

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 21st March 2024, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

**Present: Cllrs Collinson, Elliott, Atkinson, Gledhill, Thompson and Stephen,
Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker and the clerk**

1. Apologies:

None

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

None – The clerk was requested to contact the new police Sgt to request regular reports for the area.

5. Matters arising (from previous meeting/s):

Tree planting (Church field)

Cllr Gledhill confirmed that the diocese has granted permission for a hedgerow to be put in from the top of the field to the bowling green (70 metres approx). The Woodland Trust will be contacted. Cllr Gledhill will continue to pursue.

SpID

Cllr Gledhill tried to obtain funding but the deadline was missed. 2 SpIDs would cost approx. £7000. He stated that in order to raise the profile and potentially access money for this, complaints should be made via the police website so that they can build a picture and respond to the pattern of complaints. Details of where to report will be uploaded onto the website. He stated that St Michaels have been experiencing difficulties trying to get a speed device.

Cllr Gledhill stated that he applied for the police volunteer team. He has been vetted and been on training to handle speed guns. The police are keen to press home the message of doing 20MPH in villages and as part of this initiative, he could be called to surrounding villages to undertake speed monitoring.

Dog Fouling

The clerk reported the response from Wyre Council Alison Boden on 26th February, further to report of dog fouling at Nicky Nook.

Cllr Atkinson supplied some signage which will be erected.

The PC agreed that Cllr Collinson will look into making enquiries regarding having a bin at the car park on Snowhill Lane.

Parish tax base

The clerk reported on the response from Wyre Council (on 29th Jan) as to how they arrive at the parish tax base. The clerk was asked to respond as the PC would like clarification as to why the tax is so diverse across different areas and what the methodology of the calculation is.

20/00182/FUL WC Planning Enforcement

The clerk reported the response from Roger Longden on 8th March which states that the car park is for public use. The clerk was asked to respond to say that the signs appear to be misleading and would request that they look into this to see if they need to be removed. It was confirmed that there is also a sign directing traffic left when it is a two way road and the PC are concerned about this as well as the lack of progress with the creation of the footpath to Nicky Nook. The clerk will raise these matters with Enforcement.

Drains (various) & “report it” APP

The clerk reported the response from Highways 7th Feb who have confirmed they have logged the various issues raised:

Gubberford Lane – 534617

The Square – 530533

Wyresdale Crescent / Factory Brow – 534620

Long Lane – 534646

Cleveley Bank Lane – 534643

Oakenclough Road – 534651

The clerk has received an email on 11th March stating that the works for all of these have been raised for jetting and cleaning but this is yet to commence.

Cllr Collinson stated that the Highways reporting APP has issues and reports jobs as closed when they have not been done. She confirmed that she has made several reports this month regarding Gubberford Lane. The PC agreed that the clerk should raise the issues with the APP and make a request for resurfacing Gubberford Lane to Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner to ascertain when Gubberford Lane will be on the resurfacing programme, due to the health and safety implications with cyclists swerving to avoid the potholes.

The clerk was further requested to raise the recent road closure on Long Lane (near the junction of Cleveley Bank Lane) where despite interventions, there is a flooding issue that persists.

Poor repair of Tithebarn Lane bridge

The clerk reported the response from Highways on 8th February (see appendix 2). The clerk was asked to email Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner to state that the PC are not satisfied by the repair.

Noticeboard

Cllr Thompson provided an image of a sprayed aluminium sage green noticeboard. Following discussion, it was agreed that he should get a mock up of what this would look like. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Open forum:

Pedestrian safety under bridges

The clerk relayed details of an email from a member of the public which included an image of Sedgwick Aqueduct in Cumbria. The PC considered this. No action agreed.

7. Playing field:

Commemorative benches

Following discussion (further to Cllr Collinson's email 6/3) as to how to secure this in place, it was agreed that the bench should be positioned on the Millennium Way and screw it to the backboard.

LEF Funding

Cllr Collinson stated that the grant for £40,000 has not been awarded and the reason has not been given. The clerk was asked to contact Lancashire County Councillor Shaun Turner due to his involvement with LEF, for him to clarify the reason the grant was refused and get feedback as to what the PC can do to apply successfully in future.

8. Bikes & Barrows:

No Matter raised.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the funds should not be transferred to the PC account and that this item be removed from future agendas.

9. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

10. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker stated that there is no update for this area at present.

11. Planning:

Application number	Description	Resolved PC comments
24/00130/FUL	Erection of single storey, rear and side extension following demolition of existing side extension @ 4 Brook Avenue Scorton	Notification of no objection sent 20/02.
24/00159/FUL	Proposed erection of a private stables following demolition of existing Buildings @ Broadfall, Gubberford Lane Scorton	The PC has no comments or objections.

12. Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
21/00227/DIS	(Erection of one detached dwelling (design amendments following reserved matters approval 19/00759/REM)@ Lake View, Sandwell Brow). Approval of details in regards to conditions 3 (Watching Brief), 4 (Gas protection), 5 (Air source), 8 (Materials), Condition 10 (noise mitigation measures), 11 (Drainage Scheme) and 14 (EVCP) on planning permission 21/00227/FUL @ Plot 1 Sandwell Brow Scorton Preston Lancashire PR3 1BW	Split decision
23/01158/LBC	Listed Building Consent for change of use of existing agricultural shippon to form dining hall (Class E(b)) with reception, bar, storage areas and two toilets. @ Wyresdale Park Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale	Permitted

13. Highways:

Refer item 5.

14. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk circulated the latest time sheet via email.

Jobs to be done

Phone box painting and fixing bench on Millennium Way.

Lengthsman contract 2024-25

Given to Cllr Collinson for her and the lengthsman to sign.

15. Village Hall:

Scorton village hall

The PC discussed the viability of the hall and thought it would be a good idea to encourage the school, village hall and other interested parties to collaborate to create resources for the village in the future. Cllr Collinson will look into.

Dolphinholme village hall

Cllr Atkinson stated that some renovation work was planned and they would like donations for this. Following discussion, it was agreed that they should provide more information and costings. Cllr Atkinson will liaise with them about this. The clerk stated that this is usually discussed in October.

16. Finance:

account update

The clerk confirmed latest balance as at 4th March is **£20,422.83**

Items approved for payment (March):

Scorton Methodist Chapel (hire of room for PC meetings 2023/24) - £105.00 Cheque given to Cllr Elliott

Clerk stationery expenses - £45.60

Microsoft Office annual subscription - £16.00

Beckett Rawcliffe (Clerk's PAYE & Pension admin) - £240.00

Lengthsman invoice February – £374.00 Cheque given to Cllr Collinson

Items approved for payment (April):

Lengthsman co-ordinator fee 2024/25 - £75

LALC subscription – Not received yet.

TEEC (PC website hosting) – Not received yet.

N.B. Extra cheques signed for the lengthsman's March and April payments (as usual procedure) which will be completed once approved.

Items paid:

Lengthsman invoice January - £578.00 (paid 12/02/24)

Item discussed:

Community Futures membership options

Following discussion, it was agreed that there should be no donation, just completion of the form for associate membership.

17. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns save for Gubberford Lane (item 5).

18. Points of interest:

Policies and procedures

The PC discussed the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessment and agreed that there are no amendments or additions. Regarding the internal audit, the clerk confirmed that the audit will be carried out by William Richmond (retired accountant, Towers and Gornall) same as in previous years.

19. Date of next meeting: **23rd May 2024 including AGM**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.10PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

LCC – Parish & Town Council newsletter Jan 24

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda & minutes 15/1 link

Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 9/1, 16/1, 23/1, 30/1, 6/2, 13/2, 20/2, 27/2

WC – Planning agenda, supplement & minutes 10/1 links

RSN – Rural Funding Digest Jan & Feb

NALC – Newsletter 10/1, 17/1, 24/1

NALC – Chief executives bulletin 10/1, 18/1, 25/1

WC – Cabinet minutes 10/1 link

LCC – Lancashire Warm Spaces grant scheme round 3

WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 19/1 link

LCC – Bus service changes Feb & March

Hedgehogsrus – Hedgehog highway project

WC – Climate change strategy

WC – Flood Forum minutes 14/12

WC – Council agenda, supplement & minutes 25/1 link

WC – The Flood Hub quarterly report

LALC – Wyre Area agenda 31/1 & prev minutes & meeting info (x2)

LCC – Rd closure Legend Fires event amendment

Lancs Fire & Rescue – Newsletter

WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 19/1 link

LCC – Final week of Lancashire devolution consultation

WC – Draft climate change strategy consultation

WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 1/2 link

LCC – Rd closure Factory Brow 15/4

WC - Planning agenda, supplement & minutes 7/2 links

LCC – Rd closure Wagon Rd Dolphinholme 1/2-5/2

WC – Items published 1/2 links

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 1/2 link

WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 4 1/2 links

LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts Feb

LALC – Wyre Area meeting – Police and Crime commissioner budget

**North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce – Low carbon programme
energy & environment
audit**

LALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party invite to chair

WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 14/2 link

WC – Planning Policy newsletter Feb

LCC – Rd closure Factory Brow 15/4

WC – Employment & Appeals agenda & minutes 9/2 link

WC – Licensing agenda & minutes 20/2 link

LALC – Updates Feb

LCC – Rd closure Gubberford Lane 21/04/24 x 2

Fawns Playground info

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda 26/2 link

WC- Audit and Standards agenda 27/2 link

LCC – 80th anniversary of D Day (lighting of beacons)

LCC – Portrait of the King

LALC – Wyre Area minutes 31/1

WC - Overview & Scrutiny youth ASB Task Group guidance notes

WC – Mayor Charity Ball invite 6/4

WC – Press release: proposal regeneration projects Garstang consultation

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda & supplement 6/3 links

WC – Planning agenda 6/3 link

Streetscape – info play equipment

WC – Flood Forum 21/3

WC – Council agenda 7/3 link

APPENDIX 2

Highways response 8th February regarding Tithebarn Lane bridge:

According to our records, the lean to the wall and the overhang of the coping stones are long standing, with a similar appearance found as far back as 2012. Whilst we have completed some repairs, these repairs replicated the existing lean to prevent having to take the wall down to the level of the bridge and rebuild the whole parapet. We are satisfied that the bridge remains safe for all to use.

We will continue to inspect the bridge as part of our cyclic inspections and respond to any reports of damage caused to the bridge following a collision. However, at this time we have no further work to the bridge planned.

Yours sincerely

Laura Barlow
District Lead Officer