

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 6th March 2025, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

Present: Cllrs Collinson, Elliott, Atkinson and Gledhill, PCSO Beth Kilpatrick, the clerk and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies:

Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker

Cllr Thompson

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

4. Police report:

PCSO Beth Kilpatrick reported the following:

- ❖ No crime reported for the area.
- ❖ Sgt Jones will email details of how to pay the donation agreed at the previous meeting (£150).
- ❖ She provided her contact details: 7713@lancashire.police.uk
- ❖ PCSO Pete Atkinson and PC Mike Duff (collar no. 706) covers the Scorton area.

5. Matters arising (from previous meeting/s):

Blocked drains (Wagon Rd, Dolphinholme)

The clerk reported the further response (sent to PC on day of receipt, 13th Feb) from Highways. Refer appendix 2. As Highways is not in attendance, the clerk contacted the member of the public who has confirmed that the issues are from Dolphinholme House Farm – River's View Fold (Wagon Rd), 7 drains in total but 2 are a real issue.

Tithebarn Lane (Opposite Cadent gas substation)

Further to the email sent to Highways by Cllr Collinson on 14th Jan, the clerk reported the further response from Highways on 6th Feb which states that remedial works were carried out to Tithebarn Lane on 16 January 2025.

Rd Flooding

Further to the email sent to Highways by Cllr Collinson on 6th Jan, the clerk reported the response from Highways (25th Feb) regarding Broadfall and between Wyre View and Brookfield on Gubberford Lane, as well as the bend @ Park Brook. Refer appendix 4.

Damage to Gubberford Bridge

Further to the email sent to Highways by Cllr Collinson on 6th Jan, the clerk reported the response from Highways (Andrew Huskisson) on 7th Feb which states that they have made the area safe and plan to undertake repairs. They have identified a damaged coping stone. They have ordered a new one to be manufactured. Once received, they will undertake all necessary repairs works.

Lighting (Station Lane from railway bridge to the A6).

The clerk reported the response from Highways (Alex Conroy) on 14th Feb, regarding improving wheelchair and disability access along this route. See appendix 3.

SpID

Cllr Gledhill discussed outcome of contact with LCC. He has had an on-site meeting with Paul Cornell (LCC, Rd Safety Officer on the Speed Assessment Team) to assess suitable locations for a SpID. It was confirmed that a battery powered SPiD would attach to a post. 3 locations were identified (maps circulated to show locations). Although 2 posts are required, a third has been suggested so that a device can be moved between the three locations. The cost of the posts are £400 each (total £1200). The ElanCity device previously discussed by the PC, is also considered to be the best device by LCC. The cost of this is £2,500. The PC considered the costs of the posts to be excessive and it was stated that what was discussed previously, was sharing a device with another parish.

The clerk confirmed Nateby PC's decision regarding sharing their SpID. They are amenable to sharing the SpID but would ask for a financial contribution to any maintenance costs such as a new battery. She stated that the chair has agreed that Cllr Gledhill can contact him to discuss further. The clerk will email Cllr Gledhill, Cllr Barlow's (chair Nateby PC) contact details after the meeting.

A suggestion was made depending upon the response from LCC, that if the posts are installed, to share Nateby's SpID to start with and if this is effective, to consider purchasing a device at a later date.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Gledhill liaise with LCC to ask if they would consider letting the PC install the posts (to LCC's specifications) in order to reduce the cost of the posts. The outcome to be relayed to members prior to the next meeting.

Memorial bench

The clerk reported that Cllr Collinson has responded to the member of the public on 24th Feb and confirmed that it is on land belonging to Wyresdale Park. She has advised him to contact them to agree next action.

Section 106 funds

The clerk reported the further update from Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker as per item 9.

Best Kept Village

PC will consider again next year due to time constraints.

6. Open forum:

St Peter's Church path – request for installation of a gate (bottom of path)

The PC discussed an email from a member of the public received 25th Feb. The PC were supportive of this suggestion. Cllr Collinson has established that it is a PRow path number FP0219045. The clerk stated that Steve Williams would be able to assist.

RESOLVED: That the clerk should contact the LCC PRow team and request a disabled access friendly kissing gate for the entrance.

7. Playing field:

Funding for replacement play equipment

The PC discussed the update from Wyre Cllr Charlotte Walker on 10th Feb as well as the recent quote for replacement climbing frame from KOMPAN (£22,230.94 incl. VAT).

