

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes for the PC meeting of 5th September 2019, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School**

**Present: Cllrs Atkinson, Collinson, Kenyon and Hantom, Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech (item 9 onwards), Felicity Greenwood volunteer with B4RN (B4RN item only), the clerk and a member of the public.**

1. Apologies:

**Cllr Cottle  
Cllr Drinnan  
Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner  
Cllr Jonny Leech sent apologies in advance for arriving late  
Police Officer Chris Banks (see item 9)**

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 forms for Cllr Collinson to enable her to be added as a signatory. These were signed by Cllrs Atkinson and Hantom.

**Plaques and village enhancement**

The clerk read the email sent by Cllr Cottle prior to the meeting:

*“Unfortunately the Lottery grant application came to nothing because they said they would not fund a project so closely linked the local authority’s ‘statutory’ responsibilities – though Cllr Drinnan informs me that lighting is not actually a ‘statutory’ responsibility of LCC.*

*Cllr Drinnan is still chasing up Forest of Bowland and we have various people contacting local businesses and individuals who may be able to support us in some way.*

*We have enough money agreed by NWPC and from Bikes & Barrows. Any further contributions will help to defray this money. Therefore, we have agreed that we should get started at the earliest opportunity since we no longer have to wait for decisions on lottery funding. Cllr Drinnan is chasing this up and we have also agreed that the project must not overrun the amount of money available. This has been emphasised to the LCC contact.”*

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

The clerk reported the response from Wyre Council tree officer (Ryan Arrell) on 5<sup>th</sup> July:

*"I believe that the grass area is within Lancashire County Council highways adoption, although Wyre Council tends to the grass cutting. I have copied in Mr Dean from Lancashire County Council to this e-mail as he may wish to comment. I would be happy to attend a site meeting to discuss tree planting options but will not be available next week as I will be on leave."*

This item will be deferred until the next meeting to establish whether Cllr Drinnan has met with Ryan Arrell.

### **B4RN**

Felicity Greenwood explained her role as a volunteer and circulated a plan of the proposed route. She explained that it would cost £50,000 and that funding was not available for this area therefore, it would be necessary to source local investment from residents. The route is limited mainly to going through fields and hedgerows rather than across the highway due to the complexities involved. She provided her contact details to Cllr Collinson and Cllr Atkinson will arrange another meeting with her soon.

### **Millennium Way audit**

The clerk read an email sent to Cllr Atkinson from Alison Bowden (Wyre Council Coast & Countryside Service) as follows:

*"I have been on site with Snr Ranger Graeme Nuttall and we are trying to arrange a meeting with one of our AONB colleagues to see if they can help with the project. After September we should be able to develop a volunteer work party programme along the path. In order to carry out this work we would need to agree with the parish and partners how we can arrange for the funding of the necessary materials to replace the areas of path and fence that need repair."*

This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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

Cllr Atkinson will look into who owns the various benches around the parish in order to have a point of contact in the event that repairs are required.

### **Roadside Mowing**

Cllr Atkinson confirmed that Highways had been in contact. The PC agreed that some improvement had been made as to how the mowing has been carried out but overall, it is still not satisfactory and places are being missed. The clerk was requested to contact Highways again.

## **5. Open forum:**

### **Hedges**

Cllr Atkinson noted Cllr Cottle's comments in a recent email regarding the need for hedge cutting with particular reference to Gubberford Lane and Trough Rd. A member of the public also mentioned the hedge on Station Lane overgrowing and encroaching the footpath. Cllr Atkinson stated that she had observed that now it is September, she has noticed that residents are starting to cut back their hedges. With regard to the hedge on Station Lane, Cllr Kenyon will make a request for this to be cut.

### **Condition of Gubberford Lane & Station Lane**

The clerk stated that an email had been forwarded in which a resident has contacted Highways (Chief Executive Angie Ridgewell) regarding the condition of these two roads expressing dissatisfaction and inviting her to an on-site meeting. The PC concur with the comments made and requested the clerk to contact Highways to reiterate the argument again and also invite them to meet on-site. Cllr Collinson volunteered to meet their representative. Cllr Atkinson has also contacted Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner about this issue.

### **Footpath (Taylor's Farm)**

A member of the public has highlighted that the foot bridge that used to be there has now disappeared, either having collapsed or been removed therefore, walkers now cross further down into private land. The clerk was asked to contact LCC to request the installation of a new foot bridge to make this passable. She will message the main LCC enquiry email address as well as the PRow team, David Goode and Shaun Turner. Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech & Cllr Atkinson requested that they be copied in as well.

### 6. Playing field:

#### **Progress report**

Cllr Cottle absent.

#### **Playground inspection**

The clerk was instructed to arrange this year's inspection.

### 7. Bikes & Barrows:

**None**

### 8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items to discuss are:

#### **Motorsport UK – North West Stages Rally 2020**

The clerk was requested to respond confirming that the PC is supportive of the event but would like to be kept informed. To this end, the clerk said she would send them a list of meeting dates.

### 9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech reported the following:

- ❖ Chris Banks (police) made apologies for his absence.
- ❖ A new DNA kit is being rolled out for farm equipment.
- ❖ There will be a police meet in the village arranged in autumn.
- ❖ Wyre Council are rolling out the new recycling bins in October.
- ❖ The content of the Wyre Voice magazine will be more inclusive of local parishes.
- ❖ He will make enquiries as to whether any funding is available for the upgrade of the play area.

