

NETHER WYRESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the PC meeting of 8th July 2021, 7.30PM @ Scorton Chapel

**Present: Cllrs Cottle, Drinnan, Hantom, Kenyon and Atkinson,
Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech, the clerk and a member of the public**

1. Apologies:

Cllr Collinson

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Signed as a correct record.

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

Village enhancement

Cllr Drinnan stated that there is still no invoice from LCC. The PC stated that the money would be kept to one side until such time that LCC decide to send the invoice. In the meantime, Cllr Drinnan will request again.

B4RN

No update as to whether connectivity has been arranged at Church.

Millennium Way audit

Cllr Cottle confirmed that the project is completed as of Tuesday with just a bit more gravel to lay. A decision must be made as to how to tackle the disabled ramp.

The PC expressed their thanks to everyone who has been involved in the upgrade of the Millennium Way and to Cllr Collinson for leading the project. The PC also requested the clerk to send a thank you letter to Peter Anderton for his invaluable contribution.

The clerk reminded the PC about the request for a bench to go on the Millennium Way that had been received prior to the upgrade on 21/10/20. The clerk gave Cllr Cottle the member of the public's number so this can be discussed.

Parking issues/traffic on the village

Cllr Cottle provided further update from Highways in relation to extending the "H" bars to provide passing places. They are unwilling to undertake any alteration and stated that the homeowners would have to bear the cost of extending them. They also stated that any traffic issues should be reported to the police but concluded that Highways would be willing to investigate, if parking in a particular location was persistent and considered a hazard. Also see WC comments item 9.

Cllr Drinnan felt that the reply was due to a misunderstanding of what is required. He has spoken with Mark O'Donnell today and clarified the issues. Mark is liaising with a colleague who has yet to get back to him.

Cllr Drinnan confirmed that Highways has agreed to sort out the issues on Snowhill Lane.

Cllr Drinnan stated that The Barn entrance will be done around autumn time. He is seeing Mark next week about this matter and will mention other issues at the same time.

Grizedale Bridge repairs

Cllr Atkinson stated that she had tried to contact the person whose name was supplied but had been unable to get his contact details.

Cllr Drinnan stated that although Mark O'Donnell does not deal with this type of repair, he has agreed to investigate.

Field (Tinker's Lane)

The clerk confirmed she had forwarded the response from David Thow Planning @ Wyre Council on 8th June (refer Appendix 2).

Cllr Drinnan suggested taking photographs to demonstrate the visibility issues. The PC agreed. Cllr Hantom will provide these and they will be forwarded to David Thow for consideration.

Also see WC comments item 9.

Detritus from hedge cutting (Trough Rd opposite Wyresdale Crescent)

The clerk stated that James Whewell has emailed her to say he had taken a look and found no issue. The clerk had contacted Cllr Cottle who stated that the traffic had dispersed it to a degree. The clerk contacted Mr Whewell again and said that the matter would be discussed at the July meeting and I would let him know if there were any further issues. Mr Whewell requested that the clerk inform the PC that his father was under an order from LCC with a 14 day deadline and that under normal circumstances they would never cut a hedge row during the nesting season.

Hedge (Station Lane)

The clerk reported that the homeowner has contacted her on 8th June and stated that her contractor last year did not turn up. She has been trying to get it sorted out but for one reason or another, contractors have not wanted to do it. Another contractor is coming to look at it so the matter is in hand.

Cllr Kenyon stated that this had been done.

5. Open forum:

SOSRA email

Cllr Cottle discussed the salient points of the email received from the Save Our Scorton Residents Association.

- ❖ The hedges on Station Lane had been sorted.
- ❖ The cardboard policeman has been effective in reducing speeding. They also want the police to attend in person to reinforce the message. In relation to speed guns, Cllr Cottle stated that he thought the police could only use this on a straight stretch of road. The SOSRA have also suggested a SpID (see Wyre Cllr Comments item 9).
- ❖ Parking issues are currently in hand with Highways.
- ❖ They requested further dialogue with church regarding weekend use of church drive and car park area (outside church or school activities). Cllr Cottle confirmed this has been raised recently and they have responded that the request can't be facilitated at this time.

6. Playing field:

Progress report

Cllr Cottle stated that the school is having a sports day on the field tomorrow.

