

Nether Wyresdale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting

12th March 2026 Scorton Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

In attendance:

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

WBC Cllr Walker

Clerk - Roger Hacking

1 member of the public also attended.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Collinson

PC Duff

LCC Cllr Tomlinson

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 were declared.

4. Police Report

- PC Duff provided this written report for the meeting: We did see a spike in residential burglaries within the Garstang area, but thankfully this seems to have subsided. We have a feeling it is the same culprit who had been targeting properties in Fleetwood and also Lytham St Annes. Just to give the heads up to local parish councillors who can pass it down to their constituents.
- Nothing to suggest any properties in Wyresdale are being targeted.

5. Matters Discussed

- **WBC Daniel Matthews** – attended the meeting to give a presentation on the new Household Food Waste service and to answer any questions. This will be a weekly collection service, the

bins to be placed outside on the same day as the usual bin collection service, starting on the **13th April 2026**. All food waste can be placed in the bins including bones, tea bags, coffee grinds, but no liquids. No bin bag rolls will be provided if the last one is tied to the bin handle. Daniel explained that the waste will be used to both collect Methane which will be used to power the main recycling facility, and to produce soil enhancer. Daniel also noted that Tetra Pak drink cartons and toothpaste tubes can now be collected in the existing red top bins.

- **New Bank Account (Lloyds)** – The new bank account has not yet been opened but Lloyds have promised in ‘two days’. (Post Meeting note: the bank account was opened on the 13th March).
- **SPID Data for Feb** - Cllr Gledhill provided an update following the download of data on the 4 March 2026 from the device, which has been collecting traffic data from 26th November 2025. A new SPID, on loan for 2 weeks, has been installed on Gubberford Lane and is collecting data in both directions. A summary of the data collected was presented at the meeting.

Dates:	First 2 weeks of January	First 2 weeks of February
Recordings:	(Display On)	(Display On)
Average Speed	20.68mph	20.49mph
Maximum Speed	39mph	36mph
Average of the Maximums	34.92mph	25.14mph

- All the Cllrs commented that they were pleased with the results as they show a reduction in the speed of cars driving in and out of Scorton Village along Station Lane.
- It was agreed that the posts installed for the SPIDs be painted black to match the other posts etc in the Village. Cllr Collinson to action the Lengthsman.
- **Gate for the ‘Permissive Path’** - from the St Peter’s Church to Gubberford Lane. Funding has been awarded from the LCC Community Grant (£950), and confirmation has been received from St Peter’s Church that the remaining funding will be provided by the Church PCC. It is expected that the gate will be installed in the next couple of weeks.
- **Play Area Inspection Report** – The report has been received noting several Moderate Risks that will require attention. It was agreed that the Lengthsman would be asked to address these where possible. Cllr Collinson to arrange.
- **Cockerham Football Club** – The Parish Council has agreed to Cockerham Football Club (Juniors) using the playing field next to the Play Area behind the Methodist Chapel on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The football club will erect goal posts and maintain the field. Cllr Collinson has spoken with the football club (Paul Davis) who has agreed to contribute towards the costs of mowing the field.
- **Forest of Bowland 5 Year Management Plan** – Cllr Hesketh has reviewed the Plan and all looks ok. There is no material impact on the Parish Council area. The Plan maintains the National Landscape (previously known as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) for the Forest of Bowland area.
- **Meeting with WBC Planning Officer** – Clerk to organise a meeting with Steve Smith.
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6. Planning Applications and Notices

Application Number	Description	NWPC Comments
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: Listed Building Consent for a single storey rear extension to pair of cottages, new porch and pedestrian access to one.	Determination Date: 17 Nov 2025
25/00960/FUL	Fell View Park Sykes Farm Long Lane Scorton Retention of lodge to be used in conjunction with agricultural use (Retrospective)	No objection Determination Date: 16 Jan 2026
25/00964/LBC	Wyresdale Park Snowhill Lane Listed building consent for proposed works to converted barn, replacement flooring, replacement staircase and balustrade, removal of timber panelling and radiators, removal of brickwork panels and pier	No objection Determination Date: 19 Jan 2026
26/00171/FUL	Garthwood Barn, Sandwell Brow, Scorton. Proposed external alterations to granny annex, replacement of window and door.	No objection Determination Date: 4 May 2026

