and the team will visit the location as soon as resources allow.

Potholes (Snowhill Lane, Scorton)

The clerk reported the updates from Highways on 13/2 & 15/2 which states that there has been a delay in looking at these due to officers dealing with winter maintenance duties and therefore no resources have been available to inspect them. All potholes have now been repaired with the exception of the one outside Johela Heights. Officers will return to undertake the repair at this location as soon as possible.

Blocked drain (Long Lane, Scorton near Bobbin Mill)

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 13/2 which states that these have been added to the gully cleansing regime and the team will attend the location as soon as resources allow.

6. Open forum:

None

7. Playing field:

Progress report

CLlr Cottle absent therefore no report.

Sovereign Play quote

The clerk circulated the quote. The consensus was that the cost was quite steep and alternative quotes should be sought. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

CLlr Atkinson stated that there is a meeting tonight.

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

Big Things – Parish councils we need you CLlr Drinnan will look into this.

WC – Revised taxi licensing policy CONSULTATION no comments

Flood Action group – letter

The clerk stated that she has been contacted by phone and that the group is seeking support from as many parishes as possible. It was agreed that although flooding does not directly affect Scorton, the clerk should respond that the PC support the initiative.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre CLlr Val Wilson reported the following:

- ❖ She has forwarded the complaint made by a Scorton resident regarding a Highways issue to the cabinet member for Highways.
- ❖ She confirmed that ward walks have been reinstated and one will take place on 18/4 starting between 10-10.30AM from The Priory. The clerk was requested to put this on the next agenda for discussion.
- ❖ She confirmed that the Local Plan has been submitted to the inspectorate on 31/1. Hearing sessions will take place in April. Representations can only be made by those who have submitted comments but the public can attend.

Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner reported the following:

- ❖ He stated that any potholes should be reported to him and that they are being classed as top priority with Highways. He stated there is starting to be an improvement in the way services are being delivered.
- ❖ In spring, there will be a focus on filling potholes properly and there is new equipment to aid the repairs. The specifications for filling potholes and what meets Highways intervention levels, are located on the LCC website under the January Cabinet meeting.
- ❖ Garstang Surgery is now under the Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group which is considered to be innovative in its approach.

11. Planning:

AMENDMENT 17/00786/FUL - Conversion of existing outbuildings to form 5 no self-catering holiday cottages in association with the existing business @ The Barn, The Sq, Scorton

Notification of no objection with comment sent 15/12/17 re the above.

18/00042/FUL - Alterations to roof on previously approved planning application 17/00770/FUL @ Deepdale Lodge Station Lane Scorton

The Parish Council had no objections to the above application.

18/00060/FUL - Erection of 1 replacement dwelling and 4 additional dwellings (following removal of existing greenhouses and storage building) and change of use of existing dwelling to B8 storage building @ Briarcliffe Nurseries Gubberford Lane Scorton

18/00133/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension (resubmission of 17/00600/FUL) @ The New Shippon Higher Lane Scorton

Cllr Drinnan will circulate comments for approval on both of the above applications.

12. Decision notices/status:

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) **Permitted**

17/00971/FUL – (Two new external staircases on northern elevation of barn conversion @ Wyresdale Park Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale) **Permitted**

17/00972/LBC – (Listed building consent for two new external staircases on northern elevation of barn conversion @ Wyresdale Park Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale) **Permitted**

17/00989/FUL – (Erection of a single storey rear extension @ 3 Priory Gardens Scorton) **Permitted**

17/00786/FUL – (Conversion of existing outbuildings to form 5 no self-catering holiday cottages in association with the existing business @ The Barn, The Sq, Scorton) **Permitted**

13. Highways:

Update on pothole repairs

The clerk read an email from another Lancashire County Cllr explaining the current position with highways:

“There is a maximum of 20 days from inspection to repair for all holes of at least 4cm depth or 30cm diameter if less deep; and a maximum of one day for potholes of a depth greater than 15cm. Furthermore, if you submit photos, and sufficient details of the depth and location of the potholes the 20 day target will start from when you report the issue. Potholes deeper than 15cm can also be done with a quick turnaround from the point of reporting but you have to allow time for the team to pick it up.”

Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

The clerk read a letter which states that the committee is no longer viable and will cease to operate. This is because authority representatives have been unable to attend meetings. As a result, the sponsorship money given by parish councils is being returned (£20).

Blocked gullies (The Square, outside the shop and near Kettlewell)

Cllrs Atkinson and Anderton reported these. They stated that these require urgent attention because when there is a severe downpour, the water floods right across the road and there is a potential for the flooding of properties. The clerk to report to Highways.

14. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the latest time sheets via email prior to the meeting. These were approved.

Jobs to be done

None raised.

15. Village Hall:

No Update

16. Finance:

account update

The clerk reported that the latest balance as at 30/01 is **£10,476.89**.

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice (November) - £695.50 plus materials £60.72 total £756.22 (paid)

Lengthsman invoice (December) - £338.00

Lengthsman invoice (January) - £669.50

MBE Contracting LTD (electrical work for defibrillator) - £108.00

17. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

18. Points of interest:

Ward walk

As per earlier discussion, this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

19. Date of next meeting: **29th March 2018**

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

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – “Together we make a difference” is on the road in Wyre

**Rural Services network (RSN) – digests 27/11, 4/12, 11/12, 18/12, 2/1, 8/1, 15/1,
22/1, 29/1, 5/2 & 12/2**

LCC – Bus service changes Dec, Jan & Feb

WC – New premises licence Wyresdale Park

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 16/11 links

WC - Planning agenda x 2 & unconfirmed minutes 6/12 links

RSN - Rural vulnerability service (rural broadband) Jan & Feb

**WC – Schedule of executive decision – 28/11, 8/12, 13/12, 21/12, 4/1, 5/1, 19/1 &
23/1, 2/2, 12/2 & 15/2**

WC – Standards unconfirmed minutes 16/11 link

**WC – Full council agenda 7/12 and no questions items 9 & 10 links & &
unconfirmed minutes link**

WC – Cabinet unconfirmed minutes 29/11 link

WC – Portfolio holder reports and decisions 30/11 links

WC – Wyre Voice e-newsletter Dec, Jan & Feb

LCC – update on response to flood incident

WC – “Together we make a difference” venues & dates

RSN – Rural opportunities bulletin x 2

LCC – improvements to bus services

NWAA – information

LCC - Ice warning notification

WC – Audit unconfirmed minutes 21/11 link

RSN – Rural economy spotlight

Pension LGPS – Employer pension training 2018

LALC – Dec newsletter

WC – Licensing unconfirmed minutes 30/11 link

WC – portfolio holder reports and decisions 14/12 links

Blackburn cathedral – Lancashire civic county carol service invite 4th Feb

Police – crime summary November & Dec

LALC – Parish champion newsletter

RSN – Rural vulnerability service (fuel poverty) Dec & Jan

LCR magazine

WC – Flood forum agenda 21/12

LCC – Budget consultation

WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda & unconfirmed minutes 8/1 link

RSN – Growing a rural community survey for Lancashire

RSN - Rural vulnerability service (rural transport) Dec & Jan

RSN - Rural vulnerability service (rural broadband) Jan

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

LALC – Buckingham Palace garden party invite to chair

LCC – budget consultation

LALC – External Auditor update webinar 23/1

LALC – Wyre Area committee meeting 24/1 and documents x 2

RSN – Rural opps bulletin

LALC – Chairmanship workshop 8/3 emailed to chair

WC – Cabinet agenda 17/1 link

WC - Full council agenda 18/1 and no questions items 6 & 7 links & unconfirmed minutes

LALC – Park home legislation & second home ownership

WC – Portfolio holder report & decision 11/1 link

LCC – Rd closure Gubberford Ln 15/4

WC – Licensing agenda & unconfirmed minutes 25/1 link

LALC – Safeguard training

LALC – Annual report

RSN – Rural housing spotlight

WC – Portfolio holder reports & decisions 25/1 links

LCC – Rd closure Tithebarn Ln 25/4 – 26/4

Big Things – Parish councils we need you (TV programme) see item 9

WC - Overview & scrutiny agenda & unconfirmed minutes 5/2 link

WC – Planning agenda & unconfirmed minutes 7/2 link

LALC – NALC press release re Lobby Day

LCC - Rd closure Station Lane 4/3

LCC - Rd closure Tithebarn Lane 25/4

WC – Flood forum 31/5 1-4PM

WC – Cabinet agenda & unconfirmed minutes 14/2 links

LALC – Healthwatch, Engagement & Wellbeing Fund

RSN – Rural opps bulletin Feb

RSN – Utility Priority Services register

LALC – Combating rural crime

Lancashire Wellbeing – info document

LALC- NALC briefing on GDPR – personal data breaches

Flood Action Group – Letter see item 9

WC – Revised taxi licensing policy CONSULTATION see item 9

WC – Licensing agenda 22/2 link

WC – Portfolio holder reports & decisions 8/2 links