He has contacted two firms within the last week to arrange a site meeting to ascertain requirements for surfacing.

7. Bikes & Barrows:

Cllr Cottle reported that an event will be held on the playing field on the Saturday 11th September.

8. Correspondence/circulated items:

Refer appendix 1. Item to discuss:

Greater Garstang Partnership Board

The PC confirmed relevant organizations were (but not exclusively) the village hall, Save Our Scorton Resident's Association and Bikes & Barrows. She will forward the email Jan Finch sent to them in order for them to provide their contact details to her. (See WC comments item 9.)

9. Borough Council & Lancashire County Council matters:

Wyre Cllr Jonny Leech gave an update and made the following observations:

- ❖ Tonight is the first full council meeting in person and people are now returning to the office.
- ❖ It is Wyre Council's responsibility to deliver recreation and substantial funding has been ploughed in to the YMCA to achieve this. Subscription fees are currently reduced and are £199 for 12 months.
- ❖ Lateral flow testing is taking place at Poulton YMCA.
- ❖ Lancashire County Cllr Shaun Turner has retained his cabinet position but will now have a different role in planning policy.
- ❖ Deputy leader is Alan Vincent and he lives in Wyre which is an advantage as he will have an understanding of the needs of the area.
- ❖ Alan's son is the deputy leader at Wyre Council.
- ❖ Wyre Cllr Alice Collinson has joined Wyre's cabinet as Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Economic Development.
- ❖ Regarding parking issues item 4, he suggested that an alternative to "H" bars would be double yellow lines.
- ❖ Regarding Tinker's Lane field item 4, he confirmed that Wyre Council has attended but as it is a temporary events notice, nothing can be done as no request has been submitted planning wise. Cllr Drinnan stated that under a clause, if there is a hazard on the highway it is not permitted development. Cllr Leech stated that the suggestion of a one way system when events are taking place has been made but is not popular. It was agreed that the PC will pursue the access issues and Cllr Leech requested that the clerk keep him informed of communications. The clerk will also send him David Thow's (WC Planning) response.
- ❖ He said that SpID's are not currently budgeted for but an investment in one is useful for proving speeding issues, as some collect speeding data. The clerk stated there is an issue with sorting out SpID's as there is only one person dealing with them at LCC and he works part time. In other parishes there have been problems with siting them and there are restrictions on where they can be placed.
- ❖ He explained the function of the Greater Garstang Partnership board which is derived from the now defunct Garstang Area Partnership. It is a means of sharing issues and provides a direct link of communication.

Cllr Drinnan made the comment that it would be useful to know how effective PC comments have been in planning applications because there is no feedback even when requested.

10. Planning:

21/00757/FUL - Erection of an equipment store and three-car garage /log store with first floor home office and gym @ Snowhill House Snowhill Lane, Scorton

Cllr Drinnan has not seen details of the above. He will peruse the documents and inform the clerk tomorrow if he has any comments. No objections or comments made by other members regarding the above.

21/00799/FUL - Change of use of part of ground floor from bed & breakfast accommodation to 4 serviced apartments including changes to fenestration and door openings plus the insertion of two rooflights and one flue @ The Priory The Square, Scorton

The Parish Council had no objections or comments in relation to the above.

11/00839/FULMAJ (Wyreside Hall)

Cllr Hantom stated that it is now up and running and that planning conditions have still not been complied with. The PC agreed that he will supply the clerk with details and an email will be sent to planning enforcement.

11. Decision notices(status):

None

12. Highways:

Blocked cattle grid (Harrisend Fell)

Cllr Atkinson stated she had reported this but it has still not been done and sheep are escaping. It is located at the Bleasdale end on Oakenclough Rd. The clerk will report to Highways.

13. Lengthsman:

Jobs undertaken

The clerk has not received either his timesheet or invoice for June. She requested that the cheques be prepared for June which will be issued upon receipt and approval and similarly for July.

Jobs to be done

None.

Lengthsman hours 2022/23

Cllr Cottle will check with Cllr Collinson that arrangements are to stay the same.

PRoW scheme

The clerk reported still no progress. She has heard that stiles will not be included in this year's scheme but she will await final confirmation.

14. Village Hall:

Cllr Cottle reported that the lengthsman will be cutting the hedge at the back and he has already cleared the weeds near the shed.

