

## NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the PC meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

**Present: Cllrs Collinson, Elliott and Gledhill, Mike Halford (Mayor of Garstang),  
Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker a member of the public and the clerk**

1. Apologies:

**Cllr Atkinson**

**Cllr Thompson**

**Sgt Jones (Police)**

2. Declarations of Interest:

**None**

3. Minutes from last meeting:

**Signed as a correct record.**

4. Police report:

**Request for donation – see item 15.**

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

**Lancashire Community Orchard Grant**

Cllr Elliott confirmed that he has applied for the grant.

**Blocked drains (Wagon Rd)**

The clerk reported the response from Highways on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. See Appendix 2.

She also stated that the member of the public has sent subsequent emails. He has stated that (13/12) throughout his correspondence with Highways he has referred to “several drains servicing the road on the hill descending into Lower Dolphinholme” and during initial telephone conversations, he is fairly certain were identified to that effect. He said that there are other drains situated approaching the southern end of the road at the crossroads and he recalls some time ago that they received attention, he thinks in the mistaken belief that these were the drains in question.

The latest email on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan reported that his basement had been flooded on New Year’s Eve as a result of the ingress of water from the road, that damage has been caused and he wishes to make a claim. He is unsure how to proceed and wishes the PC’s advice and also to take up the matter with Highways (Mark Stevenson) on his behalf.

The PC discussed the matter.

**RESOLVED:**

That the clerk should respond to the member of the public confirming their support but stating that they were unable to offer any legal advice.

That the clerk contact Highways and request details (with map) of drains that have been cleared and dates of when these were done, as well as invite a representative to attend the next meeting to discuss this and other unresolved Highways issues.

**Six arches gate**

Further to discussion at the last meeting, Cllr Collinson reported that this is NOT a Public Right of Way.

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk should contact Highways and ask them to address concerns about lighting on the well used walking route, in particular, from Station Lane railway bridge to the A6 (exit north) to facilitate access for wheelchair/disabled users.

**Potholes (Tinkers Lane)**

The clerk reported the response from Highways on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. See appendix 3.

**SpID**

Cllr Gledhill stated that he was awaiting the outcome of any repairs to the playing field in order to ascertain whether the PC could afford a SpID.

The PC discussed and confirmed that funding for Play area repairs which can be extensive, is an issue. Suggestions were made, including engaging the help of Community Futures (to which the PC are subscribed) and in relation to cost savings on the SpID, the potential sharing of SpID's with other parishes as part of collaborative working.

Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker agreed to liaise with the Community Engagement team @ Wyre Council to find out if they can assist with funding.

Cllr Gledhill requested the clerk to send him again the contact details of the LCC contact Alan Cox so that he can arrange a meeting about potential sites etc.

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk asked Nateby PC if they would consider loaning their SpID.

6. Open forum:

**Memorial bench**

The clerk asked Cllr Collinson whether she had received any clarification from the member of the public as to which bench he is referring to that he wishes to replace/repair. Cllr Collinson stated that she has had no further contact from him.

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk contact the member of the public for further clarification and a photo.

### **Blocked drains (several locations Gubberford Lane)**

It was reported that several of these had been reported previously by a member of the public (email) as well as Cllr Collinson (via the APP) but many are still unresolved. Refer decision under item 5 (Blocked drains, Wagon Rd).

### 7. Playing field:

#### **Section 106 funds**

Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker will chase this up.

#### **Playground inspection report**

The PC discussed things identified for action including climbing frame, hammock swing, swing seat and Crocodile.

Actions to date are replacement of the couplings for Hammock swing (confirmed by Cllr Collinson 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Jan).

The clerk clarified that certain items on the asset register are still relevant including step bollards and larch poles. It was stated that these are still there but have no real value (hence why they are not on the Play Inspection Company's stock list). The clerk will retain on the register but not under replacement cost for insurance purposes.

The clerk also clarified the number of dogs signs. There are 3 noted on the register. It was confirmed that there is now only 1. The clerk will amend accordingly.

#### **Funding for play area repairs**

Refer item 5 SpID discussion.

### 8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Items discussed:

#### **Potential merge of Wyre rural villages with Blackpool**

The PC discussed an email from a Wyre cllr on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec and a further email from Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker stated that under the devolution plans there is a plan to split into possibly 3 or 4 areas (based on a population size of a half to 1 million people) as well as removing the current two tier system. There are plans for a regional mayor. Effectively, the current district councils will become defunct and be restructured. LCC elections will go ahead and there is no timescale for implementation as yet.

