

Nether Wyresdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting 25th June 2026
Scorton Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

In attendance:

Cllr Elliott (Chair), Cllr Gledhill, Cllr Atkinson

WBC Cllr Walker

0 members of the public also attended.

Ben Gardiner (land owner) & Sam Scott (Leith Group) attended only for Item 4 discussion.

Clerk - Roger Hacking

1. Apologies for absence

LCC Cllr Tomlinson

Cllr Thompson

Cllr Hesketh

Cllr Collinson

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 were declared.

4. The Leith Planning Group

The Leith Planning Group attended the meeting to present their outline thoughts for development of the site located on the eastern edge of the village, between the M6 motorway and the lane leading up to St Peter's Church. They have had a preliminary meeting with WBC Planning Dept. As a result of this meeting with WBC Leith Group are considering a Self-Build development, where potential residents would purchase a plot of land and then design and build their own property. These designs and builds would be subject to restrictions, one such restriction discussed would limit properties to one and half stories high. Access to the plot would be from Snowhill Lane. The draft plan showed five properties along the length of the plot. It is proposed that an Acoustic Barrier would be erected to reduce the noise from the motorway.

Leith Group attended the meeting to present their proposals and to seek feedback from the Parish Council regarding their outline plans. Cllrs asked what concessions might be available to Village, particularly for St Peter's Church and the Primary School.

The Cllrs present agreed to discuss the proposal with the other Cllrs absent and notify the Primary School and St Peter's Church wardens.

5. Police Report

- PC Duff e:mailed to say that there was nothing to report. PC Duff is trying to increase the surgeries around Nether Wyresdale to link in with the community better.

6. Matters Discussed

- **Cockerham Football Club** – Cllr Collinson to provide details of the secretary of the Cockerham Football Club (Juniors) such that the Clerk can raise the invoice for its contribution to the upkeep of the playing field.
- **Meeting with WBC Planning Officer** – Fiona Riley has replied on behalf of WBC Planning and has agreed to meet with the Parish Councillors at the Civic Centre. Clerk to arrange a date and time.
- **Orchard Grant Fund** – The trees bought using this grant have been planted around the Play Area and Playing Field. Cllr Elliott to request invoice for trees provided so far from Daisy Clough. More trees will be procured in the autumn.
- **Annual Governance and Accountability Return** – The Internal Auditor has approved the AGAR return. The Clerk has submitted the AGAR forms and supporting information to the External Auditors. A slight correction was identified by the Clerk and the revised documents have been re-submitted and are available on the Parish Council's web site. No response so far.
- **Wyre Area Committee meeting on Wednesday 24th June at 7pm** - Cllr Elliott attended the LALC meeting and provided the following report:
 - o There was an update on the food waste recycling with lots of numbers for the last 10 weeks. Some highlights: Overall the scheme is going well. Approximately 5 metric tonnes of waste is being collected every week, making Wyre one of the top councils nationally for food waste collection. The average is 1.5kg per household per week. Many people have reported problems with the 5L liners provided for the kitchen caddy so when the supply is exhausted, the council will be supplying 7L bags instead. The waste is passed on to Lancashire County Council. Currently it is composited at Thornton, but from October it will be processed at an anaerobic digester at Leyland which will produce energy.
 - o Police report - Sgt Elliot Jones showed a video on the theme of water safety following last year's death in the Wyre at Garstang. It will be shared with local schools.
 - o He then reported crime numbers for the period 1st April to 23rd June for the rural East area:
 - 37 ASB incidents
 - 6 burglaries
 - 28 domestic incidents

- 5 drug reports
 - 13 sexual offences
 - 32 thefts
 - A report from the LALC representative was mostly about inter-personal politics.
- **LCC have announced that they are launching a Crowd Fund Campaign**, which will open on Thursday 2 July 2026 and close on Thursday 17 September 2026. Successful pledges will be communicated in October 2026. Crowdfunding campaigns are expected to finish no later than 31st January 2027. Town and Parish Councils may be eligible to receive a pledge from the Lancashire Culture and Sport Fund of up to 40% of their total project target, capped at a maximum of £5,000. (Clerk to forward details to the Village Hall).

7. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Local Government Re-organisation - last year, the Government set out plans to replace Lancashire's existing councils with new unitary councils, each responsible for delivering all local services. To support this, councils across Lancashire were asked to put forward ideas for how reorganisation could work.