It was confirmed that the link Charlotte had sent had been looked at by Cllr Collinson as a potential funding source and although the application is 1 page, she stated that she does not think this would meet the criteria, which is more for village halls.

The clerk confirmed that she had liaised with Cllr Collinson previously (10th Feb) concerning the requirement in the Standing Orders to receive an alternative quote. She has confirmed to the clerk that other quotes (Sovereign and Playdale) had been sought and received previously but KOMPAN equipment is made of Metal rather than wood and therefore lasts far longer.

The clerk confirmed that Community Futures have recommended applying to the National Lottery (up to 20K). She stated that this had been attempted previously but not been successful.

The clerk confirmed that there will be more than £2000 more to spend this year then taking off biodiversity (£900) and PRow (£969), there will be approx. £30,000 remaining at the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: The PC agreed that as other sources of funding are not readily available and taking account of health and safety, the PC agreed to purchase the KOMPAN climbing frame as stated above.

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1.

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Councillor Charlotte Walker update via email 1st March:

- ❖ She has written to Wyre Council again to ask for a Section 106 training and question and answer session for both borough councillors and Parish Councillors, in order that we can try to establish a better understanding as to how it works.
- ❖ She has contacted an officer at Wyre Council regarding the Legacy Funding suggested by Garstang's Mayor at the last the meeting. This is currently not something which is currently open to bid on but she will be informed if this becomes a funding opportunity.
- ❖ She has been corresponding with another officer at Wyre Council regarding possible funding streams for Parish Councils. One opportunity has already been suggested and she will continue to pass on any further opportunities as they arise.
- ❖ She has asked Forton Parish Council whether they would be open to loaning their SPID for a month or two and will contact them to see what outcome there has been further discussions regarding this.

10. Planning:

Application number	Description	Resolved PC comments
25/00069/FUL	Erection of a private stables following demolition of existing buildings @ Broadfall Gubberford Lane Scorton	No comments or objections
AMENDMENT 25/00069/FULMAJ	Erection of a stables building following demolition of existing agricultural buildings and change of use of agricultural land for the keeping of horses for private purposes @ Broadfall Gubberford Lane Scorton	
25/00160/FUL	Erection of new agricultural livestock building @ Broadfall Gubberford Lane Scorton	No comments or objections

RESOLVED: That the clerk notify WC of above accordingly.

11. Decision notices(status):

Application number	Description	Decision

12. Highways:

Highways issues

Cllr Collinson had brought a list of highways issues to discuss. The clerk confirmed that she had only been informed (after she had enquired) at 4PM today that a representative was not coming. The clerk has contacted Highways to express dissatisfaction especially in view of the fact that Highways had agreed in February (13th) to attend. She has been liaising earlier in the week with the team leader Darren Cronin. She will supply both Cllrs Gledhill (for SpID purposes) and Collinson with his contact information after the meeting.

13. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The latest time sheets etc circulated via email prior to meeting.

Jobs to be done

Litter picking Long Lane (from the motorway bridge to the crossroads).

Lengthsman contract 2025-26

Given to Cllr Collinson to sign and to hand on to the lengthsman for his signature.

14. Village Hall:

The village hall is looking to recruit a treasurer.

15. Finance:

account update

The clerk provides the latest balance @ 4th Feb as **£35,597.85**.

Items approved for payment (March):

Police donation (as per last meeting agreement) - £150.00 pending email of how to pay from
Sgt Jones

Scorton Chapel hire of room for PC meetings 2024/25 - £105.00

Clerk stationery expenses - £26.14

Microsoft Office annual subscription - £16.00

Beckett Rawcliffe (Clerk's PAYE & Pension admin) - £240.00

Lengthsman invoice January - £521.18 (£514.50 fees and £6.68 materials repair P/F equip)

Lengthsman invoice February - £630.00 (both this and above cheque given to cllr Collinson)

Items approved for payment (April):

KOMPAN (replacement climbing frame) - £22,230.94 as per item 7

Lengthsman co-ordinator fee 2024/25 - £75

LALC subscription – Not received yet.

TEEC (PC website hosting) - £259.20

Item discussed:

Biodiversity funds

The PC discussed and agreed that once received, the orchard grant money (£1058.70), should be incorporated with this fund and all monies go towards the orchard. School has been approached but not expressed an interest.

16. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

17. Points of interest:

Policies and procedures

The PC discussed the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessment to determine any amendments or additions. The clerk confirmed that the internal audit will be carried out as usual by William Richmond.

RESOLVED: That the PC agreed the current format of regulations and current audit arrangements.

