

Nether Wyresdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting 7th May 2026
Scorton Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

In attendance:

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

LCC Cllr Tomlinson

Clerk - Roger Hacking

2 members of the public also attended.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Hesketh
WBC Cllr Walker
PC Duff

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

- All Cllrs in attendance approved the minutes from the previous meeting. A couple of typos corrected.

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

- **New Bank Account (Lloyds)** – The new bank account was opened on the 13th March and is up and running fine. Cllrs Elliott, Gledhill and Atkinson are set up as approvers.
- **Gate for the 'Permissive Path'** – the gate has been installed. An invoice has been raised on St Peter's Church for £550 (£1,800 less £300 VAT, less £950 grant). NWPC has paid the installers Linear Consult.
- **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. Clerk to arrange.

- **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** – Clerk has e:mailed Steve Smith to request a meeting. Cllr Thompson and Clerk to follow up.
- **Proposal for a donation to Northwest Air Ambulance Service** – It was agreed that NWPC should donate £500.
- **Planners (Leith)** – A request has been received from these Planners to meet with the Parish Council to discuss their proposal for development on the land behind the Primary School and St Peter’s Church west of the motorway. The Clerk has notified the Leith Planners the dates of our meetings but has not yet received a reply.
- **Orchard Grant Fund** – The trees bought using this grant have been planted around the Play Area and Playing Field. Waiting invoice for payment from Daisy Clough.
- **Defibrillator** – A new defibrillator was donated by the Rotary Club of Garstang and North West Ambulance Service and installed on the 26 March 2026 in Scorton Village Telephone box.
- **Annual Governance and Accountability Return** – The Clerk is on with completing the information for the AGAR. Cllr Elliott has identified a Chartered Accountant who is willing to perform the Internal Audit of the Parish Council accounts for 2025 / 26.

6. Planning Applications and Notices

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
26/00171/FUL	Garthwood Barn, Sandwell Brow, Scorton. Proposed external alterations to granny annex, replacement of window and door.	No objection Determination Date: 4 May 2026
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
26/00305/LBC	Listed building consent for single storey rear extension to pair of	No objection

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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
25/01038/DIS	Agreement of details reserved by condition 5 (nesting bird survey) on planning permission 25/01038/FUL Lowood Scorton Hall Park	

Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
25/00753/FUL	Anglers Cottage Snowhill: Single storey rear extension to pair of cottages, new porch and pedestrian access to one	Application Withdrawn
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.	Application Withdrawn
25/00920/FUL	Bluebell Barn, Higher Lane Proposed erection of two storey rear / side extension	No Objection Refused – Gone to Appeal – Appeal Dismissed
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 Application Permitted
26/00210/COUQ	Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural barn to 6no dwellinghouse.	Approved

	Agricultural Barn Oakenclough Road	
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Building Controls:

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

7. Highways

- Friday the 8th May until Monday 6th June, Long Lane will be close from Factory Brow in Scorton to its junction with Trough Road – LCC Cllr Tomlinson to raise our concerns regarding the lengthy time period for the closure with LCC Highways.

8. Lengthsman project updates

- Jobs undertaken:
 - SPID Posts painted black
 - Mowing, strimming, tidying up by the Church
 - Painting white lines by the Play Area
 - Strimming, tidying up along Gubberford lane
 - Playing field maintenance and litter picking
 - Strimming and cutting branches on playing field
 - Re-landscaping using the Digger on playing field including raking, levelling and sowing grass seeds
- Jobs to be done:
 - Remedial actions for the identified moderate risks in the Playground report
 - Inspect the broken post on Snowhill just before the motorway bridge to make safe (Resident caught and damaged their shoe)
- Jobs Done under the PRoW scheme:

9. Village Hall

- Joanne Golton noted that there was no real issue with the small post stakes that have been put along the side of the front of the Village Hall car park.
- Joanne listed some of the potential events that are being discussed / organised for the Village Hall Centenary celebration:
 - o Beer festival Sept
 - o Historical Society, old photos of Scorton event

- Live band - music night
- School sports day
- Village Show (fruit and veg)
- Scorton charity teas, Sundays through July & August

10. Financial & Governance Matters

- **Payments Made:**

Lengthsman	January Invoice	£784.56
Lengthsman	February invoice	£1,311.29
Lengthsman	March invoice	£1,148.50
Clerk	March Pay	£320.00
Beckett & Rawcliffe	Payroll Admin	£174.00
Linear Consult (Stephan)	Gate for the Church Path	£1,800.00
Scorton Methodist Chapel	Room Hire	£105.00
HMRC SDDS	Clerk's PAYE tax	£272.45
Allen's BobCat Hire (via Annie)	Digger Hire	£396.00
Clerk	April Pay	£320.00
Zurich	Insurance Premium	£666.00

- **Payments to be Made:**

Lengthsman invoice for April 2026 £1,105.00

Donation to the Dolphinhholme Village Hall £400. (Cllr Atkinson to provide contact name for payment)

Membership Subs for NALC and LALC £141.50

- **Current Account Balance & Forecast:**

Balance on 30 April 2026: **£43,375.78**

End of Year Balance Forecast given current expenditure and assuming budget spent in full: **£14,418.**

11. Any Other Business

- Concerned was raised regarding the Class that has started on the MUGA on Saturday mornings. Are the participants being charged for the use of a free resource for the Village? Clerk to make enquiries.

12. Public Participation

- The trees at the entrance of the Church Path on to Gubberford Lane could do with cutting back – Clerk to raise with St Peter's Church.

- Street Lighting on Station Lane, this has been raised with Highways in the past and their response was that there was already sufficient lighting on Station Lane. LCC Cllr Tomlinson said that he would raise the matter with LCC Highways again as this was noted as a route taken by School children to and from bus stops on Garstang Road (A6).
- Pot Holes on Gubberford Lane, it was noted that several of the larger pot holes had been circled with white paint, hopefully signifying that they were soon to be repaired.

13. Date of next meeting

- June 25th

14. Dates for 2026:

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