

## NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the PC meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 PM @ Scorton Primary School

**Present:** Cllrs Atkinson, Collinson, Hantom and Anderton,  
Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner, the clerk, Mark Hathersall (North  
West Stage Rally) & Pat Marchbank (North West Stage Rally)

1. Apologies:

**Cllr Drinnan**

**Cllr Cottle**

**Wyre Cllr Val Wilson**

2. Declarations of Interest:

**None**

3. Minutes from last meeting:

**Signed as a correct record.**

4. Matters arising (from last meeting):

#### **Plaques and village enhancement**

Cllr Drinnan provided an update prior to the meeting as follows:

*“In respect of the village improvement plan for Scorton I am making some progress. I have had a discussion with Bikes and Barrows and we will be putting a leaflet together for distribution based on the paper I put together. I am hoping that the B and B Committee will be able to put some funding into the scheme, once we have got some public buy in. I will keep the PC in the loop as it is essentially a PC initiative.”*

#### **Finger post sign**

The clerk read the response (emailed to the PC prior to the meeting) from LCC David Goode on 31<sup>st</sup> August for the benefit of the public present:

*“The signpost itself is not really an issue as far as we can see because there are 3 fingers on the signpost, all are legible from one side but 1 finger is only partially legible from the road side, it reads 'nnium Way, Walk' instead of 'Millennium Way, Circular Walk'. It is not signing a public right of way but pointing along the road and most people following the Millennium Way would be in little doubt that is what was meant. Such signage is actually not something that we deal with in the Public Rights of Way team. It appears to have been erected as part of a project by the Environmental Projects Team which used to be part of the Countryside Service. This function no longer is carried out by the county council as it was discretionary and has been discontinued as part of the necessary savings.*

*It is the responsibility of the Public Rights of Way team to sign the public footpath, which is a statutory responsibility. This particular footpath is unambiguously indicated by the finger of signpost, a waymark arrow on the adjacent stile, a further waymark on the nearby gate and a laminated 'Public Footpath' sign of unknown origin attached to the post and this plethora of signage is for this reason that the reply was given to the parish council that no further action would be taken.*

*However, I am very disappointed with the poor explanation given initially and the lack of response to you subsequently and can only apologise to yourselves. I will also ensure our procedure is tightened so that when a county councillor asks for a response to be reviewed it does not go into the queue to be dealt with then resources permit but is passed through to myself of a colleague for a fuller explanation.”*

The clerk was asked to request a full review of all public footpath signs as most are rotted or falling apart.

### **Pedestrian safety at bridges**

The clerk provided the update from Highways on 29<sup>th</sup> August as follows:

*“Upon checking the photograph, officers have raised concerns with this type of marking in that vehicles which may have got under a bridge going through the centre would be pushed to one side and this would lead to an increase the risk of bridge strikes. The marking would also give a false sense of security to pedestrians instead of using caution as they would walk through and under the bridge as normal.*

*The two bridges in question, 708B1 Scorton Railway and 717B1 Curwen Railway, are both owned and maintained by Network Rail and these types of narrow structures are typically associated with railway bridges.”*

### **Condition of grass (Wyresdale Crescent)**

The clerk provided the update from Graham Clarkson (Wyre Council Parks & Open Spaces Dept). He has confirmed that the area was tidied 4 weeks ago. The PC thought it would be a good idea as discussed previously, for Cllr Cottle to ask the residents of Wyresdale Crescent, what they would like to do with the space now it has been cleared.

### **LCC Grit Bin survey**

Cllr Atkinson has completed the inspection and all bins are satisfactory. The clerk will notify LCC accordingly.

### **B4RN**

The clerk read the response from Dave Ryall (31<sup>st</sup> July) as follows:

*“I’ll be very happy to come and make a presentation to local residents. I have a presentation which lasts around an hour plus Q&A. In this presentation I talk about the B4RN project generally, history, current state of play, the service we provide, funding, and the community involvement aspect.*

*I can also show the proposed B4RN network plan for your area and discuss budgets, timescales and funding etc.*

*I have attached our standard flyer; once we confirm the date, time and venue I can add the detail. If you have the ability to distribute these to local homes and businesses I can arrange for how ever many you need to be printed.*

*In terms of my availability, I currently have good availability evenings Monday to Thursday from 13<sup>th</sup> August onwards. I do have some appointments scheduled so ideally if you can suggest some alternative dates when your hall has availability then I should be able to fit in with one.”*

Cllr Atkinson stated she will contact him to arrange a meeting.

## 5. Open forum:

### **Request to paint a bench (near Springfield Gardens)**

The clerk stated that a resident has been in contact requested permission to paint one of the well-used benches near Springfield gardens. The PC asked the clerk to find out which particular bench, what she want to paint it with and what colour.

### **Police matters**

Cllr Collinson will invite the Police to the next meeting to discuss an issue raised by a resident of youths using drugs on the playing field at night. Some are local, others are from Catterall. A related issue has also been raised by the lengthsman (see item 13).