Bikes and Barrows money

Cllr Collinson requested the clerk to keep a record of this amount (which is held in the chapel account) for future reference.

Hedges and tree (St Peters Church)

It was raised that hedges require trimming and there is a tree with ash dieback.

RESOLVED: that the clerk contact St Peter's to request that they undertake maintenance as stated above. Cllr Collinson to supply the clerk with the appropriate contact.

Memorial for James Cottle

The PC discussed.

RESOLVED: That this should be put on the next agenda for further consideration.

Banner signage (war memorial wall)

It was stated that this has been screwed to the wall but comments have been made that this is not the best place for the sign.

RESOLVED: That the clerk should contact school (contact details supplied) to request that the sign is relocated to a more appropriate position.

18. Date of next meeting: **8th May 2025 including the AGM**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.15PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

WC – Portfolio holder decisions x 2 17/1 links

Lancs Fire & Rescue – Council tax precept consultation

LCC – Bus service changes Feb & March

WC – Item published 20/1 link

WC – Council agenda supplement 23/1 link x 2 plus minutes

LALC – Wyre Area meeting 29th Jan agenda & minutes

Rural Services Network (RSN) – Rural bulletin 21/1, 28/1, 4/2, 11/2

Finding Fitness – Play info

LCC – Lancashire updated parish & town charter link

WC – Flood forum teams joining info

NALC – Chief executive bulletin 25/1, 30/1, 6/2, 13/2

Gocompare.com – Flood advice

WC – Items published 23/1 links

WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda & decisions x 3 30/01 link

LCC – Winter gritting bulletin 24/1, 7/2

WC – Overview & scrutiny minutes 13/1 link

WC – Mayor of Wyre's charity dinner 21/3

WC – Planning agenda & supplement 5/2 link

LALC – Buckingham Palace garden Party invite 2025

Ron Bailey – Safety of Lithium ion batteries

WC – Items published 3/2 links

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 3/2

WC – Items published 4/2 links

ESP Play Parks – Playground info

WC – Council agenda 13/2 link

Creative Play – Playground upgrade info

WC – Item published 6/2 link

WC – Portfolio holder decisions agenda & decisions x 2 13/2 link

LALC – Consultation on standards and Rd Safety

DANFO – cleaning services

LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts Feb

WC – Employment & Appeals agenda 17/2 link

FOB – Landscape character assessment refresh

WC – Licensing agenda 18/2 link

RSN – Rural Funding Digest Feb

WC – Item published 12/2 link

WC – Cabinet agenda & supplement 12/2 links

WC – Cabinet agenda, supplement and minutes 13/2 links

LALC – Wyre Area minutes 29/1

APPENDIX 2

Highways response re drains (Wagon Rd, Dolphinholme) 13th Feb:

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a map of the gullies that we have attended to previously. This is due to the number of gullies in the immediate area of Dolphinholme.

Some of these gullies are part of a 12-month cleansing cycle, while we inspect others every two years. We clean others reactively if someone reports a blockage to us. If you can provide specific road names or nearby landmarks, we will happily inform you when we last inspected that particular gully. Additionally, it is worth noting that the cabinet recently agreed to resume clearing every highway gully once a year.

We appreciate the photographs you provided, unfortunately, we cannot identify these gullies by picture alone. If you provide specific road names or landmarks, we will happily inspect any reported blocked gully.

I can confirm that one of our highways team will be happy attend the Parish meeting on 6 March 2025.

Mark

Mark Stephenson (He/Him)
Highways District Lead Team Officer
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APPENDIX 3

Highways response re lighting (Station Lane) on 14th Feb:

We are not considering any new requests for additional street lighting or any increased levels of lighting. Our current priority is to maintain the existing streetlights on our network, and to replace any structurally defective columns for safety reasons.

While there are not a great number of streetlights on this section of Station Lane, we are satisfied that the existing streetlights at this location provide an appropriate output, and that they are typical of those on similar rural roads. We have no statutory duty to provide street lighting; many roads throughout Lancashire are either partly or wholly unlit.

Alex Conroy (He/Him)

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APPENDIX 4

Highways response re flooding issues 25th February 2025:

An order (LA 1084570) was raised on 17 January 2025 for our gully team to visit the area and inspect the gullies. If appropriate they will jet and clean the gullies to ensure that they and the local network are clear and running to their full capacity.

I am sorry but I cannot provide you with a commencement date for these works but, please be assured that we will carry them out as soon as is practicable.

Kind regards

Andrew Huskisson

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