

## NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the PC meeting of 20th June 2019, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

**Present:** Cllrs Atkinson, Cottle, Kenyon and Hantom, Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech, Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner, Police Officer Chris Banks, Mark Hothersall (North West Stages Rally), the clerk and a member of the public

1. Apologies:

**Cllr Collinson**

**Cllr Drinnan**

2. Declarations of Interest:

**None**

3. Minutes from last meetings:

**The AGM and ordinary minutes were signed as a correct record.**

4. Matters arising (from last meeting):

**Pecuniary interest forms**

The clerk confirmed that all forms have been emailed to Wyre Council.

**Bank account**

The clerk provided the form for Cllr Kenyon to enable him to be added as a signatory. The form was signed by Cllrs Atkinson and Cottle.

**Plaques and village enhancement**

Cllr Cottle stated that Cllr Drinnan is currently trying to get LCC to sort costings.

Regarding the War memorial, Cllr Cottle stated that following several comments from members of the community regarding the state of the War Memorial, Kevin Morley has agreed to coordinate things. He has completed a grant application. He has liaised with others to prepare these costings (mainly for materials using volunteer labour). Cllr Cottle wanted to bring this to the attention of the Parish Council so they can note the community initiative and formally minute support for the project. The PC unanimously supported this.

**Grass area (Wyresdale Crescent)**

Deferred until the next meeting as Cllr Drinnan was absent.

**B4RN**

Cllr Atkinson has been liaising with the co-ordinator Felicity Greenwood, has looked at a map and identified properties. She confirmed this will go ahead but will not come down into the village. The intention is that it will come down to Wyresdale Park and part of Snowhill Lane. This will put on the next agenda for further discussion.

### **Millennium Way audit**

Cllr Atkinson has liaised with Alison Bowden (Wyre Council Coast & Countryside Service) but she has not got back to her yet to let her know when she is coming.

### **Inventory of benches in the parish (to ascertain their condition)**

Cllr Atkinson reported no progress (as above).

### **Twisted speed limit signs (Gubberford Lane and Station Lane)**

The clerk reported the response from Highways on 22<sup>nd</sup> May which states that officers have checked all the speed limit signs on Gubberford Lane and these have now all been either fixed or reinstalled.

### **Fencing near footpath (Claylands)**

The clerk reported the reply from LCC's PROW (David Goode) on 11<sup>th</sup> June as follows:

*"I apologise for the delay. Unfortunately, due to lack of staff we have not been able to send out acknowledgements or investigate reported defects or obstructions in the last few weeks but we will look into this matter as soon as we are able."*

The clerk stated that she would give them time and suggested the item should go on the September agenda. Shaun Turner suggested that she email him again asking for a timescale and also copy him in.

### **Blocked gullies (various Tithebarn/Gubberford Lane)**

The clerk reported the response from Highways on 22<sup>nd</sup> May as follows:

*"The gullies on Gubberford Lane from the junction of Tithebarn Lane to the railway bridge has been added onto our gully cleansing programme and will be attended to at our earliest opportunity. Regarding the blocked gullies on Tithebarn Lane near the motorway bridge, there are some drainage works that will be taking place on the eastern side of the bridge. If you can provide more of a precise location (i.e. how close to the bridge and whether it is east or west) then I will log the request. Alternatively, you can log this from our website using the link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>. As Gubberford Lane is on a secondary gritting route, the gullies are on our cyclic cleansing programme every 2 years. In addition, we will attend as a result of any incoming reports of blocked gullies on this road."*

The PC requested the clerk to email them the link.

### **Cattle grid (Harrisend Fell)**

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 17<sup>th</sup> May which states that they will clear out the stones. They anticipate completion of this work by Monday 20 May. Cllr Atkinson stated that this had been done.

### **Rd markings and sign (junction of Long Lane and Oakenclough Rd)**

The clerk reported the update from Highways on 22<sup>nd</sup> May as follows:

*"We will be inspecting the area this week to check the extent of the faded road markings at this junction and will then raise an order for them to be refreshed. We will be checking both the Give Way sign as well as the crossroads directional sign and will action a replacement where necessary."*

## 5. Open forum:

### **North West Stages Rally**

Mark Hothersall reported the following:

- ❖ Feedback has been received from 23 residents. He asked the PC for their thoughts. Cllr Atkinson stated that the PC had received 7 questionnaires back and the responses were positive on the whole.
- ❖ One resident feels that some pothole repairs have been affected. Mark has been in contact with LCC and they are satisfied that roads were not damaged and their bond has been returned to them. He agreed to contact Highways regarding concerns over the Barnacre end of Higher Lane.
- ❖ They are in the process of planning the 2020 event and intend to revisit Nicky Nook. This event will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The PC will receive notification of this in good time.
- ❖ Problems identified this year were delays in reopening parts of the route, thereby affecting resident access. Measures will be taken to address this next time.
- ❖ £11,000 was donated to local charities. He is actively seeking local charities to donate to.