15. Finance:

Account update – as at 01/06/21 the balance is £24,755.04

Items approved for payment:

Gift for accountant payable to clerk (per parish)- £10.00

Stationery expenses (payable to D Harben) - £6.43

Scorton village website hosting fee and domain - £140.39

TEEC website hosting fee and domain - £288.00

Cllr Kenyon suggested putting the link on the village noticeboard.

Cllr Collinson (C & C invoice for 60 tonne limestone Millennium Way) - £1,364.40

Other items:

Lengthsman invoice June – Invoice not received, see item 13.

Lengthsman invoice P/F grass cutting (June) – Invoice not received, see item 13.

Donation for Scorton Chapel (holding PC meetings) – To be discussed further at the next meeting.

16. Health & Safety:

No health and safety concerns raised.

17. Points of interest:

Meeting dates 2022

The PC approved the dates.

18. Date of next meeting: **23rd September 2021**

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.30PM

APPENDIX 1 – CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED)

Rural Services network (RSN) – rural bulletin 25/5, 2/6, 8/6, 15/6, 22/6

WC – Cabinet agenda & minutes 2/6 link

WC – Planning agenda supplement and minutes 2/6 link

WC – Licensing agenda, supplement & minutes 3/6 link

Community Futures – Membership Monday

NALC – Chief executives bulletin 28/5, 4/6, 11/6, 18/6

LALC (Wyre Area) – Executive meeting 19/6 points to raise

LCR Magazine

WC – Overview & Scrutiny agenda supplement & minutes 7/6 link

WC – Items published 1/6 link

WC – Schedule of executive decisions 1/6

RSN – Rural funding digest June

WC – Press release: Funding approval for digital kiosks as part of citizens advice Lancashire West trial

NALC – Newsletter x 3

LCC – Trading Standards consumer alerts June

WC – Items published 3/6 links

WC - Portfolio holder decisions agenda 10/6 link

Community Futures – Info bulletin June

WC – Press release: changes to Wyre’s cabinet

WC – Audit agenda and supplement 15/6 link

WC – Flood forum agenda (June) and last minutes (May)

LCC – Zero carbon communities event 25th June @ 10AM

WC – Lancashire Covid update

WC – Press release: Boundary Commission for England publishes proposals for new parliamentary constituencies (10/6)

WC - Portfolio holder decisions x 3 10/6 links

Greater Garstang Partnership Board – Request for information of local organizations

Community Futures – Newsletter June

WC – LRF update June

NALC – Online events x 3

NALC – Local electricity bill

WC – Press release: Garstang Walking Festival is back

WC - Press release: New partnership board starts work for Garstang and surrounding villages

WC – item published 17/6 link

WC – Portfolio holder decisions 24/6 link

WC – Audit minutes 15/6 link

Community Futures – Protect duty open consultation

LCC – Ash Dieback disease info

LCC – Queen’s award for voluntary service winners 2021

WC – Press release: Vaccine van in Fleetwood Thursday 1st July

APPENDIX 2

David Thow's response 8th June (WC planning) 2021:

“With regard to Article 3(6), does the PC have any evidence that the development has or will involve the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to an existing highway which is a trunk road or classified road, or that any proposed development will create an obstruction to the view of persons using any highway used by vehicular traffic, so as to be likely to cause danger to such persons? We cannot act in this respect unless this is shown to be the case. Nonetheless, we are writing to the land owner to make it clear to him that any such works would negate any PD rights.

Article 4 Directions cannot be used as a tool of planning enforcement and in every case must be properly considered and fully justified and based on clear evidence that harm is being caused to an extent that clearly outweighs the Government's specific grant of permitted development rights for such activities (56 days per annum up to 31/12/21) then reverting back to normal 28 days per annum.

The land off Tinkers Lane is not within the AONB and the council could not target one landowners land but would have to consider whether the wider local area has such unique characteristics that make it specifically different to other rural areas within Wyre, such that it justifies an Article 4 direction. Furthermore, unless adverse impacts are actually identified (as opposed to simply being assumed at this stage) an Article 4 Direction could not be justified. Also, if a local planning authority makes an article 4 direction, it can be liable to pay compensation to those whose permitted development rights have been withdrawn, if it then subsequently refuses planning permission for development which would otherwise have been permitted development. For these reasons I could not recommend the use of an Article 4 Direction in this case at this time.”