

Nether Wyresdale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting

27th November 2025 Scorton Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

In attendance:

Cllr Elliott (Chair), Cllr Gledhill, Cllr Hesketh, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Collinson

LCC Cllr Tomlinson

Clerk - Roger Hacking

5 members of the public also attended.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Walker (WBC) & PC Duff

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

All Cllrs in attendance approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

3. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal / prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest or there is a disclosable pecuniary interest, then the individual member should not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter.
- No personal or prejudicial interest to declare.

4. Police Report

- No report received. (Clerk to request a report for the next meeting)

5. Matters Discussed

- **SPiD installation** - Cllr Gledhill provided an update stating that the three posts have now been erected in the village by LCC. Also the SpID device and solar panel have been delivered and were installed on Station Lane on the 26th November 2025. The SpID is now working and collecting data. The plan is to set the SpID such that it doesn't light up for 2 weeks but still collects data, and then switch the display back on, such that the two data sets can then be compared. This is so we can understand the impact of the device. It is planned to move the device to one of the other posts in the Village after about 6 weeks.
- **War Memorial**, Cllr Atkinson has applied to the relevant authority for listed status for the War memorial, awaiting response, which could take 6 months.
- **IT Policy** - Clerk to publish the IT Policy on the NWPC web site.

- **Gate for the 'Permissive Path'** - from the St Peter's Church to Gubberford Lane. Funding has been awarded from the LCC Community Grant (£950). Discussions have been held with the Church Wardens and School Head regarding potential funding sources to address the shortfall in funding required to complete the install. Cllr Collinson to contact the Church to seek further funding.
- **Defibrillator** - Cllr Elliott has approached an organisation called London Hearts who offer defibrillators at a discounted price.
- **Wyre Borough Council Conservation Area consultation** - several members of the public and parish councillors attended this meeting. Whilst it was appreciated that Wyre BC had not changed the boundary of the conservation area it was felt by Cllrs that several important features of the village of Scorton had been overlooked. Cllr Collinson to discuss with Mr P Drinnan the possibility of writing a response on behalf of the village.
- **New Bank Account** - it was agreed that we should switch our bank account to a Community Account offered by Lloyds.
- **Play Ground Equipment** - Cllr Thompson agreed to apply for funding from the LCC Environmental Fund, in order that a replacement for the play area crocodile can be purchased.
- **Dolphinholme & Scorton Village Hall Donations** - it was agreed by all Cllrs that donations should be made to the two Village Halls as follows: Scorton £1,200, Dolphinholme £400.
- **Sowing the Seeds – Your Rural Views Matter** - Cllr Atkinson attended this session run by Lancaster and Wyre Councils. It was a fact finding event covering Farming, Diversification and Infrastructure. Should a report be produced in the future this will be forwarded to Cllrs.
- **Precept 2026/7** - Cllrs agreed that the Nether Wyresdale Parish Council Precept for 2026/7 should be set at £29,000. The Clerk is to notify Wyre BC at the appropriate time.
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6. Planning Applications and Notices

Application Number	Description	NWPC Comments
25/00741/FUL	Erection of agricultural storage building (resubmission of 07/00539/FUL) (pursuant to variation of condition 5 (Agricultural use) on permission ref (07/01069/FUL)	Objected. Determination Date: 4 Nov 2025 Following representation by a member of the public informing of the Class Q status and the agr. building being built in 2007, Cllrs agreed to review its decision.
25/00744/FUL	Change of use of first floor above garage from ancillary to holiday accommodation and siting of external staircase (retrospective) Snowhill House	NWPC Comments submitted highlighting several concerns. Determination Date: 12 Nov 2025
25/00753/FUL	Anglers Cottage Snowhill: Single storey rear extension to pair of cottages, new porch and pedestrian access to one	Determination Date: 17 Nov 2025
25/00754/LBC	Anglers Cottage Snowhill:	Determination Date: 17 Nov 2025

	Listed Building Consent for a single storey rear extension to pair of cottages, new porch and pedestrian access to one.	
25/00803/FUL	Stone Tree, The Square Rear Extension	No Objection
25/00807/LAWP	Broadfall, Gubberford Lane Proposed change of use of land from agricultural to forestry	No Objection
25/00867/FUL	Bracken Lea Farm, Trough Road Proposed erection of agricultural building & roof over existing cattle feed yard	No Objection
25/00876/LAWP	Scorton Hall, Factory Brow Lawful development certificate for installation of 12 solar roof panels	No Objection
25/00902/FUL	Scorton Hall, Factory Brow Conversion of existing garage to form additional living accommodation	Once the garage is converted what will be the provision for parking? Have the neighbours been informed of the proposed install of two skylights?
25/00920/FUL	Bluebell Barn, Higher Lane Proposed erection of two storey rear / side extension	No Objection

Pending Decision:

Application number	Description	NWPC comments
25/00868/AGR	Erection of an Agricultural building (silage) Bracken Lea Farm, Trough Road	No objection
25/00869/AGR	Erection of an Agricultural building (machinery, hay) Bracken Lea Farm, Trough Road	No objection
22/01169	Woodside, Higher Lane Approval of details	

Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
25/00160/FUL	Broadfall, Gubberford Lane Erection of a new agricultural building	Application Permitted

25/00616/FUL	Little Nook Cottage, Factory Brow 1 st & 2 nd floor extension & internal works	Application Permitted
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Building Controls:

Application number	Description	Status
BN/25/10650	Fellside: Single storey rear extension	On-going

7. Highways

- It was noted that the hedges on Station Lane before the Railway Bridge have been trimmed.

8. Lengthsman project updates

- Jobs to be undertaken, Cllrs requested that the Lengthsman clears the leaves from the gullies along Long Lane, from Scorton Village, as far as time allows.

9. Village Hall

- Cllrs Thompson and Hesketh have agreed to assist the Village Hall in the review of the pricing structure and costs but await contact from the Village Hall.

10. Financial & Governance Matters

- **Payments Made:**

LCC SpID posts delivery and install (including install of the device and solar panel)
£2,340

Trim hedges on Springfield Gardens and tarmac £220

Elan City UK SpID device and associated solar panel £3,107.99

Cllr Gledhill Jubilee Clips for the solar panel and SpiD install £15.32

- **Current Account Balance & Forecast:**

Balance on 4 November: **£28,757.13**

End of Year Balance Forecast given current expenditure and assuming budget spent in full: **£12,366**

- **Governance:**

The Parish Council is required to publish on our web sites copies of the Cllr's Declaration of Interest forms.

The AGAR Compliance documents to be published on the Parish Council's web site.

New .gov.uk e:mail addresses for Cllrs issued.

11. Public participation

- It was noted that the Street Lighting on Station Lane was inadequate for pedestrians, LCC Highways to be informed of our concerns.

12. Date of next meeting

- 29th January 2026

13. Dates for 2026:

- March 5th
- May 7th includes AGM
- June 25th
- Sept 3rd
- Oct 8th
- Nov 5th PRECEPT