

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of Nether Wyresdale Parish Council

7th May 2026 7:30pm Methodist Chapel Scorton

Present: Cllrs Elliott, Collinson, Gledhill, Thompson and Atkinson
LCC Cllr Tomlinson, Clerk and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies:

Cllr Hekseth
WBC Cllr Walker

2. Declaration of interest:

None

3. Minutes from last AGM:

Councillors accepted the minutes for the AGM held on the 8th May 2025 as a correct record.

4. Arising:

No matters arising from last AGM.

5. Election of officers:

It was unanimously agreed to appoint the following:

Chairman – Cllr Steve Elliott

Vice chairman – Cllr Annie Collinson

LALC Wyre Area representative - Cllr Steve Elliott.

Planning Ambassador – Cllr Andrew Thompson

6. Chairman's report:

My first term as council chair started with our clerk, Melanie, announcing her resignation. This announcement led to learning lots about the appointment process, fulfilling the roles of chair and clerk at the same time but was brought to a swift conclusion with the appointment of Roger in time for the next council meeting.

Also, our bank forced us to set up a new account. This incurred far too many trips to branch but at long last we have moved into the 21st century with online banking.

We bought and installed a SPiD and recent council meetings have involved analysing figures.

At the request of a resident, we have installed a gate at the bottom of path from Church Drive to stop children running out onto Gubberford Lane. The gate was paid for jointly with a grant from LCC's Champions Fund, money from the PCC and the parish council.

After the theft of our AED from the phonebox we received a loan device from NWAS but recently we have been donated a replacement device from the Rotary Club.

There has been more work on the playing field with replacement equipment, clearing overgrown shrubs and the planting of fruit trees which was paid for with a grant from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund.

Thank you to my fellow councillors, our clerk and to our lengthsman for their time and contributions to the parish.

7. **Finance:**

Accounts 2025/26

The clerk confirmed that the draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 Form 3 has been e:mailed to all the Parish Councillors for their review. The Clerk also confirmed that an Internal Auditor has been appointed to review and sign off the AGAR prior to its submission to the external auditors PKF Littlejohn.

The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement were unanimously approved and documents signed. The end of year balance at 31 March 2025 was **£21,674**, which includes:

Community Orchard Grant - **£1,058.70**

Un-Spent budget from 2025/26 carried over
(due to bank account closure Feb / March) - **£3,600**

Other reserves – **£17,015**

8. **Open forum:**

No items raised.

9. **Annual meeting:**

No items raised.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded 7.50PM and was followed by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.