Pending Decision:

Application number	Description	NWPC comments
25/00920/FUL	Bluebell Barn, Higher Lane Proposed erection of two storey rear / side extension	No Objection Refused – Gone to Appeal

Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
25/00741/FUL	Erection of agricultural storage building (resubmission of 07/00539/FUL) (pursuant to variation of condition 5	Objected. Determination Date: 4 Nov 2025 Following representation by a member of the public

	(Agricultural use) on permission ref (07/01069/FUL)	informing of the Class Q status and the agr. building being built in 2007, Cllrs reviewed and maintained its decision. Application Permitted
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. Application Permitted With regard to the Glamping Pods NWPC is informed that WBC Planning are investigating the site. LCC Highways are concerned as to the road visibility on exiting the site.
25/01002/FUL	Brook Lodge Oakenclough Road Proposed two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension	Determination Date: 29 Jan 2026 No objection Refused
25/01038/FUL	Lowood, Scorton Hall Park Erection of porch to existing granny annex and erection of domestic garage with home office following removal of existing stables	Determination Date: 13 Feb 2026 No objection Application Permitted

Building Controls:

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

7. Highways

- United Utilities planned 10km of new water mains in and around Scorton, so far TTROs raised for: Trough Road & Brewers Lane 27 April to the 8 May – Clerk to send e:mail complaining as to the timing (bank holiday weekend) and length of the works.

8. Lengthsman project updates

- Jobs undertaken:
 - Cleared roadside kerbs, grids and litter picking
 - Litter picking on Tithe Barn Lane
 - Clearing rubbish in Dolphinholme
 - Cleared road sides and grids on Tith Barn and Snowhill

- Jobs to be done:
 - Remedial actions for the identified moderate risks in the Playground report

- Jobs Done under the PRoW scheme:
 - Cleared briars from footpath & Postmix for Gate (PRoW) - 3 hours
 - Put Kissing Gate in, mending fence (PRoW) – 7 hours
 - Cleared briars and rubbish from footpath (PRoW) – 5 hours

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9. Village Hall

- It was noted by the Cllrs that post stakes have been put along the side of the front of the Village Hall car park. Cllr Hesketh to discuss with Joanne Golton (VH) regarding the existing rights of way.
- Improving communication across the Village – Cllr Collinson has forwarded e:mail of an example of how Halton PC organise their communications. – Clerk to forward to all Cllrs.

10. Financial & Governance Matters

- **Payments Made:**
 - None whilst the new bank account is being opened !

- **Payments to be Made:**
 - Lengthsman invoice for January 2026 £784.56
 - Donation to the Village Hall as follows: Dolphinholme £400.
 - Allan’s Bobcat hire for the Play Area work (Annie) £396 (£66)
 - Beckett & Rawcliffe Accountants (Payroll & Pension Mgmt) £ 174 (£29)
 - Scorton Methodist Chapel (Meeting Room fee) £105
 - Lengthsman invoice for February 2026 £1,311.29

- **Current Account Balance & Forecast:**

Balance on 4 March 2026: **£21,673.58**

End of Year Balance Forecast given current expenditure and assuming budget spent in full: **£14,355.**

- **Governance:**

The Cllr's Declaration of Interest forms have been published on the Web Site and copied to the WBC Monitoring Officer.

11. Any Other Business

- The Parish Council applied for and received funding for the planting of fruit trees in the Village. Cllr Elliott agreed to purchase the trees from Daisy Clough prior to the end of March. It was suggested that the weekend of the 28th March was designated Tree Planting day. Ground around the Play Area and in front of the Bowling Green was proposed as suitable planting areas.
- Legend Fires North West Stages Motor Rally (March 2027) – Clerk to respond to the organisers e:mail that was requesting support to understand what may well be required.

12. Public Participation

- No further comments were raised.
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13. Date of next meeting

- May 7th includes AGM
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14. Dates for 2026:

- June 25th
- Sept 3rd
- Oct 8th
- Nov 5th PRECEPT