### **Police report**

Police Constable Chris Banks introduced himself. He said he had been in rural policing for 14 years. He reported the following:

- ❖ There is 24 hour policing in Garstang (1 person per shift).
- ❖ The police visit schools on a regular basis.
- ❖ Criminals from outside the area are targeting rural communities. The police are implementing an initiative to visit farms and mark up machinery so that if they are stolen, they can be identified. Funding has been made available for this. They also intend to patrol regularly. There will be a way to communicate with farmers and pass on important information. This is referred to as "In the Know".
- ❖ Travellers are currently in the area. The police are aware and have been in contact with them. It is anticipated that they will move on soon.
- ❖ There have been reports of speeding. They are looking into providing signage and he will keep the PC posted as to what they intend to do.
- ❖ Investigations are ongoing regarding a reported assault after an altercation between two men who live locally.
- ❖ The Regenda issue was discussed. Due to the sensitive nature of this item, the member of the public was asked to leave the room whilst this was discussed. He has assured the PC that the situation is well managed. Regenda has no concerns either. He provided his contact details so he could be reached should a problem arise: [3473@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:3473@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

6. Playing field:

**Progress report**

Cllr Kenyon stated that a comment had been made that the play equipment is looking worn. They had suggested that some B & B money be used for this purpose.

7. Bikes & Barrows:

A meeting will be arranged to discuss funds.

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

**Wyre Council matters:**

Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech introduced himself. He stated that no meetings have taken place yet as induction training has been going on. He made reference of Wyre's intention to provide new Wheelie bins.

**LCC matters:**

Wyre Cllr Shaun Turner reported that the 200 million pound deficit was now down to 45 million. Also, more tarmac has been made available for road repairs, that road repairs are more thorough and that Highway's has improved its performance and the way it responds.

10. Planning:

**19/00492/OUT** - Outline application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with access applied for off Long Lane (all other matters reserved) @ Salisbury Farm Long Lane Scorton

**The parish council had no comments or objections to the above.**

**Plan enforcement query**

Concern has been expressed that the conditions of a planning proposal may not be being adhered to in relation to plan 18/00740/FUL. The clerk was requested to contact Wyre Council planning enforcement to ask them to check.

11. Decision notices/status:

**19/00217/FUL** – (Proposed first floor side extension @ Fox House Cottage Long Lane Scorton) **Permitted**

12. Highways:

**Road side mowing**

Following an email circulated prior to the meeting from Cllr Atkinson, the PC agreed that Highways should be contacted regarding how the mowing has been carried out.

**Hedge (bend of housing development off Gubberford Lane)**

The clerk has received an email from Highways on 22nd May as follows:

*“This whole hedge section is on private land and will be maintained by the land owner. We note your concern that the hedge is outside the fencing but the land is still privately maintained and you can view the development plans / layout from the Wyre Borough Council website. As the hedge is interfering with the safe passage of road users, we will inspect and write to the land owner to request that the hedge is cut back.”*

13. Lengthsman:

**Jobs undertaken**

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet prior to the meeting.

**Jobs to be done**

No specific jobs.

14. Village Hall:

**Update**

With regards to the future of the hall, the PC suggested that the committee could come up with a plan and submit this to the PC for consideration. Cllr Kenyon will look into who can drive this forward.

15. Finance:

**account update**

The clerk reported the latest balance as at 30/5 is **£22,173.32**.

Items approved for payment:

**Lengthsman invoice May - £559.00 plus materials £56.93 - £615.93**

**Playing field mowing (payable to Lengthsman) - £160.00**

**Gift for accountant - £9.13 (per parish)**

**Lloyds payment to clerk for bank errors** - The clerk confirmed that £90 for the error and for the inconvenience caused to the clerk and £6 for phone calls was paid into the PC account on 8<sup>th</sup> May. The clerk requested this payment. The PC approved the payment.

Item for discussion:

**North West stages rally**

The clerk confirmed that the money has been received (£500) on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Also see item 5.

**Request for an account update to determine end of year balance**

CLlr Cottle requested the clerk to provide approximate figures for remaining expenditure for the rest of the year in order to establish the level of funds the PC have for village enhancements.

16. Health & Safety:

**No health and safety concerns raised.**

17. Points of interest:

**Regenda letter**

The clerk reported that she received an email from Regenda with an attachment showing their housing policy. This was received today and circulated prior to the meeting for the PC's perusal. Also refer item 5 (police report).

18. Date of next meeting: **4<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.15PM**

**APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**WC – Schedule of executive decision 10/5, 16/5**

**WC – Items published 10/5 links**

**Rural Services Network (RSN) 14/5, 21/5, 29/5, 4/6**

**WC – Sporting stars**

**LCC – Amendment to whole of Lancashire designation order permit**

**WC – Licensing agenda, supplement & minutes 21/5 links**

**WC – Press release: LABC awards for 2 Wyre contractors**

**WC - Press release: seaside awards for Wyre beaches**

**WC - Items published 16/5 links**

**LCC – Changes to recycling centre opening hours**

**LCC – Rd closure Chipping Lane, Dolphinholme 22/5**

**WC – Audit agenda 28/5 link**

**WC – Council minutes 16/5 link**

**WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda 3/6 link**

**LCC – Bus service changes June**

**LALC – NALC star awards**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions 31/5 link**

**WC – Planning agenda & supplement 5/6 links**

**LCC – Rd closure Oakenclough Rd & Long Lane 30/5**

**WC – Request for agenda items for Wyre Flood Forum**

**WC – Adopted Local Plan 2011-31 printed version available**

**RSN – Rural funding digest June**

**WC – Crimestoppers**

**WC SuDS awareness week campaign**

**LALC – LCC be a cllr information evening 8/7**