10. Planning:

**LCC/2019/0036** – Replacement 1.8 metre security fencing & gates to front and rear of Scorton C of E Primary School

**Notification of objection with comments sent 26/7 regarding the above.**

**19/00674/LAWE** - Certificate of lawful use for existing use of land as residential curtilage @ Bluebell Barn Higher Lane Scorton

**Notification of no objection sent 17/7 regarding the above.**

**19/00698/FUL** - Variation of condition 2 on planning application 17/00539/FUL to amend internal configuration of living accommodation @ Potters Hill Farm Arkmere Lane Scorton

**Notification of no objection sent 17/7 regarding the above.**

**19/00754/FUL** - Single storey side extension and raised decking to side @ 15 Brook Avenue Scorton

**Notification of no objection sent 30/7 regarding the above.**

**19/00759/REM** - Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 1 detached dwelling (following outline application 16/00396/OUT)(resubmission of 18/00687/REM) @ Plot 1 Wyresdale House Sandwell Brow Scorton

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

**19/00772/FUL** - Conversion of existing barn into ancillary accommodation and extension of residential curtilage for use in association with Brookfield Hall @ Barn At Street Lodge Oakenclough Road Scorton

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

**19/00847/FUL** - Proposed double garage and log store with first floor home office @ Snowhill Barn Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale

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

11. Decision notices(status):

**18/00610/FUL** – (Siting of one holiday chalet @ Park Brook Long Lane Scorton)  
**Permitted**

**18/00060/DIS** – {Discharge of conditions 03 (materials), 04 (construction management plan), 06 (surface water drainage scheme), 07 (hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatments), 08 (trees), 10 (amphibian method statement), 11 (contamination desk study and site investigations), 12 (bins and waste plan) on application 18/00060/FUL} **UNKNOWN**

**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 **Permitted**

**LCC/2019/0036** – Replacement 1.8 metre security fencing & gates to front and rear of Scorton C of E Primary School **Withdrawn**

12. Highways:

**Refer item 5.**

13. Lengthsman:

**Jobs undertaken**

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet.

**Jobs to be done**

Cut back the vegetation obscuring the village gateway sign. Cllr Collinson will inform him.

14. Village Hall:

**No update**

15. Finance:

**account update**

The clerk will report the balance at the next meeting.

**Lengthsman invoice June - £656.50** paid August

**Lengthsman invoice July - £429.00** paid August

**Playing field mowing (payable to Lengthsman) June - £240.00** paid August

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Items approved for payment:

**Lengthsman invoice August - £559.00** (Cheque given to Cllr Collinson)

**Playing field mowing (payable to Lengthsman) August x 2 cuts - £160.00**  
(Cheque given to Cllr Collinson)

**Scorton village website domain and hosting fees (payable to J Golton) - £153.57**  
(Cheque given to Cllr Collinson)

**Dolphinholme village hall donation - £600**  
(Cheque given to Cllr Hantom)

**Scorton village hall donation - £1000**  
(Cheque given to Cllr Kenyon)

**Scorton Methodist Chapel (Scorton taxi) donation - £200**  
(Cheque given to Cllr Collinson)

16. Health & Safety:

**No health and safety concerns raised.**

17. Points of interest:

**Village transport**

It was noted that the MP Cat Smith had visited the village and she had been informed about the lack of bus service. She has written to Stagecoach who will not reinstate the service. No further action is required at this time as the Scorton taxi service is working effectively.

18. Date of next meeting: **17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.55PM**

**APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**Clerks & Councils Direct magazine**

**Creative Play info**

**Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural funding digest July & August**

**WC – Planning agenda supplement & minutes 3/7 links**

**WC – Council agenda & minutes 11/7 links**

**WC – Employment & appeals agenda and minutes 15/7 links**

**WC – Items published 8/7 links**

**WC – Schedule of executive decisions 27/6, 11/7, 19/7, 26/7**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 10 8/7 links**

**Rural services Network – Rural bulletin 9/7, 16/7, 23/7, 30/7, 6/8, 13/8, 13/8, 20/8**

**LCC – Parish & town council newsletter summer 2019**

**WC – Climate change**

**WC – Licensing minutes 27/6 link**

**WC – Items published 12/7 links**

**WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda & minutes 22/7 links**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 7 16/7 links**

**LCC – Outcome of proposal to close Bleasdale School**

**WC – Licensing agenda & minutes 25/7 links**

**WC – Items published 18/7 links**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions 25/7 & 5/8 links**

**WC – Items published 19/7 link**

**LCC – Bus service changes Aug & Sept**

**WC – Audit agenda & minutes 30/7 links**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 9 22/7 links**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 9 23/7 links**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 6 24/7 links**

**WC – Wyre business awards 2019**

**LCR magazine**

**WC – YMCA Garstang leisure facilities investment**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 2 25/7 links**

**WC – Items published 26/7 links**

**WC – Licensing agenda and minutes 6/8 links**

**WC – Flood Forum notes 13/6**

**LALC – Trading Standards alert**

**LALC – Elections survey**

**WC – Wyre adopted local plan**

**LCC – registration of historic rights of way cut off date 2026**

**WC – Planning agenda & minutes 7/8 links**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 2 31/7 links**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 2 5/8 links**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions 9/8 links**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 3 9/8 links**

**LALC – Finance & chairmanship workshops**

**Motorsport UK – North West Stages Rally 2020 see item 8**

**WC – Flood Forum report (section 19)**