### **North West Stages car rally**

Mark Hathersall and Pat Marchbank introduced themselves and provided the following information in attempt to gain the PC's support, understand objections and alleviate concerns:

- ❖ The rally is the largest in the north of England and this would be its 21<sup>st</sup> running. The event was previously based in Blackpool running in locations such as the Prom, Fleetwood docks and in Weeton. Only 1 rally so far has been run under the new legislation (to close roads for the event). 2018's event was cancelled in order to plan for an event this year.
- ❖ This year's event will have a base at Myerscough College. This will benefit students who are actively involved with the event which forms part of their studies.
- ❖ The event will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the road closures will take place for 12 hours (approx 3 and a half hour periods per stage). Details of when routes will be closed were circulated.
- ❖ There will also be footpath closures.
- ❖ The event is for experienced drivers only (who have done at least 4 previous rallies).
- ❖ All vehicles taking part are road legal.
- ❖ Many hotels are fully booked already and this event will bring people into the area.
- ❖ The event has taken a year of planning to ensure all contingencies are covered including: the availability of an ambulance on site which can attend in 3-4 minutes, any damage to property will be promptly attended to, essential services such as milk deliveries will be preserved, marshals will be all along the route to prevent spectators straying onto private land, detailed documents will be provided to residents in Oct/Nov and emergency contact information and maps etc, will be delivered to households 3 weeks before the event takes place.
- ❖ As part of the preparation process, they have attended safety advisory group meetings at Blackpool Council. The Council supports the event.
- ❖ Wyre Council have supported the event.
- ❖ They have undergone extensive talks with LCC to agree the consultation process and they have had to pay a £35,000 up front bond to cover any potential road damage. LCC have insisted on full provision for spectators. LCC are supportive of the event.
- ❖ It was confirmed that no taxpayer money will be spent supporting the event and the route will be inspected for potholes which will be reported to Highways in good time.

- ❖ A letter from Ben Wallace was circulated.

The PC voiced concerns regarding the suitability of the area, in particular being able to monitor where spectators are situated to ensure they do not encroach on private land and the potential impact on walkers and local businesses. Cllr Atkinson stated that nowhere in the literature that has been sent advertising the event, does it mention the extent of the road closures. Cllr Collinson suggested that letters should be sent out warning residents beforehand. The PC will discuss this further at the next meeting when all councillors are present.

6. Playing field:

**Progress report**

Regarding the grass cutting, Cllr Atkinson requested Cllr Collinson to ask the lengthsman how much he would charge to cut the grass.

7. Bikes & Barrows:

**No update**

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

**WC – Local plan main modifications CONSULTATION**

Cllr Collinson has taken the pack provided by Wyre Council for perusal. She will then feed back to the PC.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

**Local Plan**

Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner reported that the Local Plan is currently with the inspector and confirmed that only development proposals within the allocated areas will be granted permission.

10. Planning:

**18/00738/FUL** - Single storey side extensions with covered external walkway on eastern gable @ Sandsbottom Cottage Arkmere Lane Scorton

**No comments received, notified 3/8 regarding the above application.**

**18/00740/FUL** - Erection of shared garage @ Deepdale Lodge Station Lane Scorton

**Comments sent 3/8 regarding the above application.**

11. Decision notices/status:

**18/00471/FULMAJ** – (Erection of a free range poultry building with associated works comprising hardstanding areas around the building for access and the siting of two feed bins @ Dolphinholme House Wagon Road Dolphinholme) **Permitted**

12. Highways:

**Blocked gullies (The Square, outside Kettlewell)**

The clerk provided the update from Highways on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, which states that arrangements are in place for the gullies and slotted channel to be cleaned out outside the shop and the square. However, the inspector was unable to locate Kettlewell whilst he was on site. The clerk asked the PC if Kettlewell was number 30 as she has looked this up. In a related email, Cllr Collinson stated that a member of the public has complained about this blocked drain. The clerk will respond to Highways accordingly.

**Other blocked drains (outside number 19 The Square and the shop)**

Cllr Collinson stated by email that these are also blocked. The clerk will report to Highways.

**Overgrown hedges (2 locations)**

Cllr Atkinson will email details to the clerk so that she can report to Highways.

13. Lengthsman:

**Jobs undertaken**

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

**Jobs to be done**

Further to Cllr Collinson's email regarding the millennium way tap rails, the PC agreed that he should undertake this work. The clerk will notify him accordingly with pictures sent by Cllr Collinson.

**Lengthsman CRB**

Deferred until next meeting when Cllr Drinnan is present.

**Lengthsman issues raised**

The PC discussed issues raised by the lengthsman in a recent email. One is the issue of the grass cutting on the tennis court which he considers a waste of time. He suggested removal of the mesh so it can be mowed easier. Cllr Collinson agreed to write to the vicar regarding the court. He is also having litter problems at the rear of the chapel which includes broken glass. This is connected with the recent problems of youths on the playing field as referred to in item 5. This will be addressed at the next PC meeting when Cllr Collinson will invite the police to the meeting.

14. Village Hall:

**No update received.**

15. Finance:

**account update**

The clerk reported the latest balance as at 30/8 = **£17,470.22**.