#### **Wyre Area Committee - Wednesday 29th January 2025**

Cllr Elliott attended and provided a report:

- ❖ It was the AGM and Jan Finch was appointed as chair.
- ❖ Police confirmed 1000 reported crimes and figures were provided from Sept -Dec broken down as follows: 25 burglaries, 121 thefts, 19 drug related and 51 car crime.

- ❖ Wyre Council's Director of Corporate Support discussed devolution.
- ❖ There are proposed changes to waste collection and additional bins will be provided next year specifically for food waste.
- ❖ Best Kept Village was discussed.

RESOLVED: That the Best Kept Village item should be put on the next agenda for further discussion as to how the PC could be involved.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker discussed the following:

- ❖ Devolution (refer item 8 correspondence).
- ❖ Budget briefing – this meeting will be coming up in the next week or so.

10. Planning:

Application number	Description	Resolved PC comments

11. Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
<b>24/00447/FUL</b>	Retrospective application for the erection of a domestic garage for Snowhill House, with 2 self-contained holiday accommodation units (C3) on the first-floor, and addition of external staircase @ Snowhill House Snowhill Lane Nether Wyresdale	<b>Refused</b>
<b>24/00889/FUL</b>	Proposed extension of existing front dormer and new porch, single storey rear extension and addition of rear dormer, extension to existing garage and widening of driveway entrance by 1 metre @ Wardenlea Station Lane Scorton	<b>Permitted</b>
<b>21/01055/DIS</b>	Erection of equine/agricultural building (following removal of two metal containers) @ Lane Head Trough Road Scorton DIS Approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (manure storage) & 5 (biodiversity)	<b>Accepted</b>

**Plan 23/00954/FUL (Greenark Nursery, Tithebarn Lane)**

It was noted that the site has still not been cleared of plastic containers since the application was refused.

RESOLVED: That the clerk contact Roger Longden (WC planning enforcement) to make him aware of this.

## 12. Highways:

### **Tithebarn Lane (Opposite Cadent gas substation)**

Further to the email sent to Highways by Cllr Collinson on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan, the clerk reported that she had sent a reminder via the Highways District lead email address and is awaiting a response.

### **Rd Flooding**

Further to the email sent to Highways by Cllr Collinson on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan (regarding Broadfall and between Wyre View and Brookfield on Gubberford Lane, as well as the bend @ Park Brook), the clerk reported that she had sent a reminder via the Highways District lead email address and is awaiting a response.

## 13. Lengthsman:

### **Jobs undertaken**

The latest time sheet etc circulated via email prior to meeting.

### **Jobs to be done**

None raised.

## 14. Village Hall:

### **No update**

## 15. Finance:

### **account update**

The clerk provided figures @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan as **£35,990.03**.

Items approved for payment:

**Lengthsman invoice December - £672.00** (including £136.50 PRoW) Given to cllr Collinson  
2 further cheques signed in readiness for Jan and Feb invoices.

**The Play Inspection Company (Playing field inspection) - £108.30**

**Police - Request for donation towards sustainable transport for rural areas - £150.00**

To be paid when Sgt Jones attends the next meeting.

Item discussed:

### **Biodiversity funds**

Cllr Elliott reported that he had approached school but has received no response.

The PC discussed how to spend these funds and it was suggested that some bird boxes, bat boxes and a bug hotel could be purchased (perhaps as part of the Best Kept Village).

**RESOLVED:** That this is discussed further at the next meeting.

Item paid:

**Lengthsman invoice November - £569.93** (paid 09/12/24)  
(£378 fees less £35.07 o/paid petrol, plus £147 PRow plus £80 Grass cutting)

16. Health & Safety:

**No concerns raised.**

17. Points of interest:

**Apologies for next meeting**

Wyre Cllr Walker submitted apologies.

18. Date of next meeting: **6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**As there was no further business, the meeting concluded @ 9.20PM**

## **APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 3 15/11 links**

**WC – Press release: affordable housing delivery programme**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda 25/11 link**

**WC – Claim your own free tree**

**WC – Wyre in Bloom winners**

**WC – Free Christmas parking in Wyre**

**WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 27/11 link**

**Rural Services network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 19/11, 26/11, 3/12, 10/12, 17/12, 7/1, 14/1**

**WC – Cabinet agenda 27/11 link**

**LCC – Rd closure (Oakenclough Rd) 27/1-31/5 x 2**

**WC – Council agenda, supplement & minutes 28/11 link**

**NALC – Chief executive bulletin 21/11, 28/11. 5/12, 19/12, 09/01, 16/1**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 2 21/11 links**

