

Nether Wyresdale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting

23rd October 2025 Scorton Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

In attendance:

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

Clerk - Roger Hacking

2 members of the public also attended.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Collinson, Cllr Walker (WBC), Cllr Tomlinson (LCC), & 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 to declare.

4. Police Report

- No report received.

5. Matters Discussed

- **SPiD installation**, Cllr Gledhill provided an update stating that the surveyor's reports have been completed and that LCC have updated their quote for the installation of the three posts to be erected in the Village to £1,650. The Cllrs agreed to proceed with the project on this basis. Cllr Gledhill will inform LCC and seek to confirm the installation dates. The three poles to be erected will be on Station Lane (opposite the junction with Brook Avenue), Factory Brow (on the path side grass opposite No.5/6 on the crescent) and on Gubberford Lane (at the entrance to the footpath leading up to the church). Once Cllrs have an installation date from the LCC Engineers Cllr Gledhill will ask the lengthsman to remove a lower limb from an oak tree which may interfere with the radar signal. Paul Connel (Road safety team leader), has agreed to lend the Parish Council a SPiD to check that the radar signals are OK prior to the purchase of our own device.

- **Memorial for James Cottle**, renaming of the Playing Field to be discussed further.
- **War Memorial**, Cllr Atkinson has applied to the relevant authority for listed status for the War memorial, awaiting response.
- **IT Policy**, Clerk to issue the IT Policy to the Cllrs for review and, on approval, publication on the NWPC web site.
- **Gate for the 'Permissive Path'** from the St Peter's Church to Gubberford Lane, Funding has been requested from the LCC Community Grant. Discussions have been held with the Church Wardens and School Head regarding potential funding sources should the LCC Grant not be forthcoming. LCC Grant Application has been followed up, awaiting response.
- **Playing Field**, removal of the rotten crocodile, this has been removed. Cllrs proposed that Cllr Elliott should discuss options for a replacement with the Head teacher of the Scorton Primary school, and feedback from Parents.
- **LCC Environmental Fund**, it was agreed that the Parish should be eligible to apply to this fund. A member of the public suggested a new child's swing and agreed to look into options and pricing for the swing.
- **Defibrillator**, Cllr Elliott's application for a new Defibrillator was unsuccessful, and so will seek alternative sources and costs.
- **Burning of Rubbish in the Village**, Cllr Elliott to raise the matter with the land owner concerned.

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
25/00616/FUL	Little Nook Cottage extension	Comment submitted raising concern over the right of way access to rear of Village Hall. Determination date: 19 Sep 2025
25/00741/FUL	Erection of agricultural storage building (resubmission of 07/00539/FUL) (pursuant to variation of condition 5 (Agricultural use) on permission ref (07/01069/FUL)	Determination Date: 4 Nov 2025
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. Determination Date: 12 Nov 2025. Cllr Elliott to e:mail Cllr Walker at WBC for an update.

25/00803/FUL	First Floor rear extension, Stone Tree, The Square, Scorton	No objections
25/00868/AGR	Bracken Lea Farm, Trough Road. Proposed erection of an Agricultural Building	No objections

Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision
None in September 2025		

Building Controls:

Application number	Description	Status
BN/25/10650	Fellside: Single storey rear extension	On-going
BN/25/05570	10 Weavers Court: Single storey extension	Completed

7. Highways

- It was noted that the hedges on Gubberford Lane have been cut back and trimmed successfully.
- Member of the Public noted that the hedge on Station Lane before the Railway Bridge is growing into the road, Land Owner has been informed and is to schedule the work.
- LCC Cllr Tomlinson to request LCC Highways to cut back the verge further up towards the railway line on Station Lane.

8. Lengthsman project updates

- The lengthsman's invoice for September work was agreed (43 hours and Mowing of the Playing Fields £160).

9. Village Hall

- Cllr Hesketh noted that he has approached the Radio 4 Any Questions programme to ascertain if they might be interested in holding one of their programmes at the Village Hall next year as part of the Centenary celebrations but has not heard back from the BBC, as yet.

- Cllr Collinson provided the meeting with the breakdown of the number of residents in each area, (Scorton 302, Lower Dolphinhholme 36). Cllrs discussed the breakdown and previous year's donations (2019 donations were £1,000 and £600 respectively).
- Cllrs Thompson and Hesketh agreed to assist the Village Hall in the review of the pricing structure and costs. It was agreed that after this review the appropriate Donation could then be determined.

10. Financial & Governance Matters

- **Payments Made:**

Lengthsman Hours and Materials: £1,063.00

- **Current Account Balance & Forecast:**

Balance on 3 October: **£30,722.98**

End of Year Balance Forecast given current expenditure and assuming budget spent in full: **£16,300**

- **Governance:**

The Parish Council is required to publish on our web sites copies of the Cllr's Declaration of Interest forms.

The AGAR Compliance documents to be published on the Parish Council's web site.

New .gov.uk e:mail addresses for Cllrs issued.

11. Public participation

- Discussions were held regarding the Village Hall financial position and Cllrs Thompson and Hesketh repeated their offers to assist the VH in review of its costing structures. Recommendations were also made that the VH could review its pricing policy to be more in line with other Village Halls in the local area. The prices charged by other Village Halls have been checked and found to be significantly higher than those currently charged by Scorton VH.
- It was noted that the Street Lighting on Station Lane was inadequate for pedestrians, LCC Highways to be informed of our concerns.

12. Date of next meeting

- 27th November 2025