

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 7th November 2019, 7.30PM @ Scorton Primary School

Present: Cllrs Cottle, Atkinson and Kenyon, the clerk and a member of the public

1. Apologies:

Cllr Collinson

Cllr Hantom

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):

Village enhancement

Cllr Drinnan absent. Cllr Cottle stated that the Forest of Bowland has agreed to make a contribution but he does not know how much.

Grass area (Wyresdale Crescent)

The clerk reported that Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner had not yet supplied a point of contact for LCC. Deferred until next meeting.

B4RN

Cllr Atkinson stated that 5 people have so far agreed to contribute £1,500 each. She will discuss further at the next meeting once she has received a further update.

Millennium Way audit

Cllr Atkinson has emailed with Alison Bowden (Wyre Council Coast & Countryside Service) but is yet to receive a response.

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

As above.

Road sweeping request (Gubberford Lane)

The clerk to report the response from Wyre Council on 30th Oct as follows:

“The 652 sweeper works on a rota of 16 area’s. Gubberford Lane would be on area 15, this area was done 28th oct 19. The sweeper usually completes his rota approximately once a month depending on additional work (leaves) and the weather. The driver states that he only sweeps where there is a kerb edge and Gubberford lane does not have much kerb edging.”

Hedges Station Lane

Cllr Atkinson stated that one side has been done and the other is in hand. She suggested monitoring before the next meeting and making a request to cut if it has not been done by then.

Harrisend Fell

The clerk reported the update from Highways via Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner regarding the work required as follows:

“An emergency closure was put in place following a carriageway collapse at Harris End Fell on Oakenclough Road. The road will be closed to through traffic between Long Lane and Delph Lane until necessary carriageway works are completed. We have initially indicated a 6 week closure (until 29/10/19), however, subject to what we find from excavating the collapsed area, this may need to be extended. This information is now on our roadworks bulletin:

<http://mario.lancashire.gov.uk/roadworks/bulletin.aspx?district=Wyre>.

We are aware of the large dip in the road near to the cattle grid, and this will be investigated during the road closure.”

5. Open forum:

Tapping rail (Millennium Way)

A member of the public said that this is collapsing. Cllr Atkinson stated that she had discussed this with Alison Bowden. She is awaiting contact from her (refer item 4 Millenniumm Way Audit).

Blocked gullies

It was confirmed that Highways have attended to the gullies on Gubberford Lane recently.

6. Playing field:

No progress report

7. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle reported that for next year there will be a 2 day event at the usual time of the 1st weekend in May.

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Removal of Nan's Nook footbridge (between Junctions 32 & 33)

Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner sent the clerk an email update prior to the meeting from David Goode (LCC) on 6th November as follows:

"Yesterday there was a very productive meeting between Highways England and Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way officers. We have agreed a plan which we will implement together to ensure that users of the M6 are kept safe, the best long-term solution for the Wyre Way is implemented and the temporary closure of that section of the footpath will be managed as smoothly as possible.

The bridge is due for demolition in January 2020 when traffic flows on the motorway are lowest. As soon as possible Highways England will make an application for diversion of the footpath which currently crosses the bridge – for the diverted footpath it is proposed to utilise the walkway underneath the motorway (Foxhouses Bridge) with kissing gates installed at each side of the motorway for stock control. As the diversion will not be completed before the bridge is due for removal there will need to be a temporary closure with walkers signed over the road bridge – this should coincide with a relatively low period of use of the footpaths.

Discussions with the landowners will involve a joint approach by Lancashire County Council and Highways England and consultation with all interested parties will then begin as soon as possible.

We will try to keep you all informed but if you have any specific questions please contact Ros Paulson, Public Path Order Officer, at ros.paulson@lancashire.gov.uk"

10. Planning:

19/01096/REM - REM for the appearance, layout and scale of 1 det dwelling with associated landscaping (following outline aa of 16/00969/out) @ land adj to Wyresdale House, Sandwell Brow, Scorton

The Parish Council had no comments or objections to the above application.

11. Decision notices(status):

19/00754/FUL – (Single storey side extension and raised decking to side @ 15 Brook Avenue Scorton) **Permitted**

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) **Permitted**

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) **Permitted**

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

12. Highways:

Blocked gullies

Cllr Cottle stated that there were several blocked gullies that were an issue. Cllr Atkinson stated that these could be reported online and suggested that he could do this. Cllr Cottle agreed.