**LCC – Winter gritting bulletin 22/11, 29/11, 6/12, 17/12, 20/12, 3/1, 10/1, 17/1**

**LCC – Bus service changes Dec, amendment plus Jan**

**WC – Release: Strategy to boost local economy x 2**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 25/11 links**

**WC - News release: Wyre older persons festival fayre 6/12**

**WC – Planning agenda & supplement 4/12 link**

**WC – Planning minutes 6/11 link**

**WC – News release: Household Support Fund applications to end March 2025**

**WC – News release: Wyre’s business winners announced for 2024**

**WC – Council plan**

**WC – Licensing agenda, supplement & minutes 10/12 link**

**WC – Items published 3/12 links**

**WC – Licensing agenda & minutes 11/12 link**

**WC – Schedule of executive decisions 3/12**

**LCC – Launch of Police & crime plan 2024-2029**

**LCC – Rd closure Gubberford Lane, Scorton 20/01/25 x 2 including cancellation**

**RSN – Rural funding digest Dec & Jan**

**Wyre cllrs – Potential merge of Wyre villages with Blackpool x 2**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 5/12 links**

**LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts Dec & Jan**

**WC – News release: Community awards 2024**

**WC – Flood Forum minutes Nov x 2 and agenda for 12/12/24 x 2**

**WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2, 6/12 links**

**WC - Licensing agenda & supplement 17/12 link**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda & decisions x 2, 19/12 links**

**WC – News release: Wyre Moving More website**

**WC – News release: Collaborative tree planting in Wyre**

**Play inspection Company – Report, stock valuation & invoice x 3 emails**

**NALC – Newsletter, open letter to parish and town councils**

**LALC – Wyre Area AGM 29/1, 7PM golf club**

**WC – Cabinet minutes 8/1 link**

**WC- Overview & Scrutiny agenda supplement 13/1 link**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 16/1 link plus decisions x 3**

**WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 17/1 link**

**Lancs Fire & Rescue – hot topics Jan 25**



**WC – Flood Forum minutes 12/12**

**LALC – Planning training 22/1 7-9.30PM**

**LCC – Be a cllr event 5/2**

**Lancashire Best Kept Village – Info**

**WC – Items published 15/1 links**

**WC – Council agenda 23/1 link**

**LCC – Forest of Bowland National Landscape – landscape character  
assessment refresh**

## **Appendix 2**

### **Highways response 12<sup>th</sup> December re Drainage Issues, Wagon Road, Dolphinholme:**

Thank you for your email dated 28 November 2024, regarding drainage issues on Wagon Road, Dolphinholme.

Highway drains are installed to capture surface water run-off, help alleviate flooding and protect the fabric of the road. All of our highway drainage systems flow into sewers or local watercourses, and ultimately into rivers and the sea.

We rely on these downstream channels being in good order for our drains to be effective. If they reach capacity, the water has nowhere to go. This can cause the system to back up, with water pooling around the gullies and flooding the highway. This water often drains away promptly once the downstream channels clear.

Periods of exceptionally heavy rain can overwhelm any highway drainage system. This does not always suggest an underlying problem. It can simply be that the volume of water exceeds the drainage system's capacity for a time.

Having reviewed our records, we found two historic requests to address blocked gullies on Wagon Road. The first which we resolved on 22 April 2024 and the second which we resolved on 12 November 2024. On both occasions we jetted and cleansed the gullies, which left them running clear. However, we do appreciate this took longer than we would have liked to address the issues, and we are sorry for the delay.

As our most recent visit took place after (named) member of the public contacted you, we do not plan to carry out any further remedial work. However, as a courtesy, we will review the local highway drainage system to ensure it is still operating as expected

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

Mark Stephenson

### **APPENDIX 3**

#### **Highways response 3<sup>rd</sup> December re potholes on Tinkers Lane:**

Thank you for your email dated 28 November 2024, regarding potential potholes on Tinkers Lane, Nether Wyresdale.

We inspect all the roads in our care at least once a year, and more often at busier locations. These help us identify any defects which meet our minimum investigatory level for repair. For roads, this means any defect of 40mm deep or greater. Our risk-based approach does mean that we will also consider repairing shallower defects if they present a high risk to road users.

We also welcome reports from highway users, as these can help identify early any defects which form between our routine inspections. We address these defects in the same way.

As this is common highways enquiry, we have logged your report on our Highways Asset Management System (HAMS). We will complete an initial site assessment within 48 hours. This will help determine what remedial action we need to take (if any).

If we do decide remedial action is needed, we will aim to complete this within 22 working days. If you would like an update on our actions, please call our Customer Service Helpline on 0300 123 6780 quoting HAMS ref: CRN 620943. Please only do so once the above deadline has passed.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Kind Regards,  
Mark

**Mark Stephenson**