

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 4th July 2019, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Atkinson, Drinnan, Hantom and Kenyon, the clerk and two members of the public

1. Apologies:

Cllr Cottle

Cllr Collinson

Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising (from last meeting):

**Bank account**

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

**Plaques and village enhancement**

The clerk read out an email sent by Cllr Cottle prior to the meeting as follows:

*“Bikes and Barrows steering group are meeting at Chapel on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm to discuss the possible allocation of funds both to village organisations and to ‘whole village projects’. Currently, B & B accounts hold a little more than £23,000 funds some of which were held back from last year deliberately knowing there were projects being considered.*

*The second decision for the B & B group is related to what will happen next year – the Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (VE Day) which only leaves 2 days on the normal B & B weekend.*

*The Parish council have a number of calls on funds including repairs and maintenance of the play area following the annual safety check which we have agreed needs attention. We have also agreed in principle to support Dolphinholme VH project in due course.*

*A group in the village have agreed that the War Memorial needs some work and a number of volunteers have agreed to work together to do this work. Kevin Morley has applied to a dedicated fund for £1500 towards materials. I do not know the outcome of this bid as yet. There may well be other essential expenditures which the PC feel are vital.*

However I am aware of the much talked about 'Village enhancement project'. This involves the installation of LED lighting and conservation style light posts with the first phase covering 16 street lights around the centre of the village – total costs approx. £12,500 to us.

Cllr Drinnan has arranged a meeting on Friday morning with the County Engineer and myself to clarify the precise costings, the VAT situation and the various 'in-kind' contributions from LCC so that we can harden up on precise costs to enable us to make coherent bids. LCC need this to be completed in this financial year. I have also been in touch with Community Futures to seek advice.

Therefore :-

**I would like to propose that the PC agree in principle to commit about £3000 towards the village enhancement project.** In addition, I will also suggest that a large contribution is made from the B & B funds.

*I am also going to suggest that B & B make a significant contribution to the playing fields upgrading in the near future but again we need some concrete costings. I know Annie is not there this evening but as line manager for the playing fields, could we ask her to lead this project and get costs?"*

Cllr Drinnan added the following update:

- ❖ It has been agreed to install Victorian fittings (costing £600) and embellishments (costing £145).
- ❖ Certain columns are leaning, loose or not painted and LCC have agreed to sort these out as part of the scheme.
- ❖ The total Scheme cost will be £17,000.
- ❖ LCC have obtained 3 quotes for the work
- ❖ Forest of Bowland has stated that there is funding available.
- ❖ The proprietor of The Barn has agreed to pay for a new bracket and lantern on the wall.
- ❖ It is anticipated that work should be complete in September.

In conclusion, the PC agreed to Cllr Cottle's suggestion and stated that £3000 of PC funds should be earmarked for this project.

#### **Grass area (Wyresdale Crescent)**

Cllr Drinnan requested the clerk to contact Wyre Council to request a meeting. The clerk will email Parks & Open Spaces.

#### **B4RN**

Cllr Atkinson reported no further update.

#### **Millennium Way audit**

Cllr Atkinson reported that she has still not heard back from Alison Bowden (Wyre Council Coast & Countryside Service).

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

As above.

## **Restriction of footpath**

The clerk to report the replies from David Goode (LCC).

20<sup>th</sup> June response re request for a timescale:

*“Unfortunately not – the Public Rights of Way team manages the network of 5500km of public rights of way in Lancashire (for an idea of scale that is the equivalent of Lancashire to Kazakhstan) and we have a considerable number of reported defects to resolve. We prioritise reports according to the magnitude of effect on members of the public and this is raised in this case by the fact that Scorton is a honeypot area for both serious and casual walkers. Unfortunately the member of the team who covers the northern part of the County (north of the Ribble) is off work at present.*

*We have contacted the landowner about the narrowed path at Springfield and I had hoped they would have removed the fence by now. We will chase that. The officer has a note to contact the landowner at Cabus Nook Lane when he returns to work but there will be higher priorities in his backlog so it is impossible to give a timescale.”*

A further response received from him on 27<sup>th</sup> June is as follows:

*“I can now report that the gate on the Cabus Nook Lane end of the bridleway is (or was yesterday) now openable – the chain is still there but it just loops over the post.*

*I have spoken with the Anglers Club solicitor yesterday who tells me that the club is keen to be on good terms with the community and he will chase up whoever hasn't done the work to remove that barbed wire fence yet. I have also made it clear that the footpath goes through the gate (which needs to be unlocked) not squeezed round the side of the adjacent wall.”*

5. Open forum:

### **Overgrown hedges (Gubberford Lane from railway bridge to Tithebarn Lane and Station Lane up to railway bridge)**

A member of the public highlighted this as an issue.