Next steps

After the consultation closes, Government's current timeline is:

Summer 2026: Decision on the preferred option

May 2027: Shadow elections for new unitary councils

April 2028: New unitary councils go live

WBC Cllr Walker noted that next week's WBC Council meeting will provide further updates as to the plans for the Local Government Re-organisation, and comments from the local councils impacted on the various options (2, 3, 4 or 5 unitary councils)

8. Planning Applications and Notices

New This Month:

Application Number	Description	Status / NWPC Comments
26/00435/AGR	Wyre Farm Gubberford Lane Prior notification for Roof over existing Midden under Part 6 of the GDPO	Prior Approval Not Required

Pending Consideration:

Application Number	Description	NWPC Comments
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
26/00248/FUL	Engineering works to form three ponds (Retrospective) Slean End Farm Higher Lane	No objection
26/00257/FUL	New vehicle entrance, and alterations to existing boundary wall Bowland Brow Factory Brow	No objection
26/00304/FUL	Single storey rear extension to pair of cottages and new pedestrian door to Anglers Cottage Anglers Cottage Snowhill Lane	No objection Insufficient Fee
26/00319/FUL	Erection of a domestic outbuilding. Woodside Higher Lane	Seems a large building for an outbuilding, does not fall within the domestic curtilage. It appears to run behind Beacon Villa, is this property adversely impacted?

Pending Decision:

Application number	Description	NWPC comments

Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
25/01038/DIS	Agreement of details reserved by condition 5 (nesting bird survey) on planning permission 25/01038/FUL Lowood Scorton Hall Park	Accepted
26/00171/FUL	Garthwood Barn, Sandwell Brow, Scorton. Proposed external alterations to granny annex, replacement of window and door.	No objection Permitted
26/00305/LBC	Listed building consent for single storey rear extension to pair of cottages and new pedestrian door to Anglers Cottage Anglers Cottage Snowhill Lane	No objection Permitted

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Building Controls:

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

9. Highways

- Monday 22 June Snowhill Lane closed for UU works for four weeks.

10. Lengthsman project updates

- Jobs undertaken:
 - Mowing, strimming, cutting hedge by Church
 - Cleaning flower beds, strimming, tidying up
 - Spraying Millennium way, litter picking
 - Strimming playing field, litter picking
 - Cutting hedges and strimming on Gubberford Lane
- Jobs to be done:
 - Mowing of the Scorton Playing Field ready for School Sports Day
- Jobs Done under the PRoW scheme:

11. Financial & Governance Matters

- The Clerk noted that the Parish Council has applied for and received its VAT re-claim for September 2025 to March 2026 of **£964.19**.

- **Payments Made:**

Lengthsman	April Invoice	£1,105.00
Safety Signs4Less	No Dogs Signs	£40.07
LALC / NALC	Membership Subs	£141.50
Clerk	May Pay	£320.00
Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	£4.25
Allan's Bobcat	Digger Hire	£156.00
Laburnum Nurseries	Flowers for the Village Signs	£217.80
Lengthsman	May Invoice	£842.50

- **Payments to be Made:**

Donation to the Dolphinhholme Village Hall £400. (Cllr Atkinson provided contact name for payment. Dolphinhholme Village Hall passed on their thanks for the donation and commented that the monies will go towards the refurbishment of the Toilets in the Village Hall)

- **Current Account Balance & Forecast:**

Balance on 25 June 2026: **£41,508.18**

End of Year Balance Forecast given current expenditure and assuming budget spent in full: **£14,513.**

12. Any Other Business

- Clerk went through the latest data from the SPID. Average speeds continue to be just above 20 mph. The occasional high speed (greater than 40 mph) is observed. It was also noted that there is often a peak in speeding at weekends and on the bank holiday weekends in May, most likely caused by visitors to the Village
- Cllr requested and agreed that the SPID should be moved to Factory Brow.
- Clerk informed the meeting that we have received notification that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government have confirmed that from the 29 June 2026 local authorities, including Parish Councils, must no longer publish the home addresses of elected or co-opted members in their public Register of Interests (RoI). The e:mail concerning this announcement has been forwarded to all NW Parish Councillors. To that end the Clerk will remove home addresses from our web site and redact them from the existing RoI.
- Could all Councillors please ensure that their RoI is on the latest form, the form is available from the Clerk if required.

13. Public Participation

- Concern was raised about the lack of cones and lighting for the Skip that is located outside Fell Side Cottage, The Square, Scorton. Clerk was actioned to contact LCC.

14. Date of next meeting

- Sept 3rd 2026

15. Dates for 2026:

- Oct 8th
- Nov 5th PRECEPT