**Lengthsman invoice (July)** fees £689 materials £38.73 = **£727.73** (paid)

**Lengthsman invoice (August)** fees £552 materials £56.07 = **£608.57** (paid)

Items approved for payment:

**Dolphinholme village hall donation - £600**

**Scorton village hall donation - £1000**

**Clerk stationery expenses - £14.40**

**Lengthsman invoice (Sept)**

A cheque was given to Cllr Collinson for her to pay him once he has sent the details via email.

Other items:

**Scorton Methodist Chapel (Scorton taxi) donation - £200**

It is unclear as to whether this is still in operation. Enquiries will be made and this will be discussed again at the next meeting.

16. Health & Safety:

**No health and safety concerns raised.**

17. Points of interest:

**Siting of Poppy Trail plaque**

Cllr Atkinson stated that this will be placed soon and will be followed by a photoshoot on 10<sup>th</sup> October. She will provide further details once known.

**New computer**

The clerk reminded the PC that the last time an office computer was purchased was 2014 and requested permission to buy a new one at some point next year. She said last time each parish paid approx. £108.00. Cllr Collinson said care had to be taken as it was public money being spent. The clerk stated that she did not want to leave it until such time that a problem might arise because she would be unable to do the job. Cllr Atkinson requested her to get prices.

18. Date of next meeting: **29<sup>th</sup> November (PRECEPT)**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.25PM**

**APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**WC – Overview and scrutiny agenda, supplement and minutes 30/7 link**

**LCR magazine**

**Creative Play info**

**WC- Items published 27/7 links**

**WC – Schedule of executive decisions 27/7, 30/7, 2/8, 16/8, 24/8,12/9, 20/9 links**

**WC - Items published 30/7 links**

**WC – Audit minutes 24/7 link**

**WC – Licencing agenda & minutes 7/8 link**

**LALC – NALC call for evidence rural economy consultation**

**WC – Press release proposed new lottery to support local causes in Wyre**

**Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 31/7, 7/8, 14/8, 21/8, 28/8, 4/9, 11/9,  
18/9 25/9**

**WC – Licencing minutes 26/7 link**

**WC – Planning agenda supplement and minutes 1/8 link**

**RSN – Rural funding digest August & September**

**LCC – Rd closure Snowhill Lane 8/10-12/10 x 2**

**LCC – Bus service changes Sept**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions 2/8 x 3 links**

**WC – Wyre Local Plan modification document link**

**WC – Items published 2/8 links**

**Motorsport North West LTD – car rally 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 consultation x 2**

**LALC – Press release from crime commissioner**

**WC – Met Office “learn about the weather”**

**LALC – Wyre Area meeting Police contact info**

**LALC - Wyre Area meeting briefing from inspector Morley**

**WC – Demonstration of high volume pumps x 2**

**WC – Licencing agenda & minutes 16/8 link**

**WC – Portfolio holder report 9/8 link**

**WC – Portfolio holder decision agenda 16/8 link**

**WC – Wyre Local Plan modifications public consultation**

**Fawns Playtime info** emailed to Cllrs Collinson & Cottle

**LALC – LCC Parish champion newsletter**

**WC – Items published 16/8 links**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions 16/8 x 5**

**WC – Wyre Local Plan modifications x 2**

**WC – Licencing agenda & minutes 28/8 link**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 28/8 link**

**WC – Flood group minutes**

**WC – Planning agenda & supplement 5/9 link**

**WC – Items published 24/8 links**

**WC – Items published 28/8 links**

**WC – Portfolio holder reports 28/8 x 2 links**

**WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 5/9 link**

**WC – Council agenda & supplement 6/9 link**

**WC – Community housing fund**

**Community Futures – August newsletter & AGM**

**LALC – Chairmanship & finance workshop**

**WC – Item published 31/8 link**

**WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda & minutes 10/9 link**

**WC – Press release: Youth Mayor of Wyre**

**Clerks & Councils Direct magazine**

**LALC – Consumer alert and accounts 2017/18**

**WC – Flood Forum agenda and reports**

**WC – Wyre Local Plan Main Modifications CONSULTATION see item 8**

**LCC – Registration for parish & town conference**

**WC – Press release: Have your say on Local Plan**

**WC – items published 12/9 link**

**Glasdon products**

**WC – Planning minutes 5/9 link**

**WC – Council minutes 6/9 link**

**WC – Flood forum DEFRA surface water action plan**

**Royal Mail – Scam mail alert**

**WC – Flood forum info**

**LCC – Bus service changes Oct**

**WC – End of centenary for WW1 invite to parade**

**WC – WC remembers the fallen of WW1**

**WC – Winter preparedness drop in event 10/10**

**WC – Licensing agenda & supplement 27/9 link**

**LALC – Sept newsletter & Kompan info**

**WC - Press release: Environmental enforcement officers join WC to tackle littering**

**WC - Press release: Wyre business awards extension of deadline for nominations**

**WC - Items published 20/9 links**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions 20/9 links x 4**

**WC – Council agenda & supplement 24/9 links**

**WC - Press release: Wyre helps the community prepare for severe weather**

**WC – Planning agenda 3/10 link**

**WC – The People’s Exhibition WW1 commemorations**