6. Playing field:

### **No report**

7. Bikes & Barrows:

### **See item 4 (village enhancement)**

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

**No representatives present.**

10. Planning:

**Enforcement query (Also refer new application 19/00629/FUL - Retrospective application for Erection of a shared Garage - as built @ Deepdale Lodge Station Lane Scorton.)**

The clerk reported the response from Wyre Council (David Thow) regarding compliance with conditions relating to 18/00740/FUL:

*"I can confirm that the garage as shown on the plans approved by the council has the following dimensions:*

*Length – 9.40m  
Width – 6.25m  
Height to eaves -2.70m  
Height to ridge – 5.20m*

*The actual dimensions as built are:*

*Length – 10.50m  
Width – 6.50m  
Height to eaves -2.70m  
Height to ridge – 5.20m*

*The garage as built is therefore 1.1m longer than approved and 0.25m wider than approved but no higher than approved.*

*In considering the enforcement case the council has to consider, firstly, whether a breach of planning control has occurred and secondly, whether it is expedient or in the public interest to take any action in respect of the breach.*

*In this respect, the additional width is not material but the additional length is considered to be material and therefore a breach of control has occurred. In deciding whether it is expedient to enforce, the council has to have regard to relevant government guidance which states that;*

*"In deciding, in each case, what is the most appropriate way forward, local planning authorities should usually avoid taking formal enforcement action where:*

- there is a trivial or technical breach of control which causes no material harm or adverse impact on the amenity of the site or the surrounding area;*
- development is acceptable on its planning merits and formal enforcement action would solely be to regularise the development;"*

*Having regard to the design, scale, and location of the garage building, it is my view that the development as built is not so significantly different from that approved and it causes no material harm or adverse impact on the amenity of the site or the surrounding area. I also consider that the development is acceptable on its planning merits.*

*It is therefore not appropriate to take enforcement action in this case."*

**Regarding 19/00629/FUL the Parish Council agreed that the size and Velux windows give the appearance that this is potentially a residential building. The upstairs part has not been mentioned in the application but the Parish Council believe that this should only be used as an ancillary to the main residence and not occupied as a separate business use and will request that this stipulation be included.**

**19/00591/FUL** - Proposed two storey rear extension, replacement front dormers and proposed front entrance porch (following some demolitions and alterations to the existing dwelling) @ Wirisdale Skar Factory Brow Scorton

**The Parish Council had no objection or comments in relation to the above application.**

**19/00600/REM** - Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 1 detached dwelling (following outline application 16/00396/OUT) @ Plot 2 Wyresdale House Sandwell Brow Scorton

**The Parish Council had no objection or comments in relation to the above application.**

11. Decision notices(status):

**19/00364/LBC** - Listed Building Consent for the replacement of the existing slates which form the roof covering of an existing building on the site. Replace underlying rough sawn timber batons which the slates are affixed to. Replace intervening roof felt. Replacement of lead flashing on an existing valley gutter @ Wyresdale Park Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale  
**Permitted**

12. Highways:

**No issues raised.**

13. Lengthsman:

**Jobs undertaken**

The clerk has not received his June time sheet. Cllr Atkinson stated that he was away.

**Jobs to be done**

None.

**Lengthsman hours 2020/21**

The clerk confirmed that he does 12 hours per week @ £14P/H over 46 weeks and that £7728 was precepted as fees and £400 precepted as materials. The PC are happy with current arrangements therefore there will be no changes to his contract.

14. Village Hall:

**No update**

15. Finance:

**account update**

The clerk reported the potential end of year balance after expenses as **£8679.12**.

Items for payment:

**Lengthsman invoice June** – A cheque has been made out for this so it can be paid upon receipt.

**Playing field mowing (payable to Lengthsman)** – A cheque has been made out for this so it can be paid upon receipt.

16. Health & Safety:

**No health and safety concerns raised.**

17. Points of interest:

**PC meeting dates 2020**

The PC approved the dates.

18. Date of next meeting: **5<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.05PM**

**APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**WC – Audit agenda 18/6 link**

**WC – Audit minutes 28/5 link**

**WC – Wyre new mayor**

**Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 11/6, 18/6, 25/6, 2/7**

**WC - Flood forum agenda 13/6 & last minutes**

**LCC – July bus service changes**

**WC – Making space for water group minutes**

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

**WC – Planning minutes 5/6 link**

**WC – Standards agenda 20/6 link**

**WC – Flood hub SuDS awareness week campaign**

**WC – Items published 14/6 links**

**WC – Schedule of executive decision 14/6**

**WC – Garstang Scarecrow Festival**

**HAGS play info**

**LALC – Newsletter**

**WC – Licensing agenda 27/6 link**

**WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 26/6 link**

**Wicksteed Play info**

**Schoolscapes Play info**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 27/6 plus decisions x 2**

**WC – Planning agenda 3/7 plus supplement links**

**LCC – Rd maintenance campaign**

**LALC – 50 plus assembly newsletter**

**LALC – information from LCC**