

Nether Wyresdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 3rd September 2026

Scorton Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

In attendance:

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

WBC Cllr Walker

5 members of the public also attended.

Clerk - Roger Hacking

1. Apologies for absence

LCC Cllr Tomlinson

Cllr Hesketh

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. Police Report

- No report received.

5. Matters Discussed

- Feedback from Meeting with WBC Head of Planning (tba) – Fiona Riley Planning policy Manager / Enforcement Team – please see e:mail 22 July 2026 Titled: “Meeting with WBC Planning”
- Orchard Trees planting in the Play Area – partially completed, invoice from Daisy Clough required – Invoice sent to ex-Clerk, to be re-issued for payment
- Feedback from Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Audit passed, all relevant documents to be posted on the Parish Council web site and Scorton Notice Board
- Village Hall Garden maintenance – Our Lengthsman has tidied up the Garden
- Removal of Councillors home addresses from Parish Council RoI, Web Site and Notice Board – completed

- Suggestion regarding the implementation of a Padel Court – this was discussed at length, the approximate cost for building the court was thought to be in the region of £70,000, the lawn tennis association can provide a web based application to manage bookings and payments etc. It was thought that on the whole this would be a good addition to the Village. Agreement would be required from St Peter's Church PC to rent or lease the land, discussions to be arranged with the Church's PC.
- Garstang's Town Council lengthsman's services – the Cllrs agreed that they are happy with the services provided by our Lengthsman, Clerk to reply adding that the Parish may be interested in the future.
- Notice re New Elections following the local govt re-org – noted though post meeting the Government has paused the process for Lancashire and several other counties.
- Parish & Town Council Conference 14 November LCC Offices Preston – Clerk to attend
- Promotion of Wyre BC Business Awards - noted
- Councillor of the Year Award nominees - noted
- Lanc Constabulary Heritage and Rural Crime Team Event 27 November – no volunteers to attend.

6. 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.

Wyre Borough Council will join with Fylde and Blackpool Councils to form a Unitary Council.

Next steps:

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

May 2027: Shadow elections for new unitary councils

April 2028: New unitary councils go live

Post Meeting Note: The Government has announced that this process has now been paused pending review by the Minister responsible.

7. Planning Applications and Notices

New This Month:

Application Number	Description	Status / NWPC Comments
26/00210/DIS	Agr. Barn Oakenclough Road Discharge of conditions for Barn to 6 dwelling houses	Pending Consideration
23/00476/DIS	Broadfall Farm, Gubberford Lane	Pending Consideration

	Discharge of Conditions, Client agrees to them all	
26/00531/FUL	Hill View, 27 Station Lane Oak framed Orangery to the side following removal of existing lean-to.	Pending Consideration
26/00647/FUL	Proposed rear single storey extension. Brook Lodge, Oakenclough Road	No objection
26/00661/LBC&FULMAJ	Alterations to Wedding Venue, including new SPA facility Wyresdale Hall, Wagon Road	Pending Consideration
26/00679/FUL	Construction of an earth bank for a slurry lagoon Stonehead Farm, Trough Road	No objection

Pending Consideration:

Application Number	Description	NWPC Comments
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
26/00319/FUL	Erection of a domestic outbuilding. Woodside Higher Lane	Seems a large building for an out-building 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
25/00960/FUL	Fell View Park Sykes Farm Long Lane Scorton Retention of lodge to be used in conjunction with agricultural use (Retrospective)	No objection Permitted
26/00304/FUL	Single storey rear extension to pair of cottages and new	No objection

	pedestrian door to Anglers Cottage Anglers Cottage Snowhill Lane	Permitted
26/00435/AGR	Wyre Farm Gubberford Lane Prior notification for Roof over existing Midden under Part 6 of the GDPO	Prior Approval Not Required

Building Controls:

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

8. Highways

- Pot holes filled on The Square by the Play Ground entrance
- Clerk to contact UU contractor to ascertain when the current works planned by UU in the Parish will be completed. UU work on Snowhill finished early August

9. Lengthsman project updates

- Jobs undertaken:
 - Strimming Millennium Way
 - Litter picking Play Ground
 - Hedge cutting
 - Watering village plants and trees
 - Spraying Tithe Barn Lane
 - Cutting hedges on Gubberford Lane
 - Strimming around Gubberford Lane bridge
 - Lay-by clean up, litter picking
 - Watering and strimming around St Peter's
 - Hedge cutting, strimming and mowing playing field (x2)
 - Strimming along footpath, stiles and gate, strimming around seats
 - Cutting hedges and strimming along Tithe Barn lane
 - Clearing under motorway bridge and along roadside
- Jobs to be done:
- Jobs Done under the PRoW scheme:

10. Financial & Governance Matters

- Payments Received

HMRC	VAT Re-Claim	£964.19
Cockerham Junior FC	Contribution to maintenance of Playing Field	£640.00

- Payments Made:

Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	£4.67
Clerk	June Pay	£320.00
Dolphinholme Village Hall	Donation	£400.00
NW Air Ambulance	Donation	£500.00
Lengthsman	June Invoice	£1,048.32
Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	£4.25
Clerk	July Pay	£320.00
HMRC	PAYE Tax	£240.00

- Payments to be Made:

PKF Littlejohn Auditor fee

- Current Account Balance & Forecast:

Balance on 31 August 2026: **£37,151.36**

End of Year Balance Forecast given current expenditure and assuming budget spent in full: **£15,540.28.**

11. Any Other Business

- Cllr Gledhill noted that the SPID has been moved to Factory Brow.
- Could all Councillors please ensure that their RoI is on the latest form, the form is available from the Clerk, if required.

12. Public Participation

- Comments were made regarding the cars frequently parked down Gubberford Lane. This raised the issue of available parking in Scorton Village and whether additional parking should be provided by a constructed car park by Springfield Gardens and the Play Area. Concerns were raised that there would be insufficient space available in this area. Clerk to obtain the groundworks plans for this area.

13. Date of next meeting

- October 8th 2026

14. Dates for 2026:

- Nov 5th PRECEPT