Gubberford Lane road surface (river bridge to A6)

The PC requested the clerk to contact Cabus Parish Council to inform them that Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner has assured the PC that this section of road in their parish will be put forward as a priority for resurfacing/redressing work. The PC asked her to enquire whether this has been discussed at their meetings and what the latest position is. They suggested that Cabus PC could liaise with Shaun Turner to give more weight to the request for remedial works.

13. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

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

Jobs to be done

None.

14. Village Hall:

No update

15. Finance:

6 month account update

The clerk reported the latest balance @ start of October is **£17,249.83**. After expenses for the rest of the year are deducted, the approx. end of year balance should be **£7,264.69**. (October's playing field mowing has not been included in the expenses as it was not received at the time of preparing the document).

Precept 2020/21

The PC unanimously approved the precept of **£17,415.00**.

Website accessibility

The clerk explained that there is new legislation called WCAG 2 which means that all public sector websites have to ensure their content is available to all disabled users. This is mandatory. She explained that if parishes consider the cost of ensuring compliance is too high, there is a get out clause which means that parishes can create an accessibility statement citing a disproportionate burden on resources. She explained that she is unable to complete an accessibility statement as this must include which parts of the website are not compliant and why. For this to be done, an assessment must be carried out on each website. She received a quote from one company of £3,500. She has since got another quote from AbilityNet. Quote 2 ensures compliance and the cost of £1,644 would be split between the 4 parishes as the checks include a spread of pages between the 4 sites (£411 per parish). This quote does NOT include any remedial action to the sites which would be an additional cost.

She will assess what her other parishes intend to do in their meetings this month. So far, Nateby are not going ahead with the accessibility check at this time due to the size of the precept.

AbilityNet has done a fresh quote removing the mobile audit which is not required because the sites are not interactive. Due to the fact that Nateby are not going ahead with the assessment, the revised Quote of £2,048 would only be split three ways (potentially between Nether Wyresdale, Winmarleigh and Cockerham if they were agreeable).

She has sent all legislative information to Computer Solutions who set up the three parish websites as well as Steve Elliot who deals with the Scorton Village website. Computer Solutions has stated that in relation to Nateby, Winmarleigh and Cockerham sites, the google sites have limited scope for change but if a report was prepared, he would take a look at the recommendations.

Steve Elliot (Nether Wyresdale's contact) is also looking into options for tools to check for accessibility. She will await feedback from him.

The clerk stated that she has contacted the Lancashire Association of Local Councils who has confirmed that no funding is available at present to meet these requirements.

The PC unanimously agreed that the cost of having an assessment done is a disproportionate burden and they agreed not to factor it into the precept. Cllr Cottle has consulted with LALC and they have suggested waiting for clearer advice and do nothing at the moment. The clerk was asked to contact Dave Sharples (LALC) for him to add this as an agenda item so that they can discuss options for the smaller parishes.

Items approved for payment:

Lengthsman invoice October – fees £383.50 plus fuel £14.74 - £398.24

The clerk suggested completing two further cheques for Nov and Dec which she can issue once approved. The PC agreed. Cllr Kenyon took the October cheque to give to the lengthsman.

The Play inspection Company (playground inspection) - £78.00

Defibrillator pads - £90.00 Given to Cllr Atkinson

Lengthsman grass cutting October - £160.00 Given to Cllr Kenyon

Item to discuss:

War memorial upgrade

Cllr Cottle suggested that the PC could make a contribution of £200-£300. The PC agreed in principle but this item will be put on the next agenda for formal approval and to decide upon the final amount.

16. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

17. Points of interest:

None

18. Date of next meeting: **30th January 2020**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.30PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

Wicksteed Play info

Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 8/10, 15/10, 22/10, 29/10

WC – Items published 4/10 links

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 4/10, 23/10

WC – Licensing minutes 26/9 link

WC – Items published 8/10 links

WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 16/10 link

WC – Review of district & polling place review 2019 (deadline 5th Nov)

WC – Council minutes 3/10 link

WC – Portfolio holder agenda decision 17/10 link

WC – Overview & scrutiny agenda & minutes 21/10 link

LALC – Lancs 50 plus assembly and champions newsletter October

Charity commission news Oct

HAGS play info (brochure by post)

Grid Recycle – Turning old wheelie bins into picnic tables

LCC – Nov bus service changes

LCC – Rd closure Star Bank, Bay Horse 3/12-5/12

WC – Press release: recycling single use plastic and acting on climate change

WC – Wyre Voice request for news

WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 17/10 links

LCC – Severe weather Communications

LCR magazine

WC – Employment & appeals agenda 28/10 link

WC – Items published 23/10 links

WC – Licensing agenda 31/10 link

LCC – Winter bulletin

WC - Portfolio holder decisions 1/11 link